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OLD BERT

SITTING on a seat with me one evening was a man who often travelled in the same compartment to London with me on weekdays, and although we had not previously spoken he broke the ice by saying: 'Those bells sound nice.' Since then we have both retired from business in town and our meetings are few, but whenever he spots me he immediately plunges into the subject of bells. At first I gained the impression that he had been a ringer in London for he spoke of several well-known rings in various parts, but I was wrong, as I soon found out that Bert was a keen listener to church bells not only in London and Surrey but even as far afield as Devonshire. His knowledge of towers was remarkable, and he found out many of the best vantage points in order that his ears could appreciate the bells at their best; yet he was not one who made himself known in any way, for he only desired to listen and gain a lasting impression of how the bells sounded in that locality.

Of stoutish build, with a ruddy face and a cheerful smile, he would greet me and then tell of his experiences since our last conversation, relating in his own way where he had heard bells and what he thought of their tone. He knew the difference between method and call-changes and when chiming was being done, but though he knew nothing about our technical terms his chief delight was, to use his own words, 'to hear them evenly spaced.' Last year he asked me to name 'some nice old peals of bells,' and he jotted down in his pocket book various towers with the number of bells contained therein, ranging from five to rings of 12, after which he toddled off quite delighted.

One morning last summer he caught sight of me and asked if I could spare an hour to hear of his latest experiences as a listener on the spot. He started with a description of hearing Exeter Cathedral bells at a distance, his gradual approach to the Norman tower, and then his impressions of the grandest ring he had ever heard. Such words coming from the lips of a keen listener were very pleasing to the writer, who was born at Exeter within sound of these bells prior to Queen Victoria's jubilee. Bert had other towers to speak of in Devon, Somerset and Dorset, and it was surprising what a memory he had for details. After he had related the particulars of a certain tower I asked him the name of the vicar, a name he promptly and correctly gave. Our talks together are few and far between, but perhaps it will be possible one of these days to learn a little more about Bert, whether he is a Londoner by birth and how he first became interested in bells.

We have our share of critics who complain about some of our activities and indifferent striking, but in Bert we have one who does not find fault with any ringing he hears, for he is of the opinion that 'it wants some doing' to get perfection in striking because of the varying circumstances in different towers. He also holds the view that ringers are trying to do their best often under difficult conditions, and their voluntary work should be more widely appreciated. When the subject of bells on the radio was mentioned to Bert he quickly said that the time generally allowed was insufficient and he preferred to listen at his own selected spot in order to get the 'real thing' in actual surroundings.

Undoubtedly some of us in many parts of the country have been ringing when Old Bert was listening, for he would not disclose when or where his 'live listening' would take place, and apparently his one desire was to hear a ring of bells to the best advantage. Bert does not profess to know anything regarding method ringing and it is years since he witnessed a bell in motion, but where there is ringing from the ground floor he would watch for a short while then silently fade from the scene. Not many non-ringers visit towers purposely to hear the bells rung in their local surroundings, coupled with the possible opportunity of having a look at the church; but Bert enjoys walking, especially in the country, where he can see and appreciate nature in various moods. Somehow or another he is different to the average person one meets, and bell-ringers come up for conversation when they declare ringers are a funny lot of folk in the belfry. One such person said we ring what is called rounds for a short while, then somebody shouted 'Go' but nobody went anywhere, and presently one of the band was told to 'dodge,' yet there were no signs of any evasions. After some bobs and singles the order was given to 'stand' although all the ringers had been standing during the whole of the ringing. No, Bert knew better than to say anything about our strange technical terms, for he must have seen and heard ringing in many parts; yet he seemed to understand that the skill and patience needed could not be attained by easy means and that teamwork was an important factor. I am hoping to meet Old Bert again in the near future and hear some more news of his visits to town and country places where church workers strive to give of their best.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr.

*PETER WOODWARD	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	†WILFRED L. ROBINSON	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	†REV. C. GORDON GRAHAM	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
†HOWARD SCOTT	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
ROBIN G. TURNER	6	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	THOMAS C. LARKEY	7
THOMAS R. BUTLER	2	DAVID VINCENT	8
JOHN E. SPICE	3	ERNEST F. BENNETT	9
*JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	10
ALAN P. CAVE	5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	11
FREDERICK S. ALMOND	6	JACK N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
A congratulatory peal to the Rector (Canon R. Nelson) on his appointment as Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	6
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	2	*ROY STEPHENSON	7
*KENNETH KETTERINGHAM	3	*WILLIAM H. DALE	8
*W. RUSSELL READ	4	*BRIAN BUTTERY	9
*BRIAN HUNT	5	H. REGINALD WOODS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal on ten bells.
A 62nd birthday compliment to William H. Dale.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	*Treble*	EDWARD S. T. FARR	6
WILLIAM F. BUTLER	2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	7
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	JEFFREY C. BIRT	8
WALTER LEE	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	9
THOMAS J. LOCK	5	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER. Non-conducted and silent.
The first non-conducted peal of Royal by all and for the Guild.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt.

MARGARET E. RIDYARD	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	6
DOREEN DUTTON	2	JACK ASHCROFT	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	RONALD KENRICK	8
GORDON HALLS	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	9
BRIAN HARRIS	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	ARTHUR HATCH	6
ERNEST J. GOWER	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	7
JOHN CHARNOCK	3	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	8
THOMAS BARKER	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	9
STANLEY WALMSLEY	5	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal of Oxford Royal by all the band and on the bells.
Rung to welcome Victor J. C. Wood back to Lancashire after being in New Zealand for two-and-a-half years.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
* 200th peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

BRIAN WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	SYDNEY SAGE	6
*COLIN DEWSNAP	3	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	7
ERIC SIMPSON	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. Baird.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*MONICA E. FRAY	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	5
†JOHN WATERS	2	LEONARD F. DERRICK	6
†IAIN H. ORAM	3	DAVID G. YEO	7
MICHAEL J. HORSMAN	4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID G. YEO.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. H. Cooke, B.A., who was inducted to the above church on December 12th.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Eight-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	HARRY HEATH	5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	2	GILBERT H. HARDING	6
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	7
WILLIAM C. WEST	4	*STANLEY S. COCKELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Stedman.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 1 Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. N. K. Brownsell, M.A., who was inducted to the benefice of Seale the previous day.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

FRED BROWNLOW	*Treble*	JAMES GROUNDS	5
PETER CROOK, SEN.	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
ALBERT GREENHALGH	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
*JAMES CUNLIFFE	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday tribute to the Rev. Philip Arthur Wrigley, Parish Priest of St. John's, Farnworth and Kearsley, and Mrs. G. Annie Paine, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5184 BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

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

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Society. A birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barr.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MARTIN CUBITT	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
†MICHAEL STEPHENSON	2	DAVID CUBITT	6
PETER WOODWARD	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	KENNETH PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Norman Haigh, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	*MRS. JOYCE M. CALLABY	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	GEORGE T. BUNNING	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	†ROBERT C. BUNNING	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.
First peal on the bells since rehanging and the adding of two new trebles.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

JAMES F. DODSON	*Treble*	JOHN KING	5
*EUNICE A. HILEY	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
A. PATRICK CANNON	3	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	7
*PAM. A. COLLIS	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
This composition contains the minimum number of calls (57) in a 5040.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd and 4th. and the daughter of the treble ringer. Also in honour of Mr. J. F. Dodson's 22nd wedding anniversary. Mr. Dodson has now 'completed the circle' on these bells.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN CHETTLEBURG	*Treble*	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
DENNIS HOLLAND	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	CYRIL RUSBY	7
BARRY HOLLAND	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*MARGARET A. LADD	*Treble*	†DORIS E. COLGATE	5
†ROBERT COLLINS	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	‡THOMAS E. SONE	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First attempt for a peal. † 150th peal together. ‡ 550th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Collison, wife of the ringer of the 6th.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
*WILLIAM WENBAN	2	†ALBERT C. WENBAN	6
†JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal for the Association. † First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
SAM J. TWITCHETT	2	TOM BIRD	6
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
OWEN BALLARD	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS (C.C.C. 31). Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

CHARLES McGUINESS	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
ROLAND PARK	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
*CHARLES N. LEA	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on St. Stephen's Day.

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PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT *Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
*PAULINE M. SAXTON .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 6
†MARION J. PARKER 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT.. .. 7
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER.. 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*ROBERT C. HALL .. .. *Treble*	*HARRY J. WHEATLEY .. 5
†ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 2	W. ARCHIBALD REED .. 6
‡COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4	*PATRICK L. HATCHER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples. The 50th recorded peal in this tower.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDK. W. BURNETT.. .. *Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES 5
PAULINE M. SAXTON .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE.. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS 3	ROGER BALDWIN 7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.. 4	RICHARD H. SMITH .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 6th. First peal of Triples of conductor.
Rung as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tower R. Taylor, of St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 840 Clifford Pleasure, 840 Reverse Canterbury, 840 April Day, 840 Plain Bob, 840 Reverse St. Bartholomew and 840 Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F. sharp.

ALEC GAMMON .. .. *Treble*	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. 4
ROBIN TREBILCOCK 2	CLIVE HOLLOWAY 5
VERNON GREEN 3	ROY H. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the father of Alec Gammon.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Mon., Dec 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Southrepps.
Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

*FRANCIS A. BARRETT .. *Treble*	VERNON GREEN 3
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 2	ALEC GAMMON 4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
* First peal. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*BEAVAN HARRIS .. .. *Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON 4
ANN FUNDREY 2	PETER J. SHIPTON 5
ROY A. WARD 3	JOHN B. LONG .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal at first attempt (age 13).
First peal to be rung by past and present members of the Dame Alice Harpur School for Girls, Bedford Modern and Bedford schools.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY LEE .. .. *Treble*	JUNE M. CLEMENTS.. .. 4
*SYLVIA STREATER 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
*BETTY McKANE .. 3	†GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal in two methods. † 25th peal for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. D. Isted and Miss Betty McKane on their engagement.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: 1, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Sandal Treble Bob; 2, College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; 3, Oxford and Kent T.B.; 4, St. Clement's and Double Oxford; 5, Childwall and Thelwall Bob; 6, Plain Bob and Double Bob; 7, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. .. *Treble*	*JOHN WARNER 4
ALAN R. SYDER 2	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 5
*WALTER ARNOLD 3	TERRY EARLE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in 15 methods.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 17 240's and eight 120's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRANCIS PARR .. .. .. *Treble*	JOSEPH BROADHURST 4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
ALAN HODGE 3	JOHN REAL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

COPLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of three extents of St. Clement's Bob Minor, one extent of St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G.

NORMAN F. HULL .. .. *Treble*	MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. 4
*ALEX SIMPSON 2	*MAX W. UNDERWOOD .. 5
PETER J. SHIPTON 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal 'inside.'

CROSSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*BARBARA LAWSON .. .. *Treble*	ROLAND F. ECCLES 4
JAMES DICKINSON 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 3	FRANK BIRKETT .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (ten callings), one 240 Morris' arrangement.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ALLEN COLCOMBE .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS J. GUNDY 4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 2	AUBREY J. PROBERT 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL ..	*Treble*	SYDNEY CARNALL	4
*RICHARD HOBBS	2	JOHN NEWBERT	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First peal.
Rung to mark 20 years as Rector of Gamston by the Rev. S. M. I. Salt.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ..	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	5
*KATHLEEN I. BALLARD ..	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LUTHER HONESS	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN ..	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Saunders, of East Peckham.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN	4
ROWLAND COOK	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	*GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. Maurice Pawley, ringer and chorister at this church for over 50 years; also a 21st birthday compliment to David Bishop, of Croft.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents each of Ipswich and Norwich, and three of Cambridge.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

KEITH F. BONUS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	4
STANLEY SHIPP	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, six of Plain Bob, and ten extents and a 12-score of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN E. COOK	*Treble*	†BRIAN HUNT	4
†W. RUSSELL READ	2	DENIS A. FRITH	5
†ROY STEPHENSON	3	ALBERT O. NICHOLLS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

B. G. MOORE	*Treble*	G. GREEVES	4
S. H. WATERFIELD	2	J. COUZENS	5
T. OWEN	3	G. R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. OWEN.
The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to peals.



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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 14 methods with 90 changes of method, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall and Childwall, (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*DAPHNE CASTELL	*Treble*	*DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 14 Minor methods.
Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDHELM.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	ERNEST E. BRAY	4
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
EUNICE D. OVEREND	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal of Kent Minor by all the band.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	E. JACK PARISH	4
*WALTER PAPWORTH	2	DONALD PEACOCK	5
FRANK ELSOM	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

R. F. BAKER	*Treble*	*MAUREEN ALLEN	3
LUCY ALLEN	2	E. J. WHITING	4
		*J. W. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. F. BAKER.

* First peal.
First known peal by all-Brampton service ringers.

HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILFRED BOWERS	*Treble*	HARRY FULLER	4
DORA REEVE	2	WALTER PAUL	5
RICHARD ROSE	3	JAMES PAUL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES PAUL.

A golden wedding compliment to the parents of the ringer of the second.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Hereward, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

ADRIAN P. BECK	*Treble*	*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
*ROBERT E. BECK	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
DAVID HOARE	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal in seven methods of Minor.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 12 extents of April Day, six extents of Kennington and eight extents each of Norfolk, Old and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

WALTER RICHARDSON	*Treble*	IVOR J. DICKIN	3
*JOHN KING	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
		ALAN C. COZENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the festival of Christmas.

SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

*KATHLEEN MATHESON	*Treble*	LESLIE LIGHTFOOT	4
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	2	STANLEY SHIPP	5
CLAUD GIMBERT	3	ARTHUR YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal.

ARDELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBERT E. DAY (14 yrs.)	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	4
GEORGE CHERRY	2	FRANK W. CROFT	5
WALTER J. HOUGHTON	3	DAVID L. GULLICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

* First peal.
A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Hardy, who is retiring in the New Year.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	4
MRS. D. G. MAYELL	2	ALAN A. HILLIAR	5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	DESMOND G. MAYELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

Rung to the memory of Capt. J. W. Hilliar, and also an appreciation to Mrs. E. L. Hilliar, by whose untiring efforts these bells were rehung.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES PHILLIPS	*Treble*	AUBREY J. PROBERT	4
REGINALD G. POWELL	2	THOMAS J. GUNDY	5
*LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE H. COLCOMBE.

* 25th peal.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5068 SPLICED KENT TREBLE BOB AND KENT LITTLE COURT ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	*JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	PHILIP BARNES	7—8
		C. AUBREY HARRISON	9—10

Adapted from F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* 600th peal. First peal of Royal in these methods by all.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF BALDOCK GUILD

On December 10th the Baldock and Norton ringers and friends enjoyed their annual dinner at the Rose and Crown. After a superb Christmas meal, Canon Smith proposed the loyal toast, and also expressed his appreciation of the happy spirit which exists among the ringers of his own tower and at Norton

In proposing 'St. Mary's Guild,' Mr. H. V. Frost (general secretary of the Hertfordshire Association) mentioned that although the Guild was officially established in 1880 (which made it older that the Hertfordshire Association itself), there was a board in the tower which recorded a touch of 720 Bob Minor in 1737.

Mr. E. G. Buck (the captain) said that the best sign of the Guild's health was the number of learners. They were trying to keep the bells ringing Sunday by Sunday and, in achieving this, he did value the regular practices. Apologies for absence, and best wishes, had been received from several friends. All stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. A. Bray, who was the last of the pre-1914 band who had continued to take interest in the present one.

Mr. H. S. Bonnett, in proposing 'The Ladies,' said how gratified he was to discover how much they enjoyed the dinner; and Mrs. Critchley, in a witty reply, said that ringing was one of the few occupations where standards for men and women were comparable, and elaborated upon the two groups of ringers' wives, those who do and those who don't ring.

Peal attempts during the afternoon at both Baldock and Norton came to grief, but in spite of these disappointments the dinner was most successful. J. S.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District, which was well attended, was held at St. Mary's, Leyton, on December 17th.

Ringing was enjoyed on this light eight until 4.45, when tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Frank Food), was enjoyed in the Church Hall.

A lively business meeting followed, with the Vicar as chairman. Four ringers were duly elected members of the Association.

It was decided to hold a learners' practice in 1956, starting in January; further details will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

More ringing took place under the direction of the District Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes.

L. W. B

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Festive Tea for Cheltenham Branch

Some 40 ringers, including visitors from Bristol, Gloucester and Ross, were present at the annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch held at Leckhampton on December 17th.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Leckhampton, the Rev. E. J. White, who afterwards joined the ringers at a festive tea, provided by Miss Davidson, of Cheltenham Ladies' College. The tables were tastefully decorated with evergreens and golden bells, and pride of place was given to iced Christmas cakes, which were also adorned with bells.

The Branch chairman, Mr. C. Rouse, welcomed the Rector to the Branch, as it was the first opportunity the ringers had had of meeting him officially since he came to Leckhampton. A special welcome was also accorded to Mr. F. Skidmore, the general secretary of the Association.

At the business meeting the Branch chairman, Mr. C. Rouse, and the Branch secretary, Miss E. M. Bliss, were unanimously re-elected. Mr. W. A. Farmer was elected as the Branch representative on the Management Committee. It was agreed that during 1956 all Branch meetings should be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. The next three monthly meetings are to be held at Prestbury; St. Mark's, Cheltenham; and Badgeworth.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Preston was arranged for Mr. Victor J. C. Wood, who has just returned to Clitheroe, Lancs, with his wife and family, after living in New Zealand for two and a half years. It was purely coincidental that the composition was put together by Mr. Cornelius Charge, of New Zealand, and published in 'The Ringing World' in 1937.

Six ringers scored their first peal on ten bells with the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Grantham on December 17th.

We are pleased to hear from Mr. Albert Walker that Mr. F. E. Pervin has returned home to 68, Newfield Road, Radford, Coventry, from hospital and can now sit out. His speech has returned and he looks very much better.

It is with pleasure we note St. Matthew's, Overseale, again appears in our peal columns, following the tragic occurrence on April 3rd, 1954. A well-struck peal of Stedman Triples (reported in our peal columns) was rung on December 17th to welcome the new Rector of Seale (the Rev. N. K. Brownsell) who met the ringers after the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Bedford has a world-wide reputation for its Public Schools, two for boys and two for girls, and it is interesting to note that several peals have been rung by separate schools' and combined schools' bands—Bedford Modern and Bedford Schools have both rung peals without outside help, and peals have been rung by the following combined bands: Bedford Modern and Dame Alice Harpur Schools, Bedford Modern and Bedford Schools, and last week Bedford Modern, Bedford and Dame Alice Harpur Schools took part in a peal. It is hoped to ring a peal incorporating all four schools in the near future.

It is not given to many to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques as their very first touch (of Cinques). That, however, was accomplished by Joseph Thornley, of Farnworth, Bolton, when he rang the fourth in the peal at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, recorded elsewhere in this issue. None of the others in the band had the slightest inkling that this was the first time he had rung Cinques. Later he was congratulated on his excellent performance.

Double Norwich was the method chosen for the peal attempt at Sevenoaks, Kent, on Christmas Eve. Alas, during the morning one of the band dropped out through illness, and as a substitute for Double Norwich could not be found the conductor (Mr. E. J. Ladd) decided to take his daughter and go for Plain Bob, with the result that Margaret scored a peal at the first attempt.

Holywood, Co. Down, band had an unfortunate experience in their Christmas Day broadcast, and although the announcer said eight, only seven bells sounded. Just before the bells went on the air the rope of the third jammed and jumped off, leaving the bell completely wedged. There was a hurried switch to seven bells.

Because of the demand of National Service, Aldrington (Sussex) have been recruiting to their tower girls instead of boys. During the last eight months three ringers have moved from the district due to their careers and four young ladies have married, and all made homes in other counties! The tower is fortunate in having a waiting list of people anxious to learn the art and three more have thus been given the opportunity. It is encouraging to learn that Aldrington has provided seven other counties with ringers, for all are ringing in their new home towns.

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POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK

Reader, have you been to Polstead Church? It not, don't miss the opportunity—not only to see the church, but also the view from the churchyard southwards across the valley of the little River Box to Stoke-by-Nayland's imposing tower standing high on the other side. Yes, it's some of Suffolk's best scenery, away from main roads, and St. Mary's Church stands at the top of a ridge with a lake at the bottom on the north side.

St. Mary's is one of the ancients, even as churches go. I doubt if you'll see anything like it anywhere else. Here, Mr. Historian and Mr. Antiquary, you will find much interest. The tower has a stone spire and six bells, and the congregation which filled the church in the late afternoon of Sunday, December 18th, assembled to join in a service of praise and thanksgiving when the Lord Bishop of Dunwich rededicated the bells after their overhaul. They have been retuned, quarter-turned and rehung in a modern metal frame, with ball bearings and new fittings, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The tower has been reinforced to the design of Mr. Robert Potter, F.R.I.B.A., and Mr. Richard Hare, B.A. (Arch.), A.R.I.B.A.

The tenor is about 10 cwt. and is inscribed: 'Revd. John Whitmore, Rector, John Corder, Isaac Strutt, Churchwardens.' All six bells are inscribed: 'T. Mears of London, fecit 1825.'

The Rector of Polstead, the Rev. P. H. Biddlecombe, conducted the service, and Mr. George Pipe (Grundisburgh) read the lesson. Hymns 'Hark the Glad Sound!,' 'Unchanging God Who Livest,' 'Angel Voices Ever Singing' and 'Ring Forth, Holy Bells' were sung and the choir sang the bell carol 'In Every Town and Village the Bells Do Ring.'

One of the churchwardens who led the procession to the tower was a lady, Mrs. W. A. Stirling, and in clear voice she asked the Bishop to rededicate the bells. Rounds were rung and then came the 25-minute sermon.

The Bishop reminded the congregation of the goodwill of all and the skill of architects, builders and bellfounders which make these restorations possible.

He quoted from a report he had some time ago by Messrs. Taylor regarding the bells in a church in the Pennines. It ran: 'The peal, as is only too well realised, is of very poor tone and distressingly unmusical.' This became the core of his sermon—we, like bells, must be in good order and receive attention sometimes. When we are in good order, we should go forth and witness. Five points he put forward:—1 Daily prayer; 2 Bible reading; 3 Church on Sundays; 4 If confirmed, communicate, and then 5 Ring out the message to the world. He went on: 'The tower points to Heaven— the eternals. It speaks of stability in an ever-changing scene and a world of conflict . . . . The bells say, "Come to church, come to church . . ." but some go off in buses, some dig gardens and some take no notice at all. But some day there is the passing bell . . . . pity they didn't listen before.'

Bellringing, he said, is a very important ministry in the life of the church, but bellringers can fail in their ministry so that the message does not go forth, or they can refuse to answer the call they have passed on to other people. 'No wonder people don't come to church if they see the ringers going home directly after ringing. . . . . They are just ringing for fun and their skill on the ropes—not as ministers on the bells. The ministry of bellringing is the ringers' way of proclaiming.

The service over, the bells rang out and there were many ringers from Suffolk and Essex to try them, while others went to tea at the W.I. Hall.

Coming out of church, it was a perfect evening; the tower and spire were silhouetted against a clear sky, the air had a clear, cold sting, it was starlight and the silvery new moon lay on its back away to the south-west, light streamed from the church windows and porch and, down in the road below the hill, the Salvation Army band from the Suffolk town of Hadleigh were playing carols.

Reader, don't forget what I said, go to Polstead if you have the chance. Before you come away you can think of Maria Marten and The Red Barn Murder, and there is a little left of the famous 1,000-years-old Gospel Oak.

C. R.



The oak bookcase for the Ringers' Roll of Honour at St. Paul's Cathedral, which was designed by Mr. C. Cullen, of Farnborough, Kent. Mr. Cullen also generously wrote the roll free of charge.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1955

In an endeavour to make this annual review more comprehensive, we propose to publish a list of those who rang 25 or more peals during 1955.

Details required: Number of peals rung (in brackets conducted) for both tower- and handbells.

CHIPPING, LANCS

The six bells of Chipping Parish Church, Lancs, were rededicated on December 11th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. K. Nye, and was fully choral. The act of dedication was performed by the Suffragan Bishop of Burnley (the Right Rev. G. E. Holderness), who also preached the sermon.

Ringers were present from Broughton, Leyland, Preston, Penwortham and Clitheroe. The Lancashire Association was represented by the vice-president (Mr. E. R. Martin) and the Preston Branch secretary (Mr. L. Walmsley).

After the dedication, rounds were rung by the local company, and at the close of service touches of Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise were rung by mixed bands.

The bells have been quarter turned and fitted with ball bearings and new fittings. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work, and the 'go' is now all that can be desired.

WREXHAM

On December 8th the Archbishop of Wales, the Rt. Rev. John Morgan, rededicated the bells of Wrexham Parish Church, which during the past seven months have been undergoing renovations and retuning in Loughborough.

During the service, the Archbishop and the Vicar of Wrexham, the Rev. D. E. M. Glynne Jones, and other clergy, churchwardens and the crossbearer went to the foot of the tower, where the Archbishop led the congregation in prayer. There was later an address, which was followed by the Blessing.

Outside, the church and 16th century tower were illuminated by floodlights.

It was in May that all but two of the eleven bells were taken down and transported to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Loughborough. Now, after seven months of silence, they will ring again.

Other fittings in the tower have also been overhauled to make the belfry one of the most up to date in the country. The clock has been restored to working order so that the chimes and hourly striking may be heard again.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A much-admired ring when the Central Council visited Newcastle was the eight of St. Stephen's. These bells are not often available—in fact, including one on December 26th, only three peals have been rung in the last seven years. Mr. Denis A. Bayles is the only ringer fortunate enough to ring in all three peals.

The peal of Stedman Triples at North Bradley, on December 17th, was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Clive Barber to Miss June Parker. Clive is a member of the local band, and is leaving to reside in Chipping Sodbury. He was presented with an inscribed barometer in honour of his wedding and his valued services as a ringer and as a faithful churchman. Mr. P. Harding, the local captain, by ringing the treble in this peal, has now 'completed the circle' three times.

ST. MARGARET'S, WOLSTANTON

By E. H. EDGE

(Continued from page 826)

THE date of the first peal on the bells is not known, although the first peal for the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association (now the North Staffs Association) was rung on these bells on Tuesday, February 19th, 1884, and is stated to have been the first peal on the bells. The ringers were:—

Samuel Walker	1	Samuel Wootton	4
Levi Miller	2	Wm. Priestman	5
Wm. Miller	3	Samuel Spencer	6

The peal consisted of two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of Court Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor. This may have been the first peal on the bells but it is more likely to have been the first peal in five methods on them.

Before the formation of the Archidiaconal Association, many 720's had been rung and in 1879, on May 25th, the longest peal of Plain Bob was rung fully-muffled to the memory of Wm. Miller, senior, ringer at the church from 1846 to 1879. Mrs. Miller (recently deceased), daughter-in-law of that Wm. Miller, and at that time fiancee of the conductor, remembered the occasion very clearly for the length of time it took—much longer than any other ringing she heard at the time. It is described as a full peal and is the only early peal for which the time and number of changes are not given, and it is very probable that it was 5,040. The claim is supported by the fact that the method was Plain Bob, and the band, who were all accustomed to ringing extents of a great number of Minor methods, attempted the peal every evening in the week until it was finally brought round on the Saturday.

A further example of the band's enthusiasm is contained in an extract from 'The Bell News,' describing a peal-ringing expedition to Uttoxeter. The peal was Taylor's Bob and Single Variation and was conducted by Samuel Spencer. The ringers were James Baddeley, Levi Miller, Samuel Walker, Fred Martin, Wm. Greenleaf, Samuel Spencer, William Miller and G. Hodgkins.

FOURTH TIME LUCKY

'On Monday, November 10th (1884), a band of ringers from Wolstanton, with Mr. W. Greenleaf, bell-hanger of Stoke-on-Trent, paid a visit to the tower of Uttoxeter Church to attempt a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. They were met at the station by members of the Uttoxeter Society, who had everything in readiness for the start. The band were soon uncoated and "go" called, but ill-luck attended them, for after three attempts it was decided to retire for refreshments, and to make another effort for the peal; so in the afternoon another start was made, but unfortunately without success. The last train for the Potteries returns early in the evening, so by mutual agreement it was decided to stay in Uttoxeter the night, which enabled them to make another start for the peal, which they had the satisfaction of completing in 2 hours 55 minutes, particulars of which appear in the peal columns of this paper. Messrs. Coulson and Bunting (Churchwardens) kindly provided a capital dinner for the ringers, which was well put upon the table by host Kent of the "Spread Eagle" Inn, and the ringers take the opportunity of thanking these gentlemen for their liberality and the vicar also, for his good wishes and permission for the use of the bells.

'Ringers from Leek, Ellastone, Norton and Stoke were present, as also was the Rev. H. W. Howe, Secretary of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association, who takes a great interest in change ringing. This is the first 5,040 ever rung in Uttoxeter. On Tuesday a visit was made to the village of Doveridge: the tower contains a pleasant peal of five bells, the use of which was kindly granted by the Vicar, who met the ringers. Some 120's of Doubles were rung and, before leaving, the Vicar had thoughtfully provided refreshments at the Vicarage, for which, and other kindnesses shown them, the ringers return him their sincere thanks. On the return to Uttoxeter, the party spent a pleasant hour with host Kent, and the ringers returned to the Potteries delighted with their outing which had been made so pleasant by their many friends.'

FORTY-SEVEN PEALS RECORDED

The records of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal and North Staffs Association show 47 peals as having been rung on Wolstanton bells, almost entirely by the Sunday service bands, between the foundation of the Association in 1884 and 1954, and these include the first peal for the Association, and the first peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples for the Association. Only two peals, both Grandsire Triples, have been rung since 1926—one in 1939 and the other in 1954. The heyday of peal ringing was the three-year period 1905-1907 when 21 peals were brought round and many more must have been attempted. Of the peals rung since the augmentation, 29 have been of Grandsire Triples, nine of Stedman Triples, four of Kent Treble Bob Major, three of Plain Bob and one Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Among the visiting conductors are numbered J. W. Washbrook, senior, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. E. V. Cox, curate for a time at Fenton.

For some years after the first world war the tower severed its connections with the Association (and ceased to subscribe to the ringing journals), but it is unlikely that any startling performances were achieved during that period. There are no minutes for these years but it is known that the effects of the war and internal dissensions in the Society reduced the bands available, and sometimes only six bells were rung for services.

By 1939 the bells were in need of considerable attention, and deterioration during the last war rendered them almost unringable. An appeal was launched and the bells were rehung in a metal frame in 1948 by Taylors. Ringing since that time has fluctuated considerably through old members leaving and the disruption caused by National Service. Considerable progress is now being made and the band is strengthened by the presence of younger ringers of ability and promise. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major are regularly rung for Sunday services and an attempt is being made to introduce Surprise ringing. Quarter peals for Evensong are attempted and brought round almost every month.

It would be wrong to conclude without paying tribute to Mr. W. A. Fitchford, who passed away in 1954. He rang at the tower for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887, for the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, and for all the Church and State occasions in the intervening years. He was Ringing Master at the tower for 49 years. He rang in some 64 peals for the Association, of which 40 were Grandsire Triples and nine Stedman Triples. He conducted 35 peals, among which were ten of Holt's Original, which he called from every bell in the tower. Mr. Fitchford was not a prolific peal-ringer and considered always that his first duties were in service ringing and the teaching of the art, and it is for these qualities that he will be remembered and looked up to as an example for those who follow him in the tower.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton Mowbray District Annual Dinner

It has been said that you cannot get a quart into a pint pot. Mrs. Seagrave, of the King's Arms, Scalford, did her best on December 3rd to disprove this contention. She likes to restrict her numbers to 50; last year she was persuaded to allow 60; this time, no doubt under the persuasive charm of the District secretary, Mr. J. H. Cook, she very kindly conceded 70.

That number sat down to an excellent meal under the watchful eye of Mr. District Chairman Williams, who was presiding, alas, for the last time—unless he can be persuaded to return from his distant Nottinghamshire retreat to the Melton District. He was supported by Canon C. M. S. and Mrs. Clarke, of Melton Mowbray, Messrs. Paul L. Taylor and E. Charles Turner, vice-presidents of the Guild, and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Turner, Mr. Shirley Burton, peal secretary, and Mrs. Burton. Other visitors from outside the District included Mrs. Phyllis Poole, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, of Leicester, and Mr. A. S. Richards, of West Wickham, Kent.

The toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, and Mr. P. L. Taylor replied. Mr. J. H. Cook proposed the health of Mr. F. J. Williams, the retiring District chairman, and Mrs. Williams, and in doing so expressed the gratitude of the District for all that Mr. and Mrs. Williams had done. An alarm clock and a fountain pen had been subscribed for by the District, and Mr. Cook called upon Canon Clarke to present these gifts to Mr. Williams. Canon Clarke added his own sincere tribute to Mr. Williams and made the presentation.

In his reply Mr. Williams said that despite the 100 mile return journey he and Mrs. Williams hoped frequently to attend the future meetings and functions of the District. Anything he had done had given him the greatest possible pleasure and he was greatly moved to know that his efforts had been appreciated. He asked the District to support their new officers and urged all to make an effort to attend the annual District meeting at Melton on Saturday, January 21st, when the meeting would have the considerable responsibility of electing not only a District chairman and District secretary, but also of making nominations for a new president of the Guild. Absentee members often had a great deal to say about what they would have done at a meeting had they been there. This sort of thing would be avoided if all were present at the meeting and had their say at the time.

The health of the visitors, who were mentioned by name, was proposed by Mr. Williams, and Mr. A. S. Richards was called upon to respond. He recalled that this was the third successive Scalford dinner he had attended and each one had been most enjoyable.

The entertainment after dinner was organised and led by the 'Kirby Twins'—Arthur Wheeler, churchwarden, superintendent of the 'Specials' constabulary, chief tormentor of Harry Cook, bellringer, reserve choirman, builder of belfry floors and author of all sorts of good works at Kirby Bellars and the life and soul of any party, ably assisted by his partner, Albert Bailey, who seems to specialise in making a piano talk. Unfortunately your correspondent was from time to time engaged elsewhere and did not witness all the indignities to which the guests were subjected, but he did see Jack Day on bended knee demonstrating how he would make a proposal to a charming young lady.

The first Saturday in December, 1956, has been provisionally reserved for a repeat performance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to several correspondents for pointing out two errors in my article on 'Peals in Warwickshire.' Firstly, with regard to Emscote, which I said had been 'silent' since 1905. I find I had the peals in this tower in two places in my card index—one under Emscote and the other under Warwick, All Saints', Emscote. I did not look at the former card, only the latter, where I had recorded the last peal in 1905. On the other card I have six more peals ending with three in 1910 (August 29th, October 3rd and October 12th). This last was the last peal on the bells and it was conducted by my friend Canon C. C. Cox, who was one of the people who kindly pointed out the error. I expect the original use of two cards for the tower was due to the way it appeared in 'Bell News'—sometimes as 'Emscote,' sometimes as Warwick, All Saints'. However, the mistake has been rectified.

The second concerns mention of Knowle. This is purely my own fault. In preparing the list of peals for each tower, I did not put numbers quite by the side of the name, and the peal total of 80 has been credited to Knowle, the next name on the list. It should have been Harborne, and the remarks apply to that tower (silent since 1937). At Knowle there have been 14 peals, the last in 1954. I apologise for the mistakes.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

Dear Sir,—As a ringer residing in Warwick for a good number of years, I was interested to read 'Peal Ringing in Warwickshire.' I can quite understand the tremendous amount of work involved in compiling such a survey, and how very difficult it must be to obtain full particulars of each individual tower. I would like to make a correction concerning the tower of All Saints', Emscote. The article states that it is the longest tower 'silent' and that the last of **its two peals** was rung in 1905, which is not correct. As I read it, it seems to imply that there have been only two peals rung there. I know of at least seven peals rung there from 1902 onwards, and by what I have heard, I think there was one rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, previous to that. Perhaps one of our respected friends of St. Martin's could say if that is correct.

The peals rung from 1902 are:—

November 16th, 1902. Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), conducted by the late John D. Matthews.

March 9th, 1903. Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), conducted by Edward H. Adams.

June 15th, 1903. Bob Major, conducted by John D. Matthews.

January 7th, 1905. Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-Part), conducted by W. Collett.

August 29th, 1910. Stedman Triples.

October 3rd, 1910. Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. C. C. Cox.

October 10th, 1910. Stedman Triples.

This was the last peal rung in this tower. I myself took part in five of these peals.—Yours sincerely,

W. COLLETT.

Warwick.

ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE

Dear Sir,—If Mr. E. T. P. Field will refer to Shipway's 'Campanologia' (1816) he will find the following remark under Cornwall, page xxiii. 'The account of a peal of ten bells at Penzance, in the Clavis, is erroneous; the parish church having only five.'—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.

Bridport, Dorset.

A BACHELORS' PEAL 65 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Prospective members of the band of bachelors for a peal of Stedman Cinques, mentioned in 'Belfry Gossip' recently, may be interested in the following extract from the 'Bell News' of February 14th, 1891:—

'THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. BACHELORS' PEAL

On Saturday, February 7th, 1891, in 3 hours and 50 minutes

At the Church of St. Bride, Fleet Street

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

5,019 CHANGES

Tenor 28 cwt.

Richard French	Treble
William Cecil	2
William Burkin	3
George J. Smith	4
Francis L. Davies	5
Challis F. Winney	6
Arthur S. Barrell	7
Samuel E. Joyce	8
Henry G. Fruin	9
George T. McLaughlin	10
Arthur W. Barkus	11
Francis E. Dawe	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Francis Edward Dawe

First peal on 12 bells by Messrs. Davies and Barrell. All the above band, who are in the category of "Bachelors," belong to London, and the novelty of achieving a peal at **St. Bride's** by twelve **Bachelors** has been in contemplation for a long time, although only one previous attempt has been made. Their ages, which range from 20 to 40 years, show an average of about 27. This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever accomplished in which the conductor has also been the tenor-man.'

Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

PARKER'S 12-PART

Dear Sir,—As I am a poor hand at figures I should be glad to know whether any of your more capable readers could inform me whether it is possible to transpose Parker's 12-Part peal of Grandsire Triples so as to make the third, fourth and fifth the observation bell.

One of the most musical touches of Grandsire is the 504, No. 26, on page 35 of the current edition of 'Grandsire' in the Snowdon series. This touch also appears on page 59 of the old 1905 edition. Many years ago my old friend, Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, pointed out to me that it is false. — Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK, BELLS

Dear Sir,—Dereham, Norfolk, bells are to be restored in a new steel frame, and with belfry repairs will cost something in the region of £3,000.

Dereham, birthplace of J. Armiger Trollope, had its ring of eight, 24 cwt. in E flat, hung in 1753 in a detached bell tower and the first peal was rung in 1756.

Apart from a rehanging on ball bearings little has been done. An appeal has been launched in the town and in just over two months over £500 has come in.

I would appreciate very much if you could find space in your columns to ask for donations. —Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ADAMS.

37, Sandy Lane,
Dereham, Norfolk.

ST. MICHAEL'S, GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir,—The site on which the Church of St. Michael, Gloucester, stands, together with the disused burial ground, has been sold recently for £52,000.

The tower, however, is to remain and £12,000 of the purchase price has been reserved to ensure its safety when it is severed from the nave, and to provide a fund for its future maintenance, but there is no mention that anything is to be done about the bells, a ring of ten, which have been unringable for many years.

It was at this church during the incumbency of their father that the Rev. H. Law and E. Bankes James helped to make considerable ringing history in the 1890's by forming the Society known as 'The St. Michael's Juniors,' and with John Austin as their principal conductor, rang many peals in the area, including what was then thought to be the first of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Can someone from the Gloucester and Bristol Association say what is to happen to the bells? —Yours truly,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

Another Aldrington Bride

On December 17th the secretary of the Aldrington band, Miss Ann Law, was married to Mr. Bob Jones at All Saints' Church, Crawley Down. As there is but one bell in the church, handbells were rung by eight members of the Aldrington band at the church gate and later at the reception. Another member of the band, the bride's sister, Pam, was bridesmaid.

Evidence of the good send-off from Gatwick Station was seen on Southover belfry floor at the Southern Division meeting later in the day! Apologies to the Southover ringers for all the confetti.

The honeymoon was spent at Bournemouth, and the happy couple are making their home in Northern Ireland, Bob at present serving in the Royal Navy.

The local ringers presented them with a water set and pyrex ware.

On the previous Sunday a quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles was rung in appreciation of Ann's work as secretary by the following: Ann Law 1, June Grieveson 2, Diana Gough 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (conductor) 5, D. H. Paine 6.

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on December 3rd, attended by some 60 members and guests. The Rev. A. H. Yates presided at the business meeting, which followed tea. Welcoming the Association, he said that he had been asked to extend to the meeting the best wishes of the president, the Ven. Percy Hartill, Archdeacon and Rector of Stoke, whose illness prevented him from attending.

In his most interesting address, Mr. Yates referred to the sense of fellowship and unity which existed among all ringers, which was an example to both congregations and to those clergy who tended to become somewhat overjealous of their rights. Ringers performed an important part in the life and ministry of the Church, which was greatly appreciated, but he recalled the obligations which accompanied such service.

Replying for the Association, Mr. R. S. Anderson thanked Mr. Yates for the welcome it had received; everyone regretted that the Archdeacon was unable to attend what would have been his 21st annual meeting as president of the Association.

By far the majority of ringers were conscious of and fulfilled their duties as churchmen as far as they were able and were particularly proud of their privilege of giving audible voice to the message of the Church through their work in the belfry. He felt, however, that there was a tendency for ringers' work to be taken too much for granted Incumbents and church officers could play a greater part in maintaining this service by encouraging their own bands by taking a more lively interest in this aspect of church work, particularly by visiting their belfries more frequently and in the recruitment of new ringers.

The meeting then stood in silence before a short prayer was said for Mr. George Jones, of Hanley, Mr. W. Rigby, of Lawton, and Mr. F. W. Wells, of Longton, who had passed away during the year.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting were read, confirmed and signed, followed by the confirmation of the report of the annual committee meeting, under which the following officers were re-appointed for the year 1955-56:—Chairman, R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, A. W. Hall; secretary, E. H. Edge; auditor, C. H. Page; Ringing Masters: eight and ten bells, W. P. Deane; six bells, W. Hazeldene.

It was noted that Eccleshall had become reaffiliated to the Association.

During the Association year ten peals had been rung, viz.: Major, two; Triples, one; Minor, four; Doubles, three; eight having been conducted by F. E. Wilshaw.

Geoffrey Holland, of Biddulph, was elected a ringing member.

Ringing took place at Stoke Parish Church during the afternoon and in the evening, after the business meeting.

100 Years Ago Peal at Ilminster

Under the heading of '100 Years Ago' the following appeared recently in 'The Western Gazette':—

'Ilminster.—We are pleased to learn that the principal tradesmen of this town have been duly impressed with the importance of shortening the hours of confinement and labour for those in their employ, and have accordingly agreed to close their places of business at 7 o'clock in the evening during the winter months. The sweetly-toned bells sent forth their merry peals for three hours, which, we hear, was arranged by the young people employed as an acknowledgment of the great boon conferred on them by their employers.'

We would be interested to learn from our Somerset ringers if a peal was recorded on this occasion.

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1954

ASSOCIATION	ROYAL				CATERS		MAJOR											MINOR									DOUBLES				TOTAL
	Stedman Cinques	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Spliced Plain (5)	Grandsire	Stedman	Cambridge Surprise	Kent Treble Bob	Kent and Ox. T. Bob	Double Norwich	Plain Bob	8 Spliced	6 Spliced	4 Spliced	2 Spliced	Grandsire Triples	14-42 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	
Bath and Wells D.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	3
Cambridge U. G.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	7
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Coventry Guild	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Derbyshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	6
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Glouc't'r & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	3
Kent County A. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Leicester Diocesan	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	10
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
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With regret we announce the deaths of Mr. Benjamin A. Knights, son of the famous ringer and composer, Arthur Knights, and Mr. W. J. Thyng. Both were members of the old Chesterfield company.

CORRECTION

The total of peals given in the peals analysis table (see page 809) should read 2,406, and not 2,506.

Four members of the local company took part in the first peal on the augmented ring at Gressenhall, Norfolk. The Rector, the Rev. G. E. Dodson, who arranged the peal, was responsible for raising the money for the installation of the two new trebles, which are in memory of the ministry of the late Rev. Percy Edmund Hall, rector for 45 years, and his widow, Mrs. Margaret P. Hall. A resident of the village for over 80 years, Mrs. Hall remembers while in her teens helping her father, who was then rector, to raise the money for the original six.

BELFRY GOSSIP

His many friends in the Oxford Guild (N. Berks) will be sorry to hear Mr. Fred James, of Blewbury, has had a stroke and is in Didcot Hospital. Mr. James, who has been a Guild member and ringer at Blewbury over 52 years, scored his first peal of Major as recently as November 5th.

The peal of Minor in seven methods at Apsley End (p. 805) was the 50th by E. J. Upton and not William J. Puddifoot as printed.

A correspondent writes that not one ringer was invited to attend the rededication of Wrexham bells, the only ten, and premier ring of North Wales.

A well-known team of handbell-ringers entertained the company at Newark's annual Gopher Dinner. One of the objects behind their visit was to obtain permission to make the long-awaited peal attempt on Newark Parish Church bells. However, permission was refused, and it is presumed that when next year's dinner comes around they will not attend as there will be nothing to 'Gopher.'

The 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's, Stafford, on November 25th, was a compliment to A. B. Garbett on attaining his majority. Before leaving Stafford to take an appointment in Glasgow he was a regular ringer at St. Mary's Church. He now 'looks in' at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, when able. The ringer of the treble was the son of R. J. Warrilow, the head ringer, and grandfather Warrilow was in the belfry to see him ring in his first quarter peal.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. K. Adkins (cond.) 1, J. M. Seabrook 2, K. M. Glenister 3, J. E. F. Easley 4, M. Chapple 5, L. Seabrook 6. Rung to mark the dedication of the new organ by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 25th, at 7.15 a.m., 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, Diana M. Gough 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Also at 5.45 p.m., 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: June Grieveson 1, D. H. Paine 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. First in the method by all. Rung for the Christmas festival.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. R. Guy 1, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 2, L. M. Callow 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, H. G. Summers 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, P. K. Williamson 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Neville Vincent Gorton, Lord Bishop of Coventry, who was interred in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral this day.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: P. Tyson 1, H. Barnes 2, R. Wilton 3, J. Bagnall 4, F. H. Crawley 5, J. E. Burles 6, G. Richins 7. Rung to herald Christmas.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Naylor 1, E. Naylor 2, Miss J. Coward 3; S. A. Read (cond.) 4, D. Hoare 5, F. Gooding 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,299 Stedman Caters (from Washbrook's alternate course peal): M. V. Chilcott 1, A. Clayton 2, F. E. Darby (cond.) 3, Miss J. M. Winchester 4, Miss K. A. Weller 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, D. E. Parsons 7, E. G. Talbot 8, S. F. W. Kimber 9, L. A. Reece 10.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Tomlinson (cond.) 1, P. Crook, sen., 2, B. A. Tomlinson 3, J. Grounds 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, A. Pendlebury 6, S. Leatherbarrow 7, J. Thornley 8. Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. Peter Corok, wife of the second ringer, and grand-daughter Jacqueline, now in Toronto, Canada.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, on handbells: Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say 1–2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3–4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5–6, P. N. Tubbs 7–8. First quarter peal 'in hand' by P. N. Tubbs.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): B. Cheeseman 1, D. Sweet 2, R. J. Vardy (first in five methods 'inside') 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Callow (first in five methods) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Buckland Newton (the Rev. F. Fitzpatrick) on the 55th anniversary of his ordination.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Boden 1, F. Dakin 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, Miss M. Patrick 4, P. E. Ball 5, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 6, P. H. Whitaker 7, A. Simpson 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, J. Chilcott (cond.) 3, B. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, W. W. Shorter tenor. Rung for Evensong, and as a welcome to the Rev. Alan G. Fagg, his wife and family. The Rev. Fagg was ordained deacon earlier in the day.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Plain Bob): H. Haynes 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, D. J. Roaf 3, F. Barrett 4, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Miss C. M. Woodward.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Forrester 1, H. Callwood 2, R. Barratt 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, A. Campbell 5, D. Briscall (first quarter) 6.

DERBY.—On Dec. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,287 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Thompson 1, Miss E. G. Grime 2, J. B. Stennitt 3, A. Taylor 4, D. Shakespeare 5, D. R. Carlisle 6, H. Taylor (cond.) 7, Miss V. M. Horton 8, S. Walklate 9, R. Marsden 10. First on 10 bells for 2 and 5. For the service of carols and nine lessons.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, at Christ Church, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Cockman 1, F. Oakshott (cond.) 2, Ann Howells 3, W. Robinson 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, W. Parrott 6, D. Astridge 7, D. J. Evans 8.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. M. Bray 1, Miss M. A. Higdon (first as cond.) 2, H. Tovell (first quarter) 3, E. Greenacre 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Price (cond.) 1, B. Williams 2, E. Chamberlayne 3, D. Friday 4, F. Brookings 5, H. Mathews 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Herbert B. Jones, who died December 16th, aged 65. He was a ringer at this church for 43 years.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, E. F. Packham 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, R. Langridge 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Bywaters 1, G. Mayes 2, A. W. Dilley 3, Miss D. J. Hare 4, L. H. Bywater 5, A. Gentle 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. F. Waylett, a loyal church worker of Henlow, interred this day.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Lomas 1, J. Salway 2, W. D. Ashdown 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung before the carol service.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jeanes 1, P. Cox 2, L. M. Clark 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, F. J. Locke 5, H. Wetherell 6. For Evensong.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hobbs (first as cond.) 1, E. Hooper (first quarter, 15) 2, D. Holley 3, M. Farthing 4, A. Turner 5, S. Chedzey 6. For the festival of Christmas.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: L. Melton 1, L. Pierce 2, E. Bishop 3, H. King 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6. Rung on the birth of a grand-daughter (Julie Parsons) to the ringer of the second.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. Button 2, Miss W. M. Elliott 3, J. Elliott 4, R. Pye 5, C. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, P. N. O. Robinson 2, Miss E. Everest 3, D. Fagg 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, Miss E. Everest 2, Miss M. Carnochan 3, P. N. O. Robinson 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. G. Jones 1, T. J. Gundy 2, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 3, R. G. Powell 4, A. Colcombe 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. For Christmas morning service.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Dean (cond.) 1, Miss J. Cook 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, J. T. Clay 4, E. D. Poole 5, E. Silvey 6, Miss E. Gibson 7, L. J. Young 8. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Bonner 1, Miss J. Cook 2, E. D. Poole 3, E. Silvey 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, J. T. Clay 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. On Christmas morning.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barnes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, H. Collings 3, Miss M. Miller 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. First quarter by all except the conductor, and first attempt; also first quarter since the war by a local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Whitley 1, Miss W. Bowack 2, T. Cordell 3, W. Wheeler 4, S. Rochester 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung as a token of esteem to the captain of the tower, Mr. Harry King, also to commemorate his 50 years' service as a ringer at this church.

NUNNEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pearce 1, W. Phippen 2, E. Bray 3, P. Bray 4, D. Robertson (first quarter as cond., 15) 5, H. Vennell 6.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Acey (first quarter) 1, R. Lathbury 2, Mrs. V. Lathbury 3, Miss J. Smith 4, P. Fells (first in method) 5, A. Weise (first 'inside') 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. On the occasion of the birth of a son to the ringer of the 5th.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): L. Melton (first in three methods) 1, L. Pierce 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, H. King 4, E. Bishop 5.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 22nd, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Baldry (first quarter) 1, J. P. Sims 2, R. Perkins (first of Triples 'inside') 3, G. Goddard 4, A. Weatherly 5, H. H. Thomas 6, F. E. Day (first of Triples as cond.) 7, F. R. Hocking 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 25th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, T. R. Taylor 2, Marion J. Parker 3, R. H. R. Parker 4, L. G. Duguid 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, R. Baldwin, 8. Rung for Christmas Day Evensong.

R.A.F. ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 16th, at the Church of St. Eval, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Eplett 1, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, D. N. Penrose 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Sangwin 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the fifth ringer.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bishop 1, G. Brewin (cond.) 2, M. Bishop 3, R. Brewin 4, P. Plowright 5, M. Westbury 6. For Matins.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Williams (first of Minor) 1, Samela R. P. Thomas 2, J. Allen 3, Stella Hughes 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, E. Stitch 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Simister, B.A.).

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Oxford, 720 Kent): W. J. Parker 1, W. J. Paice (cond.) 2, L. W. Paice 3, J. E. Wightman 4, C. Fennell 5, W. Collins 6. For carol service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith (cond.) 1, Jill Tombs 2, Elizabeth Yeld (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, F. B. Cookson 5, P. W. Webb 6, J. N. Lindon 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung for Holy Eucharist and as a farewell to D. J. Midgley, who has left for Newcastle, Staffs. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. W. Webb 1, D. N. Layton 2, R. Smith (has now 'circled the tower' as cond.) 3, J. R. Niblett 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, Jill Tombs 8. First in the method for 1 and 4. Rung for Evensong and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dunn.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Margot R. Blythe 1, E. A. Head 2, J. B. Morley (first on 10 as cond.) 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, G. A. Sutherland 6, R. J. Darch 7, J. W. Blythe 8, L. E. Etheridge 9, H. W. Rogers 10. First quarter on 10 for 2, 5 and 7, and first of Kent Treble Bob Royal for 1, 3, 6 and 9.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, James Phillips 3, H. Ellis 4, B. K. Lunn 5, T. Setter 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Belcher.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yates (first quarter) 1, D. H. Baker 2, G. C. J. Wakefield 3, T. A. Yates 4, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 5, P. H. Morris (first quarter) 6. Rung to commemorate the third anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, at the Cathedral: J. Badman 1, A. J. Sanger 2, F. Savage 3, V. Roberts 4, G. Prescott 5, G. Salmon 6, V. Savage 7, D. Hoare 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, A. G. Clare 10. In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Bartlam 1, W. Dakin 2, Miss M. Hill 3, J. Butler 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Dec. 11th, at St Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. H. Culver 1, Miss C. Wakefield (first 'inside') 2, A. Grove, sen., 3, R. A. Johnson 4, M. Parry (cond.) 5, B. W. Aldridge 6. Rung for Evensong and in farewell to B. W. Aldridge; also a welcome return to A. Grove, jun., after completing his National Service.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Waltham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7443

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at Barking. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. 7473

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. Stephen's (10), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7560

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye (8) on January 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—W. P. Garner. 7467

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting, Metheringham, Jan. 7th.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7476

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. George's, Camberwell, 3 to 4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Business—six nominations; St. Giles', Camberwell, 7.30 to 8.30. Names for tea, please. Saturday, Feb. 4th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, St. John's, Waterloo, etc. Everyone welcome. —Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7442

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stony Stratford, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 7515

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Jan. 7th. Names for tea, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7492

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Hursley, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. The King's Head Hotel. Names to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7519

HAMPSTEAD.—Ringers' Evensong on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at St. Stephen's, Pond Street, Hampstead. Ringing from 5.15 p.m. Refreshments in Church Hall after service.—T. Bevan. 7510

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Jan. 11th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Details next week. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7546

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Jan. 14th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3.30 p.m. Tea in Hall behind Church, 5. Meeting, 'Ship,' Talbot Court, 6. Special business, revision of rules. Names for tea by Jan. 10th, please, to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7532

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Annual meeting at Marsden (10), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Bells until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday previous, to Mr. D. B. Cater, Newlands, 7, Lane Ings, Marsden, Huddersfield. 7490

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. It is essential that names for tea be sent by the 11th. The Master of the Association will give the address.—E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 7495

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 14th, Bath Abbey. Bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's with St. Paul, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available after the meeting. Names for tea essential, to Mr. G. Hawkins, 29, Coronation Avenue, Bath. 7529

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Rectory Rooms. For tea, notify me not later than Jan. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7561

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 14th, at Minehead. Tea provided for number notified by Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 7549

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 7527

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hull, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. St. Mary's, Lowgate (6), available 2 p.m. Service, 4. Tea in Y.P.A. 4.30 p.m. Holy Trinity (10) available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Road, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. 7539

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m. 7565

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting at Ripley (8) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements —cafés nearby.—M. Bailey. 7516

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — St. Michael's, Teignmouth, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 7531

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual dinner, Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, Jan. 14th, 6.30. Ringing 4.30 to 5.30 at St. Peter's. Tickets, 10s. 6d.—only a few left.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 7523

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual meeting at Soham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Fordham bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 7th, to R. J. Housden, 20, Carter Road, Burwell, Cambs.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7463

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business in St. Peter's Hall. St. Leonard's (6) also available except during service and meeting. Names for tea by the 11th, please, to H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 7486

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual social and dance at St. Werburgh's Parish Hall, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tickets 5s., from W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 7540

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston. 7524

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Barming cancelled. Saturday, Jan. 14th, quarterly meeting now at East Farleigh (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7553

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District. —Annual meeting at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring, by Thursday, Jan. 12th. 7502

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes (10), on Jan. 14th. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting, election of officers. Ladies, please support: gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. C. Hide, 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes, by Wednesday, Jan. 11th.—Kathleen Yeo, Hon. Sec. 7474

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at St. Nicholas', Pier Head. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 4, followed by meeting. Service 5.30. Ringing after service until 8 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge only to those who send in their names before Wed., Jan. 11th, to me.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec., 3, The Rooley, Huyton, near Liverpool. 7522

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7557

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Middleton, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—F. Pritchard. 7521

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston Parish Church (Branch annual meeting), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea in Church School, Avenham Lane, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston. — L. Walmsley. 7558

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 14th, Anstey (8). Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the 'Hare and Hounds,' and business meeting at approx. 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 12th to Mr. R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey. 7555

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, by invitation, and business to follow. Names for tea must be sent in.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 7520

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Overseale, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify J. W. Cotton, Overseale (264), Burton-on-Trent. 7491

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, Jan. 14th. St. George's bells from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft, 3.45 to 4.15 and in evening. Service at St. Peter Mancroft 4.15. Tea in Chantry Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Nolan Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, by Wednesday, Jan. 11th, please.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 7501

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bodicote (5), Jan. 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 7485

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Practice, Jan. 14th, Henley-on-Thames 2.30 to 4.30, Shiplake 6 to 8.30. Annual meeting, Feb. 11th, at St. Mary's, Reading.—R. G. Burton. 7547

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. If you require tea please send names by Tuesday previous.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell. 7528

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle (8), Jan. 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 7536

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—A. R. Todd, Esq., of The Hall, Pulham Market, invites Norfolk and Suffolk ringers as his guests to tea in the Village Hall on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 5 p.m. The Parish Church bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 10th, please, to Mr. A. Roope, Church Croft, Pulham Market, Diss.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District. — Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 14th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Plenty of cafes in town. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m. —H. Denman. 7494

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Lyminster (6), Jan. 14th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. Surprise practice, Jan. 21st, and not 28th, at Arundel. 7542

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Names for tea by Jan. 11th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Rd., Southampton. 7543

WINDSOR. — Surprise practice. Windsor Parish Parish Church (8), on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. Scott. 7525

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cotleigh, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 7548

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Queen's Head, followed by business meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7534

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Mrs. M. E. Peattie, 74, Molland Lea, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7541

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith, by Jan. 19th, please. All ladies welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7526

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual district meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 to 4.15 and 6.30 to 8.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names, please, by the 17th, to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—J. H. Cook. 7517

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 5.15. Tea (Cleveland Hotel) 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Geo. L. R. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7552

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting at Brackley, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon. Rugby. 7530

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 21st. St. Martin's and St. Paul's bells from 2.30. Service, St. Paul's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Assembly Rooms, 5 p.m. St. Martin's and St. Thomas' bells, evening. Names for tea by 17th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7551

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bloxwich, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 7533

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. James', Clerkenwell (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield (5), if required, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Canteen 5.15, followed by business meeting in Vestry Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 17th, please, to P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 7544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting at Redhill, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to H. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue, Redhill. 7537

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 18th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7550

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Sheffield on Jan. 21st. Bells available: St. Marie's, Norfolk Row (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12), after meeting till 9 p.m. Committee meet in Cathedral belfry at 3.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8, by 19th. Venue for tea and meeting to be announced later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 7559

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual ringing day and dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing arrangements later. Dinner in University Refectory at 7 p.m. for 7.15 p.m. Tickets now available from C. T. Blundell, 124, Richmond Road, Bristol, 6. 7535

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Annual district meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Brodrick Hall. Names by 24th to H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 7545

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A NEW YEAR EVE'S TALE
OR
HOW GIANTS ARE MADE

ONCE upon a time there were two giants—a Big Giant and a Little Giant. In actual fact some less kind persons referred to them as two lunatics, but in our story we shall give them the benefit of the doubt. Now these two giants lived in different lands, but it was the custom of the Big Giant to visit the land of the Little Giant at Christmas time.

One year, the Big Giant informed the Little Giant that he would be arriving two days before Christmas so, naturally, a peal was arranged to begin within a few minutes of his arrival. This being successfully accomplished, the giants both looked at their notebooks; the Big Giant discovered that he had just rung his 97th peal for the year whilst the Little Giant had just rung his 48th. Since for some years the relationship between their peal ringing numbers had always been of a geometric nature involving the factor two, it was decided that the former must ring 100 whilst the latter must ring 50.

The Little Giant was therefore detailed to arrange a peal on Christmas Eve, in fact the following afternoon. This was no light task and caused great consternation in his household since he had already promised to set aside the morning of Christmas Eve for the purpose of transporting his family to the local town for Christmas shopping, an operation which had already been postponed many times owing to abortive attempts for peals numbers 47 and 48. However, five ringers were found easily, but there the matter was allowed to rest until the middle of the night when the Little Giant awoke with sudden intuition and, shaking the Little Giantess into consciousness, instructed her to remind him to ring up the local Vicar and borrow his five bells.

As might be expected, the Little Giant was awakened early the next morning with the good news that the Vicar had agreed to the peal attempt but, unfortunately, no sooner had he arisen than the Vicar reappeared on the telephone to say that although he didn't mind them ringing the peal, he would like them to break off for half-an-hour in the middle while he conducted a funeral.

Thus you can imagine the predicament; the peal must start in four hours' time if the bells were not to be confused with Father Christmas' sleigh bells and, as all readers know, even giants have a very healthy respect for Father Christmas. Therefore, much feverish activity commenced and eventually a nice melodious six were procured, the six ringers found (the sixth being forcibly removed from a pigeon-shoot) and the Christmas shopping disposed of. The peal got away to a good start but in the middle of the fourth extent, the Big Giant, who was conducting, got excited and missed a bob. But, there being another week before the end of the year, no one was worried and all went quite happily about their own particular Christmas activities.

On St. Stephen's Day the Big Giant departed into another land to ring a peal of Yorkshire Royal, but met one short. However, this was a day when the fairies were kind to our heroes and provided a native of that land, which enabled a peal of Plain Bob Royal (B. G.'s 98th) to be rung. At the same time the Little Giant rang a peal of Cambridge Major (his 49th) on bells with a long draught and no guides, and the fairies ensured that the more rotund members missed their sallies with much less frequency than usual.

By St. John's Day, however, the fairies had departed: both giants joined forces to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques, the Big Giant having obtained a composition from an even bigger giant. Unfortunately, the latter had not realised that 'A' as a description of the 'going-off' course is inadequate for lesser giants or even for ordinary mortals so, after calling the 'turning' course as a 'going-off' course and then various 'going-off' courses described as 'A' in other members' notebooks, it was decided that the figures and the composition bore little relation to each other. Consequently, ringing had to be abandoned and a quieter and less strenuous recreation followed in a nearby still-room. No one need worry at this stage as there were still four days left before the end of the year.

On the following day the Big Giant had to return to his own land for three days to assist in the manufacture of rockets, presumably for Guy Fawkes, while the Little Giant should have rung a peal of Major but this was unfortunately cancelled owing to a lack of mortals in the vicinity. The Big Giant rang his 99th peal the next day but the Little Giant, confidently conducting an attempt for Ipswich Minor fell asleep in the fourth extent and on waking said 'bob' when he should have said something quite different.

Thus December 30th was a great day of preparation, the Big Giant travelling to the land of the Little Giant, whilst the latter, so be safe, so he thought, arranged two attempts for the last day of the year, the peal totals now being 99 and 49 respectively. The last day dawned bright, but this never augurs well in Little Giant land, and the first attempt started late owing to the vagaries of a number of internal combustion machines. This attempt was for seven minor methods, but the first went badly and the second looked like doing the same, which would never do for such an important peal, so the order 'stand' was given. It was decided that since the two badly-rung methods were named after the School of Magic attended by the Big Giant, they had better be left out. The new attempt settled down immediately to a really worthy beat and it looked as if the peal would be completed in two hours and fifteen minutes, but in the middle of the fourth extent, a method named after the School of Magic attended by the Little Giant, the latter got so excited and confident that he would grow into a big giant that he pulled too hard, whereupon his rope broke and descended on his head.

After repairing the rope, the party dispersed to reassemble two hours later at another tower with a view to ringing a peal of Ealing. Here they were delayed by many things. First the Big Giant was delayed by the peculiarities of the infernal machine which he was wont to ride. Then on raising the second bell it was found to cavort in a most unfriendly manner. Fortunately the band included a highly skilled and most respected automobile engineer, who soon diagnosed the trouble as a 'too long' stay, wherefore he sent another member to fetch his complete tool-kit from the back of his car. As soon as this member arrived with the four-and-a-half-pound hammer, it was used to good effect and they were ready to raise the third. This bell swung very well but, unfortunately, continued to swing beyond top-centre so that the whole rope disappeared into the room above. This unusual behaviour was soon found to be due to a nut being missing from the end of the Hastings stay, and was soon remedied by treating the end of the bolt with the heavy hammer.

The remaining six bells were raised without mishap and they 'went Ealing' as directed by the Big Giant. The composition started with wrong and three, and the first course went well, but at the start of the second course a little unevenness caused the Big Giant to get excited and tell the fifth that he had just run in. By the time the latter gentleman had reminded the conductor of the general rules of transposition 'Stand' was the only possible call. The whole episode was then repeated only this time the Big Giant told the fifth that he should have made the bob. Another start, a couple of courses, and then the sixth place bell ran straight to the front in spite of instructions to the contrary. 'Stand,' and the Big Giant was heard to say: 'This time it's not my fault.' It was then decided that they must ring something that they really knew, so 'Go Cambridge.' After one hour and twenty minutes (almost exactly half-way) of good and undisturbed ringing, the automobile engineer

suddenly aspired to become a giant, pulled too hard and was seen festooned with his descending rope.

By this time it was 5.30 p.m., with only six-and-a-half hours of the year remaining, and the last four of these were already booked by a party and a performance for the B.B.C. Offers of a six-bell tower were forthcoming but they dare not chance another broken rope. The giants therefore carried off one mortal (leaving the others to clear up the mess) to the Little Giant's house and, after a quick tea, carried out a very thorough inspection of the straps and clappers of L. G.'s handbells, put the next generation of little giants to bed, locked the Little Giantess in her own room, took the telephone off the hook and the striking weights off the grandfather clock, and settled down to a peal of Bob Minor 'in hand.' This was completed without mishap so that we can now record that they can all live happily ever after.

On hearing this story the next day, the five-year-old member of the next generation of little giants remarked that she knew all along which was the Big Giant because he had eaten most tea.

W. J. R.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*PETER NASH	*Treble*	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	*JOHN H. GILBERT	7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
*ADRIAN TUMBER	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
REGINALD W. REX	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

NOEL J. DISERENS	*Treble*	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
ALBERT DISERENS	2	WILLIAM HIBBERT	7
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	8
JOHN N. DISERENS	4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	9
STANLEY G. DAY	5	VINCENT T. CHERRILL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Osborne.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	*GRAHAM R. EYLES	6
MRS. F. A. PENN	2	*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	7
MISS E. BROWN	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	8
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	4	GILBERT H. HARDING	9
FRANK A. PENN	5	†JACK LUCAS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung for the christening of Anthony John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY G. KEELEY	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
RICHARD J. CRAGO	2	HENRY J. SANGER	7
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	8
TREVOR E. MARKS	4	THOMAS J. SETTER	9
ROGER KEELEY	5	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	JOHN E. COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
The quickest tower-bell peal yet rung.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
A variation of the Rev. H. Law James's composition.
Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	*DAVID HEIGHTON	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*JOHN S. BARNES	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. David Heighton on the eve of his coming-of-age.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 5).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas, A. and M., Patron Saint; also a welcome to the Rev. A. E. Taylor, made deacon by the Bishop of Leicester on December 18th and licensed as curate to this parish.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	*HENRY PLUMB	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to P. M. Clarke, L. G. Brett and Leslie C. Wightman.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER GRAY	*Treble*	DOREEN DUTTON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	EDWIN BIRKETT	6
JIM GROUNDS	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
*PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.
* First peal of Stedman.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Dennis Beresford	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
*Margaret Lewis	2	Peter Beresford	6
*Ann Barr	3	*Jeffrey B. Webb	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by George E. Oliver.
* First peal in the method.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

George W. Debenham	*Treble*	Eric Edmonson	5
*Derek E. Latchford	2	*Stanley Huckle	6
*Olive M. Johnson	3	Walter Ayre	7
*Pamela A. Martin	4	Bertram C. Johnson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Bertram C. Johnson.
* First peal in the method. Walter Ayre has now 'circled the tower.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	John G. Gipson	5
Ernest G. Hibbins	2	James W. R. Quinney	6
John W. Ward	3	Harry L. Martin	7
T. Reginald Dennis	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew, Hampton,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Treble*	Wilfred J. Newman	5
*Colin B. Longmore	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
*Harold E. Raxter	3	*Edmund Malin	7
*Anthony J. Brazier	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal of Kent Major.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Leslie Evans	*Treble*	Austin T. Wingate	5
*Rosemary Jarrett	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
Michael P. Moreton	3	Arthur W. Davis	7
George Davis	4	Leslie L. Quartermain	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'
A farewell peal to the Rev. Preb. S. G. Chance, for 26 years vicar of this parish.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edward.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	*Peter Coxall	5
Margaret E. Ridyard	2	Jack Ashcroft	6
Doreen Dutton	3	Ronald Kenrick	7
Gordon Halls	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Coxall, of Parbold.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Margaret Lewis	*Treble*	Jeffrey B. Webb	5
Joan Beresford	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Ann Barr	3	Peter Beresford	7
Dennis Beresford	4	George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by George E. Oliver.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Bason	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
Stanley W. Copling	2	*Godfrey G. Walpole	6
*James W. Forder	3	George Sayer	7
*Edwin T. Chapman	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Browne, two highly respected members of the parish.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Cyril Wright	*Treble*	Arnold Hill	5
George Challans	2	Douglas H. Rooke	6
Harold Wagstaff	3	Joseph Saxton	7
William Dickinson	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
First peal of Major on the bells since being recast and rehung.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,344 Superlative and 1,248 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method and 'all the work.' Tenor 16 cwt.

Gordon Turner	*Treble*	*Colin Sweeney	5
M. Vivien Copping	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
Geoffrey F. Bryant	3	†John Pearson	7
John F. Bryant	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Vernon Bottomley.
* First peal. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of four spliced by the remainder of the band.

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PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

*Barwell B. Dibben	*Treble*	Eric T. Lee	5
George Francis	2	*W. Leslie Weller	6
Ernest Treagus	3	Brian J. Luff	7
*June M. Clements	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich Major for the above Guild. Presumed to be the fastest peal of

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	Albert E. Bennett	5
*Ronald C. Noon	2	Gwen I. Rusby	6
William B. Dawson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
†John E. Cook	4	Robert Howerd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.'
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett.

SOWTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
C.C.C. No. 25. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Arthur Tapley	*Treble*	†Kenneth Dawe	5
George E. Retter	2	*Frederick Wreford	6
Ernest E. Retter	3	*John Quick	7
*Sidney Skinner	4	*William Reeks	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by George E. Retter.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods: 3,392 Rutland, 768 Superlative, 928 Cambridge; 106 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles H. Harding	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
*John W. V. Sinfield	2	C. Edward Jeffries	6
*Derek P. Jones	3	*Philip Mehew	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Monica E. Collins	*Treble*	W. Leslie Weller	5
June M. Clements	2	George Francis	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The conductor's 70th peal of Double Norwich, conducted 50, and rung in 70 different towers. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*Russell G. Parker	*Treble*	William J. Button	5
*Frank Ruffles	2	*Walter Ruffles	6
*Patricia M. Clarke	3	*Walter W. Miller	7
George A. Fleming	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Joan Smith	*Treble*	A. Edward Dobb	4
Arnold Hill	2	George Challans	5
*Barbara Payne	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal, rung at first attempt.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Stuart L. Hubbard (14)	*Treble*	William L. Exton	3
Mark W. Lewis (15)	2	Dennis Simpson (14)	4
F. William Midwinter			*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal, at first attempt. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung for Advent.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 11 Morris's 240's, three of Pitman's, two of Heywood's and ten 120's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*Kenneth Tunnicliff	*Treble*	Peter J. Skinner	4
John F. Murfin	2	David K. Walklate	5
†Ernest H. Johnson	3	†Barry Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal in the method. † First peal at first attempt.

TREGARE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), 20 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings), five 240's of Grandsire Doubles (Morris's Arrangement). Tenor 10 cwt.

George Ward	*Treble*	Jacqueline S. Evans	3
Robert E. R. Smith	2	Rev. Ivor J. Richards	4
David J. King			*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. R. Smith.
Rung to mark the golden anniversary of the ordination of Rev. William Phillips (81), who has been Vicar of Tregare since 1934; also as a compliment to the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, who has completed 25 years in the ministry; and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, on his 90th birthday.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Horace Bennett	*Treble*	Frank Taylor	4
*George R. G. Butler	2	John G. Ames	5
Stanley E. Bennett	3	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal in the method.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

John G. Gipson	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
Giles C. Galley	2	Dennis E. Pepper	5
William J. Ridgman	3	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*TESSA LOVELL	*Treble*	DENNIS SMEDLEY	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	2	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
ALEC WILSON	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal, rung at first attempt. 25th peal as conductor.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

D. KAY ADKINS	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	4
*MADELEINE CHAPPLE ..	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal in seven methods.

BRAYWOOD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 30 regular individual plain course methods, viz.: (1) Reverse Bob, St. Sebastian Bob, St. Bartholomew Bob and Reverse All Saints' Bob; (2) Reverse Bob, Coxwell Pl. and Canterbury Pl. Bob; (3) New Bob and Itchingfield S.C.; (4) New Bob and Forncett Bob; (5) New Bob, Itchingfield S.C. and Forncett Bob; (6) Huntspill Bob, New Bob, Itchingfield S.C. and Forncett Bob; (7) Huntspill Bob and Oakley S.C.; (8) Huntspill Bob and Ellingham Bob; (9) Huntspill Bob, Oakley S.C. and Ellingham Bob; (10) Huntspill Bob, New Bob and Oakley S.C.; (11) Huntspill Bob, New Bob and Ellingham Bob (12) Huntspill Bob, New Bob. Oakley S.C. and Thornborough S.C.; (13) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (14) Plain Bob and Boxford Bob; (15) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C. and Boxford Bob; (16) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C.; (17) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob; (18) St. Simon's Bob, Rugby S.C. and Braywood Bob; (19) St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C.; (20) St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob; (21) St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Rugby S.C. and Braywood Bob; (22) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C.; (23) St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob; (24) St. Martin's Bob, Slapton S.C. and Welford Bob; (25) St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C.; (26) St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob; (27) St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Slapton S.C. and Welford Bob; (28) Reverse Canterbury Pl. Bob and Raveningham S.C.; (29) Reverse Canterbury Pl. Bob and Dorton Bob; (30) Reverse Canterbury Pl. Bob, Raveningham S.C. and Dorton Bob; (31) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C.; (32) St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall Bob; (33) St. Nicholas' Bob, Longford S.C. and Fundenhall Bob; (34) Winchendon Pl., St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C.; (35) Winchendon Pl., St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall Bob; (36) Winchendon Pl., St. Nicholas' Bob, Longford S.C. and Fundenhall Bob; (37) Winchendon Pl. and Thornborough S.C.; (38) Winchendon Pl. and Haddiscoe Bob; (39) Winchendon Pl., Thornborough S.C. and Haddiscoe Bob; (40) St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Pl. and Thornborough S.C.; (41) St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Pl., Haddiscoe Bob and Fundenhall Bob; (42) St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Pl., Haddiscoe Bob and Thornborough S.C., with 339 changes of methods and no bobs throughout.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

GEORGE MITCHELL	*Treble*	JOHN SCHOFIELD	3
FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. ..	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE.. ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
First peal in 30 individual plain course Doubles methods.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JAMES A. ROBINSON ..	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.. ..	4
*JAMES A. LORD	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	5
*JOHN W. RAWSON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Minor.



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DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five plain methods: (1) Double Court, (2) and (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

David J. Temple	*Treble*	Ernest E. S. Johnson	4
Mary Dowsett	2	*Joe E. G. Roast	5
Ivan J. M. Saunders	3	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

* 100th peal. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Wilfred E. Garrard	*Treble*	John R. Smith	4
*Leonard W. King	2	Cedric F. W. Phillippo	5
Wilfred G. Saunders	3	Frank C. J. Arnold	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.
* First peal 'inside.'

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (four different callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

George Shellard	*Treble*	Montague Saunders	4
William J. Chester	2	William A. Yates	5
Barry E. Saunders	3	George W. Holland	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Holland.
First peal in the method as conductor.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of April Day, ten of Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings), ten of Plain Bob (four callings), ten of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

Walter G. Lane	*Treble*	*Terence H. Smith	3
Roger L. Nutt	2	Gordon H. Lane	4
		D. Keith Lane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.
* First peal 'inside.'

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being composed of seven different combined extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Kenneth R. Dunstan	*Treble*	*Albert C. Wenban	4
Joan M. Wilcockson	2	Geoffrey W. Seaman	5
John R. Mayne	3	D. Kay Adkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal on six bells.
First peal of Kent and Oxford by all the band except the conductor.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Hugh M. Johnson	*Treble*	*Roger N. Clarke	3
Michael R. Bennett	2	*Robin V. Baker	4
Victor A. Perry	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Victor A. Perry.
* First peal. Rung for the Festival of St. John.

THORINGTON, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

*Donald B. Munro	*Treble*	†H. Frank Pike	4
Anne V. Lewis	2	Arthur G. Button	5
Roy Duesbury	3	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. Phillip Eastland	*Treble*	Doreen Armstrong	4
George Hancock	2	Frank Bradley	5
Walter Davis	3	Albert Wheeler	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bradley.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth on her 21st birthday that day.

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob (three methods). Tenor 13 cwt.

Leslie Evans	*Treble*	*John J. G. Ellams	4
Mollie Tilbury	2	Michael P. Moreton	5
F. Eric Roberts	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Minor.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955—Sun., Jan. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Netherseale, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Allan Brummitt	*Treble*	Ronald Applewhite	4
John F. Pearson	2	John E. Cook	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First in seven Surprise as conductor. First in seven Surprise on the bells by a Sunday service band.
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells (December 7th, 1895), and with the clappers half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Sheila M. Schofield	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
John Thorley	2	Irvin Slack	5
Margaret S. Rhodes	3	Ronald H. Dove	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

JULIANSTOWN, COUNTY MEATH, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1955, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
At Meadow Cottage, Julianstown,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 12 in F.

James Taylor	1—2	Fred E. Dukes	3—4
John Huber	5—6		

Conducted by Fred E. Dukes.
Rung as a farewell to Jim Taylor, who has joined the R.A.F. (now serving in Cyprus, December, 1955).

JULIANSTOWN, COUNTY MEATH, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At Meadow Cottage, Julianstown,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 8 in C.

Mrs. F. E. Dukes	1—2	Fred E. Dukes	3—4
Sidney G. Lewis	5—6		

Conducted by Fred E. Dukes.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Cyril Galbraith, assistant secretary, Southern District.

HOW CHANGE RINGING STARTED AT EAST BUDLEIGH

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at East Budleigh on December 31st was rung in memory of the Rev. Herbert William Gardiner, vicar from 1928 to 1948, and it is interesting to recall that it was during his early days that the tower switched from call changes to method ringing. He never failed to call on practice nights, and one night while we were happily striking some Stedman from cards on the 'music desk' and changing every whole pull, he brought along the late Rev. E. S. Powell and Mrs. Powell.

At that time there were nine old hands and eight of us youngsters, and it was the start of a very embarrassing period for Mr. Gardiner. While we youngsters were 'all for it,' the old hands 'didn't want nart to do wi' this "new-fangled" stuff.' A serious 'tiff in the tower' started and went on for some weeks until Mr. Gardiner wisely withdrew and asked the late Rear-Admiral (later Rev.) Pallot to handle the situation. He brought about a compromise whereby we each had separate practice nights and rang on alternate Sundays. One by one the old hands died or gave up and so the 'new-fangled stuff' took over completely until, as in recent years, East Budleigh became the only tower in Devon where one could walk in on a practice and ask for a touch of London Minor.

The 'young uns,' however, will always be grateful to the Littleham ringers who came once a week to instruct them in Grandsire Doubles. One of these, Jack West, will celebrate his 80th birthday this month and his 60th year as a ringer at Littleham, and he's still ringing.

C. S.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Wintry Weather at Drighlington Meeting

Approximately 30 members were present at the quarterly meeting of the Western District, held at St. Paul's Drighlington, on December 17th. Weather conditions being somewhat wintry, it was a most welcome sight, upon entering the spacious ringing room, to find an electric fire burning in one corner—a very popular corner for those not participating in any particular touch. Once more a wide variety of methods was rung, and it was encouraging to see some of the company trying their hand at new methods.

Ringing was discontinued at 4.30 p.m. and a short service held, conducted by the Vicar of Drighlington. Tea was taken in a nearby café, after which the business meeting was held in the tower.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for their hospitality, and the Vicar, in his reply, formally welcomed the Western District to Drighlington. He subsequently became involved in a somewhat lengthy discourse on the origin of change ringing as a result of certain remarks made during the course of his address having reached the attentive ear of the vice-president.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Miss Barbara Morton and Messrs. Michael Stephenson, Colin Sweeney, John Pogson and W. T. Cook.

The next meeting is to be held on March 17th at Halifax, with ringing at both St. John's, Halifax, and All Souls', Haley Hill.

5184 Xavier Surprise Major

BY JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H
34256			2
32546		—	2
63425	2	—	2
64235		—	2
53246	—	—	—
23645	—		

2 × repeated

Contains all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 at the course ends.

Rung at Stanmore, December 17th, 1955, conducted by the composer.

5088 Spliced Rutland, New Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major

BY ROGER BALDWIN

23456	M	W	H	
45236		—	—	R R R R R Y N Y
24536			—	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
52436			—	L Y R L N
34625	—	—		L N L N L L L
64523	—			L L L N R
54326	—			R L R
62345	—	—	—	N Y N N R
36245			—	N Y N N N N N
23645			—	R L L Y L

Twice repeated

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For the first time in its history the University of Bristol Society sent out two bands to attempt peals, one of Cambridge Minor and one of Grandsire Doubles, on December 15th. Unfortunately Cambridge was lost in the second extent and the Doubles band met one short owing to an overfull bus at 5 p.m. The local tower captain, Mr. W. M. Malpass, very kindly agreed to stand in for a quarter peal at Stone to enable the Doubles band to achieve some success.

Mr. G. C. Goodman, of Wimbledon, late Master of All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, has returned to this country.

By a peal of Triples at Bicker, Mr. R. C. Noon, of Spalding, has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Success came after very many attempts.

Congratulations to Joe Roast, of Danbury, Essex, who, having just celebrated his 20th birthday, rang his 100th peal on December 27th. Of these he conducted 61.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Browne, of Loddon, Norfolk, were 'at home' to the ringers and their wives after the peal of Double Oxford Bob Major on the local bells in honour of their golden wedding.

The peal at Branston, Lincs, was rung in two days, two weeks, two months and two years. 'Go' was called at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday, December 31st, 1955, and 'That's all' at 12.28 a.m. on Sunday, January 1st, 1956.

The peal at Dunkerton rung by the Twerton-on-Avon band with Mr. Leslie R. G. Taylor was followed by an excellent tea kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butt. With two exceptions it was a teen-age band, and through 'The Ringing World' they desire to express thanks to their hosts.

Thorpe-le-Soken has had a good year with five of the new band formed in 1953 ringing their first peal. Three were recorded in a peal on April 16th and two more on December 28th. The latter included Mr. Ivan Cooper, who had his first lesson on June 28th and rang the third faultlessly throughout the peal.

Errata.—The peal at Hersham, Surrey (see page 3), should read 5040 Plain Bob Major, and not as printed.

Itchingfield, Sussex, band have rung a quarter peal of 10 methods of Spliced Doubles. This is the most methods yet rung to a quarter peal.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Leslie C. Wightman, the well-known Suffolk ringer, on January 4th.

Mr. Walter Allwood, an old member of the Chesterfield band, is in a very serious condition in Scarsdale Hospital, Chesterfield. We trust he may soon be restored to health.

The ringers of the third and fifth in the peal at Locking, Somerset (see page 821), should read John Schofield and Ian H. Oram respectively and not as printed.

News only reached the Editor this week-end that there was an unsuccessful attempt for London Surprise Maximus at Southwark Cathedral last summer.

Mr. J. R. Dennis, of 33, Clafendon Street, Cambridge, asks us to inform our Bath correspondent that he would like to represent the Cambridge District in the bachelors' peal attempt of Stedman Cinques.

Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Friezland, writes expressing the hope that the many young aspirants to ringing will pay more attention to their striking than 'tower snatching.' In his opinion 'tower snatching' is more competitive than the competitions for striking.

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SALISBURY CATHEDRAL AND ITS BELLS

THE present Cathedral actually replaced an older one of Norman origin which was situated on the high and windy uplands of Old Sarum, about two miles north of the city, and it was in 1220 that Bishop Poore came down to the water meadows and laid the foundations on this site. It was partly completed and brought into use five years after.

As one views the exterior, standing in the Close, it is upwards that the eye is drawn, right to the cross at the top of England's highest spire—soaring 404 feet skywards, balanced and blended in true proportion upon the great central tower (which itself follows the usual pattern of so many Wiltshire towers).

But the real cause for amazement is that this marvellous spire was not originally planned by the early builders at all, but was not begun until long after the completion of the tower, and was really erected between the years 1310 and 1335, a hundred years or so after the foundations were laid. That it was, in a way, an afterthought, is borne out by the fact that the thickness of the four great piers which carry the entire weight is a mere seven feet each—and the placing of the spire alone added an extra estimated weight of 6,470 tons on them. The four great columns which carry the Bell Harry Tower at Canterbury are each 12 feet in thickness, whilst the massive tower at St. Albans Cathedral is spread comfortably upon 64 feet of base—16 feet at each corner! The massive scaffolding which was used in building the spire at Salisbury is still in place, whilst at its base there still remains the treadmill, and this is still used in work carried out in hauling up stone and materials for repairs, etc.

NOTICEABLE BULGE

Looking up inside the Cathedral at the columns there is a noticeable bulge outwards, as with the weight, whilst the spire itself leans nearly 28 inches to the south-west, but it is still considered safe. It is said that should the underground springs dry up hereabouts disaster would soon follow!

The great Sir Christopher Wren (himself Wiltshire born) placed two mighty crossbeams with an outward thrust in the central tower. Adjoining the main part of the building are the lovely Cloisters and the Chapter House. Various legends and tales are woven around the story of the building of the Cathedral, one being that the foundations were literally placed on bales of wool owing to the watery state of the locality.

To see the exterior at its best one should stand at the north-east corner of the Green, near the Deanery, where the form of the double cross may best be seen. As one observer put it, 'Salisbury is all glorious without, but Exeter is all glorious within.' Both must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Foremost among the traditions of this great church, and amongst its chief glories, are the music and singing. The lovely treble voices are drawn from the boys of the Choristers' School, in the Close, whilst the harmonious whole choir is supported and led by the magnificent Wallis organ, considered to be one of the finest in the country.

THE RESTORER

But now, to music of another kind — and many people are surprised to learn that Salisbury Cathedral once possessed a noble and heavy ring of bells, which, with the great campanile containing them, were nearly all destroyed and swept away by our restorer friend, Wyatt. We know for sure that there were eight heavy bells in the campanile, but whilst recently making my investigations I was more than surprised to learn that there were certainly ten bells, and probably twelve, in the Cathedral's possession at some time! Some of the bells hung in the central tower, and may even have been brought down from the old cathedral at Old Sarum. But then came the building of the spire, about 1310 onwards, so, for safety's sake, the bells were removed and rehung in the campanile, which was built for them at the same time.

The campanile was taken down by Wyatt in 1789 and the details concerning it are as follows:—

It was constructed on the most massive scale, the walls being eight feet thick, and the interior of the tower 33 feet square. This stone part was 80 feet high to the top of the parapet. The ringing chamber was 37 feet above the ground, and the belfry 32 feet above this. Rising up from the top of the stonework there was an octagonal battlemented lantern which had a lead-covered spire rising from it, and on the top of that a cross and a weathercock. The entire structure was about 200 feet high.

SALE OF BELLS

Both the campanile and the bells were the victims of negligence, and from 1740 the bells could not be rung in peal because of the dilapidated state of the frame. In the year 1777, numbers two, three, five, seven and eight, which were all cracked, were sold at 10s. 6d. a stone, and of the remaining three bells, the treble and number four were sold for £105, whilst number 6 was hung in the central tower in 1793, where it remains to this day doing duty as the service bell and the hour bell for the clock.

As one approaches the north porch of the Cathedral, coming in from the High Street gate, the actual site of the bell tower is just on the Green on one's left, and the exact markings of the old foundations may be traced after a dry spell of summer weather such as we experienced last year, for, as they still exist only a little way under the surface of the turf, the grass turns off brown first owing to the rubble and drainage underneath.

A visit to the spot should be preceded or followed by a visit to the Salisbury and Blackmore Museum in St. Anne's Street, where there are, fortunately, two large engravings of the Cathedral exterior showing the campanile itself (and a third giving the interior before 'restoration'). The whole Close must have presented a vastly different appearance in those days—for one thing even the old pony-drawn mowing machines had not then been invented, so the grass appears much longer, suitable for the sheep which grazed there.

A PURDUE BELL

And now a brief word about the only existing bell may be of interest. It was cast by William Purdue in 1661 (which, if my memory is correct, is two years before the casting of 'Purdue's Masterpiece,' which is Queen Camel tenor). Its weight is 24 cwt. 2 qr.; diameter of mouth 57¾ in.; its note is D; and the inscription is as follows: 'Fusa Anno Regis Caroli 2di. XIIo. Aoa. Dni. 1661. Impensis Ecclesiæ. William Purdue.'

The bell now carries no wheel and is hung dead, fastened to its original headstock with the old style cannons. The clapper strikes the bell by means of a balanced wooden lever arrangement just underneath it, the rope descending to the Cathedral floor by the north-west pier. It is altogether a lovely bell and worthy in every way of the tower that carries it, and of its founder.

It is unfortunate that, of all the other bells belonging to the ring, no record appears to exist regarding their history, and no knowledge remains as to their founders, and if any of the early bells really had come down from Old Sarum that is all the more regrettable. Did the great campanile once resound to the music of ten, or perhaps even twelve? I myself can scarcely credit that—and would love to know for sure.

This, then, is the incomplete story of the bells of Salisbury Cathedral, and to us of this age an outstanding example of the consequences of neglect and apathy against which we are so rightly warned from time to time in our journal. A popular local impression in Salisbury is that the bells of St. Thomas' Church came from the Cathedral, but this is definitely not so.

SILENT FOR 20 OR MORE YEARS

The city now possesses four rings of eight, with a ring of six pending, and it is, maybe, a somewhat ironical coincidence that the finest of them all—eight, tenor 28 cwt.—has now remained silent for 20 years or more, for various reasons— deterioration, lack of interest, money and ringers!

For those who may be fortunate enough to have the opportunity and the wish to pass a quiet hour or so in the Close with the Cathedral chimes and the voice of Purdue's bell for company, there is still much to meditate upon, for though the Cathedral cannot claim such royal and historical associations as Winchester and Canterbury, it still has an interesting story of its own to tell.

Note.—I would like to record my indebtedness to Mr. B. C. Parsons, Clerk of the Works to the Dean and Chapter, for his help in certain details, and his kindness in arranging for me to be shown up into the tower. Also to the book 'Bells in England,' by Tom Ingram, which gave me the details of the campanile and the disposal of its bells.—J. B. P.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

LEICESTER — WHITSUN, 1956

Preliminary Notice

Headquarters will be the **Bell Hotel,** Humberstone Gate (Phone: Leicester 22086). Terms:—Bed and Breakfast 21s. plus 10 per cent. service charge. The management have reserved a **limited number** of rooms, and members must mention the Council when booking.

Other Hotels (B. and B. Terms)

Stag and Pheasant, Humberstone Gate. 21s. Early booking advisable.

Grand, Granby Street. 22s. 6d. Bookings must be at least one month before rooms required.

George, Haymarket. 20s.

White Hart, Haymarket. 21s. No advance bookings. Inquiries should be made about two weeks before rooms required.

Heathfield (unlicensed), London Road. 21s. single; 40s. double. One month's notice required.

Notes. — (1) The Council meeting should be mentioned in all cases. Early booking is strongly recommended. (2) Prices quoted are existing ones, and increases of 2s. to 3s. appear to be expected shortly. (3) All the above hotels are near Headquarters except the Heathfield. There is a good bus service between London Road and the Clock Tower, the nearest point for the Bell.

E. A BARNETT.
Hon. Secretary.

THE QUICKEST TOWER-BELL PEAL

On Wednesday evening, December 7th, the South Wigston ringers had arranged to meet at the Loughborough Bell Foundry for their customary Wednesday evening peal attempt.

This was William Thornley's 'turn' to be in charge of the arrangements, and he had specially 'laid on' a peal of Bristol and included in the band a famous ringing character from Lincolnshire, who is making his presence felt in Leicester for a few months.

At the last moment, one of the band was indisposed and as the 'first reserve' had not had enough time to get shaved even (let alone learn Bristol!) a peal of Double Oxford was started. It was soon obvious that several people did not know the blue line and after 20 minutes 'Stand' was called.

This caused great disappointment to the younger members and also to Ernest Morris, who wanted as many peals as possible to equal his 1922 record.

'Let's go for a quick peal of Plain Bob,' said the gentleman from Lincolnshire. 'Yes,' replied six others. (The writer did not reply as he had left his wife in bed.)

Ropes were shortened and the band rearranged. It was 7 p.m. when the bells went into changes—how many people have started for a tower-bell peal at that time?—and it was exactly 8.45 p.m. when rounds came up.

Every change was rung correctly—there is no doubt about that, but there was no enjoyment in ringing at that speed as the sound of the bells merged into one continuous hum It was obvious that the limit had been reached when the tenor sally at handstroke only just managed to bob up and down again. Nevertheless it was a true peal with every one of the 5,024 changes struck correctly. B. G. W.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1955

In an endeavour to make this annual review more comprehensive, we propose to publish a list of those who rang 25 or more peals during 1955.

Details required: Number of peals rung (in brackets conducted) for both tower- and handbells.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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Peals.—Hockwold 3s., Ashwick 6s., Ardeley 2s., Holywell 3s., Sutton-in-the-Isle 3s., Doulting 3s., Radstock 3s., Brampton 2s. 6d., South Collingham 2s. 6d., Dunkerton 3s., Trowbridge 5s., Yeovil 5s., Rowberrow 2s., Arundel 5s., Shipley 2s.

Quarter Peals.—Huish Episcopi 3s., Stradbroke 2s. 6d., Stourbridge 2s., Haresfield 3s., Henfield 2s., Charlton-on-Otmoor 2s. 6d., Huntspill 2s., North Weald 3s., Thorley 2s., Halesowen 2s. 6d., Barrow-in-Furness 3s. 6d., Wells 5s., Alderton 2s. 6d., Marlow 1s. 6d., Whitechurch Canonicorum 2s., Upper Clapton 2s., Margate 2s., Wolstanton 4s., Pilton 1s. 6d., Naseby 5s., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Halesowen 2s. 6d., Heckington 2s. 6d., Congresbury 2s., Leatherhead 2s. 6d., Croydon 4s., Caversham 4s., Walthamstow 4s., Chelsfield 3s., Lyme Regis 2s., Itchingfield 3s., Cirencester 2s. 6d., Longney 2s., Bridgefule 2s., Marhamchurch 2s.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS BROADCAST

The last evening of 1955 was a joyful one for members of the Cambridge Youths, for invitations had gone out from their popular secretary, Mr. J. Quinney, to dine and wine with him at his home.

The party, including the Vicar and Curate of Great St. Mary's, began to assemble at 8 p.m. to partake of the good things provided. Tales were told of the past, records of previous broadcasts from Cambridge were heard on the radiogram, and with courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on handbells time passed all too quickly, and we were reminded of one more job we had to do—an half-hour broadcast on the B.B.C.'s overseas programme, 11.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. So after expressing our thanks and appreciation to our hosts, off to the tower of St. Mary's, and on the air went 748 Grandsire Cinques.

The ringers were: P. H. Pigg 1, P. Border 2, C. A. Hurst 3, H. Brown 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, B. Pratt 8, C. W. Smith 9, H. Martin 10, W. J. Quinney 11, A. Rayner 12. E. G. H.

A BOXING DAY OUTING

To many ringers Boxing Day each year is the highlight of the Christmas holidays, for this is the day on which Wilf Panter arranges one of his grand ringing tours together, usually, with a short reliability trial.

Although part of the area chosen for the 1955 outing should have provided at least one excellent trials section, surprisingly none was included!

At 11 a.m. a mixed band of ringers met at Burlescombe (Devon) to ring on the heavy six (tenor 17 cwt.) before travelling to Holcombe Rogus (6, 17 cwt.) for half-an-hour's ringing. Over the Somerset border to Ashbrittle (6, 8-0-21) where the bells go like tops. Hot pasties and mincepies at the 'local' strengthened the party for the afternoon's programme which started at Milverton (8, 18 cwt.); here the band were pleased to meet Claude Tarr and Mrs. E. S. Powell.

At Oake (5, 10 cwt.) the entry to the ringing chamber is by way of a vertical ladder and a trap door, which caused some difficulty to the less slim members of the party. Those excellent young ringers, Pam and Jean Stevens, 'bagged' this tower with the other visitors, but unfortunately the ropes are very bad and in the middle of a touch of 'mixed' Doubles the writer was suddenly left holding about one foot of the tenor rope. However, a temporary repair was made to enable all the band to have a ring.

Halse (6, 11 cwt.) was soon reached, and after a short ring a move was made to Thurloxton (5, 7 cwt.) with its long draught and very stiff ropes. Unfortunately the organiser's car had increasingly developed a terrific thirst for water owing to a choked radiator, and the programme now being far behind schedule, it was decided to miss the next tower on the list (Goathurst) and go direct to North Petherton (6, 21 cwt.). Here the party were met by Messrs. Major and Miller, of the local band, and were rejoined by Pam and Jean, this time with their father as well. Good use was made of these fine toned bells till about 7 p.m., which concluded the day's outing.

All the band are grateful to Wilf for his fine organisation, and to all incumbents and local ringers for the use of their bells. E. T. P. F.

Because of the early Easter, the Peals Analysis Committee have to expedite their work on the Analysis Tables in time for the Whitsun Central Council meeting. They cannot complete their work until all 1955 peals have been published. Will conductors please send to the Editor any outstanding 1955 peals without delay.

CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH CORNWALL

Cornwall at Christmastime is a totally different place from what it is in summer with its throngs of holiday-makers. At the present time one can go miles without seeing a soul. However, the friendliness and hospitality of its people remain unchanged, none the less by the ringers. Ringing is just one of the activities in this area. Everyone seems to belong to something—church or chapel choir, male voice choir, village band, etc., often to more than one organisation.

Good humour and talking with friends on Christmas Eve till after midnight left some doubt as to whether the writer would be up for early ringing. However, an alarm clock and some bumping on the wall from the next room at 5.20 a.m. had the desired effect, and after a quick snack, a dash up the steep one-mile hill (by car!) to the Square at St. Keverne found 15 more had arrived right on time.

The tower with spire, which can be seen many miles in either direction up and down the Channel, contains a fine Taylor eight, the most southerly in the country. These were set going promptly at 6 a.m. into rounds, 'Queens' and call changes with wonderful precision. At 7 a.m. coats were put on and footsteps directed to the Vicarage, where as usual on this day, breakfast was waiting by a roaring fire and brightly-lit Christmas tree. (I wonder how many places have such a custom as this?) Afterwards, back to the tower for another half-hour's 'peal' for early service, and later for Matins and Evensong, the writer not being allowed to stand out once!

Boxing Day brought further ringing in a tour organised by friends at Kenwyn, Truro, when towers were visited at Fowey, Lanlivery, Luxulyan, Blisland, Cardynham, St. Breward and St. Mabyn.

Plenty of ringing, listening to carols under the Christmas tree in the Square, good friends and good food! What more could a ringer want at this season? Thank you, Cornwall!

R. D. S.

CHRISTMAS AT BRISTOL

Enthusiasm for the ancient art in Bristol is not on the wane.

On Christmas morning at 6 o'clock 17 12-bell ringers turned up at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, Cinques being enjoyed from the outset.

No transport, other than that possessed by some of them, made the conditions of travel the usual 'hoof it.'

The average distance from the church was three miles, and Alfred Pearce, now 85¼ years young, was there at 6 a.m., having travelled seven miles. He rang Cinques as well as the rest.

The St. Mary Guild is indeed grateful for the support of the visitors.

KIMPTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—A Restoration Fund opened a year ago with a target of £600 to have the Kimpton bells tuned and rehung has already reached £200 through the keen efforts of the young band and the support of the village organisations.

The oldest bell, the fifth, is reputed to have been cast by one William Burford, whose last will dates from the year 1390, and on this evidence the bell appears to be more than 500 years old. (This information abstracted from an article, 'Ancient Bells at Kimpton,' 'The Ringing World,' November 22nd, 1929.)

Any contributions or ideas to assist in raising the remainder of the money required would be very gratefully received by me.—Yours faithfully. J. G. CULL, Hon. Sec.

5, The Green,
Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HE MET JASPER SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—I read your leading article of November 18th regarding the famous names of men in the ringing world, and I was most interested in the description of Snowdon. I think I may be the only one living who ever met him: also Robert Tuke, the great friend of Snowdon.

He was my first instructor in bell ringing, although my father was the conductor of the band at Bradford Parish Church when I learnt to ring. Perhaps it was because I was an apprentice at the same firm where he was manager and he had enough bother with me there! He soon took me in hand and told me I had to be a treble ringer because there were not many good treble ringers and that I had to be one. I might say I made good at both jobs under his instruction.

I have also been a photographer, played bowls, billiards, snooker and, of course, dominoes. At Bradford Cricket Club I have won prizes at all these games: that's why I have not many peals to my credit—66 for Yorkshire Association and six with the tourists —three away and three at home.

I have now finished with ringing because of a left leg fractured and a right leg amputated. During bad weather I have terrible pain on my stump and cannot do anything. I am very well just now so I thought I had better write wishing you a very happy New Year. May the year 1956 be a more prosperous one for 'The Ringing World.' I was a great friend of Jack Goldsmith and I want the paper to carry on for his sake. I have had a ringing paper since 1887 up to the present time.—Yours sincerely,

JOE HARDCASTLE.

P.S.—I have also met Sir Percival Heywood, Henry Johnson and William Sottanstall.—J. H.

70, Beechwood Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford.

WHO'S FOR A RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL?

Dear Sir,—Reference in 'The Ringing World' for December 16th to 'The British Railways Magazine,' which contained an attractive cover picture of a team of railwaymen-ringers in action, revives the desire for a railwaymen's peal.

We at Crewe, a famous railway town and very central, offer our Christ Church ring of 10 (tenor 20 cwt.) for a railwaymen's peal. The bells are quite a good ring, as those who have rung them will agree.

Method, Caters for preference. Date, somewhere between the end of March to the beginning of May. Any railwayman wishing to stand in please reply to the address below.

Now, Rodney, here's your opportunity for a bit of good ringing and a bit of 'Belfrymanship.'—Yours, etc.,

W. FRANK STENSON.

North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, Cheshire.

THESE BACHELORS ARE SUSPICIOUS

Dear Sir,—I note with some alarm Mr. R. O. Fry's warning regarding the arrangement of a peal for 'eligible bachelors.' As he is a near neighbour of the arranger and obviously in possession of more facts, he can perhaps enlighten us.

From his letter, and taking into account the anonymity of the arranger, one might deduce that the peal is not being arranged by an 'eligible bachelor,' but by some 'poor frustrated female.' If this deduction is correct, then many would-be participants will undoubtedly be grateful for Mr. Fry's warning.—Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

CENTRAL COUNCIL LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—I should be grateful if you would kindly allow me to trespass on your valuable space with reference to the above committee.

It would greatly assist the committee in its review of 1955 if readers would be good enough to send copies of articles that have appeared in national or local papers relating to ringing and ringing affairs. The Report for the Central Council has to be based on a broad survey of the literature of the year, and there is therefore little possibility of considering the multitudinous small accounts of ringing activities that so often (and rightly) appear in local papers. What the committee really seeks is the article or feature illustrating the impact of ringing on the general public or revealing the view of ringing taken by the layman.

Suitable material for consideration may be sent to me at the address given below or to Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, Ireland.

It may not, of course, be possible to acknowledge every contribution, and I must therefore ask the indulgence of helpers in being content with a general acknowledgment in your columns later on.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

2, Witley Avenue, Solihull.

RINGERS REMEMBERED IN WILL

Mr. John Joseph Cecil Rowden, M.B.E., a retired civil servant, who died at Loughton, Essex, on September 28th, left £100 in his will to the Rector of Loughton to pay the sum of £5 to each of the persons acting as bellringers at the time of his death. He lived quite close to the church and the reason for the bequest was that during his illness, when he was confined to bed, he could hear the bells and so say his prayers at the same time as those in church.

The Rector of St. John's, Loughton, presented the money to the ringers after ringing in the New Year at 12.10 a.m. with an additional £1 from the Parish Council for their loyal services during the year.

'THE WRITING ON THE WALL'

Dear Sir,—It is the irresponsible attitude exhibited by Mr. Stenson, and which is prevalent among many ringers, which will in the end, no doubt, lead to our activities being curtailed to a greater or lesser extent.

That many bells are noisy in the vicinity of the tower, and that ringing, especially of peals, on them causes justifiable annoyance to those living nearby, it is futile to deny.

Furthermore, it is not only to the indifferent or hostile listener that the battering deluge of sound which floods with little or no restriction from some towers is unpleasant, but also to lovers of bells whose ears have not become entirely insensitive or whose prejudice does not outweigh their reason. In fact, there are many beautiful rings of bells which are spoilt simply because the volume of sound from them is uncontrolled.

The other factor influencing the degree of nuisance is, of course, bad ringing. Very many of us have been guilty of this, as it is easy in the excitement of achievement to lower our standards unconsciously. It would perhaps help here if we could keep uppermost in our minds that our ringing is our advertisement, and if we want the right type of recruits to come along to learn to ring we shall have to put the right kind of stuff out of our towers to attract them.—Yours sincerely,

P. H. WHITAKER.

Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Heavitree on December 10th, commencing with the glorious tones of this fine octave ringing out just after 3 p.m. signalling the usual service before the tea and business.

The Rev. J. Benton welcomed the members on behalf of the Vicar and Church Council, and spoke of the value of the ringers' work in connection with the church. The new 'form of service' was used for the first time in this Branch.

After an enjoyable tea, the meeting started with the Rev. C. J. Poulton in the chair, supported by the president of the Guild, the general secretary, and vice-president (Mr. E. J. Ryall).

The general account had increased by £1 6s. and the instruction account now stood at £39 10s. The chairman suggested that a proposal be forwarded for discussion by the general committee that some consideration should be shown to men on National Service with regard to their subscription to the funds of the Guild.

The annual report was accepted, the main point being a slight decrease in membership. It was suggested that this was caused by members not giving the instruction to learners that was required, and the 'going down' of some seven or eight university members. Members were urged to encourage more recruits and to give more support to Branch activities.

The officers elected for 1956 were: chairman, the Rev. C. J. Poulton; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Wreford; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Wills; Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Biffin; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. N. Mallett.

Meetings arranged for 1956 were for April 14th, Alphington; June 9th, Newton St. Cyres; September 8th, Thorverton, and December 8th, St. Thomas', Exeter—subject to permission being obtained.

Guild proficiency certificates were presented to Miss Mary Wills and Mr. Bernard Stone, of St. Thomas', Exeter, by the president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox. Dr. D. Longridge, a local Devonian, now resident in British Columbia and a member of the Victoria Cathedral ringers, was elected a non-resident life member of the Guild. Messrs. A. R. Jones and B. Stone were elected performing members.

Mr. E. J. Ryall suggested that ringing should be encouraged among students at the University and St. Luke's College. It was decided to send an invitation giving details of ringing available in the city.

The meeting concluded with the usual thanks being accorded to those contributing to the success of the meeting.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN MID-DEVON

A number of members of the Mid-Devon Branch made good use of their time during the Christmas holidays. On Boxing Day afternoon a quarter peal was rung at St Michael's Church, East Teignmouth, after which a visit was paid to Dawlish Parish Church for further ringing.

On the following afternoon a few members journeyed to Dartmouth where some good practice was put in at St. Clement's, Townstal, with the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge and some of his ringers.

On Saturday, to finish the year, a visit was paid to Buckfast Abbey where a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, some of the ringers admiring the very fine Crib at the west end of the Abbey. Handbells were later brought into use on this occasion, and the thanks of all are due to those who provided hospitality,

OBITUARY

MR. JOSHUA DEAN

We deeply regret to record the passing at the age of 85 of Mr. Joshua Dean, the last of the old school at Norbury, a school tutored by that great teacher, James S. Wilde.

Mr. Dean took part in the first change ringing by a local band at Norbury when in 1896 they rang an extent of Plain Bob Minor. In 1897 they rang a date touch arranged by J. S. Wilde, and on May 5th, 1900, the first peal on the bells was rung by a local band which contained four first pealers, to which Mr. Dean rang the treble. The peal was two extents Oxford Treble Bob, two extents Kent Treble Bob, two extents Plain Bob and an extent College Single, and was the first peal of Minor rung by the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Guild.

Six months later the same band, with one alteration, rang a peal in seven methods (Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford, Kent, College Single, Warnham Court and Plain Bob), the first in seven methods by all and by the Branch. On December 20th, 1902, he took part in the first 11 method peal by the Chester Guild; this consisted of eight 360's and three extents, and then, on May 23rd, 1903, 14 360's in 14 different methods were rung, followed in December by nine extents in nine different methods. About this time Mr. Dean's work took him away from the village but he retained his interest in the activities of the tower, and although since his retirement he did not do much ringing, he was often seen in the tower chatting about old times and encouraging young ringers.

With his passing goes the last link with the old band at Norbury, a band which laid, under the guidance of J. S. Wilde, a foundation upon which the late James Fernley, spurred on by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, built and upon which we are still building.

He was laid to rest in Norbury Churchyard on December 27th, when the bells were rung as the cortege approached the church, and handbells were rung at the graveside as a last tribute to his memory by members of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Guild.

C. K. L.

The Late Mr. W. J. Walker's Peals

Appended is the list of 320 peals rung by the late Mr. W. J. Walker, of Rainham and Upchurch.

Doubles: Grandsire, 1; four methods, 1.

Minor: Plain Bob, 4; two methods, 1; three, 2; four, 7; five, 3; six, 7; seven, 72; nine, 1 (10,080 changes, rung at Tunstall on August 5th, 1901, in 5 hours 4 minutes, conducted by William H. B. Wilkins).

Triples: Plain Bob, 2; Grandsire, 50; Oxford Bob, 1; Stedman, 50; St. Clement's, 1 (first in method for Kent County, rung at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on September 27th, 1927).

Major: Plain Bob, 25 (a grandfathers peal at Marden on October 3rd, 1931); Double Norwich, 24; Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Cambridge Treble Bob, 1; Superlative, 2; Oxford Treble Bob, 4; Kent T.B. Major 44 (one a William peal rung at Tunstall on January 19th, 1929); Oxford Bob, 1 (first for Kent County); Victory, 1 (first peal ever rung in the method).

Caters: Grandsire, 2; Stedman, 11.

Royal: Plain Bob, 1.

Rang peals for funerals of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V, also for the coronations of King Edward VII, King George V and King George VI. Also rang in first peal on the Isle of Sheppey, at Eastchurch, on September 9th, 1911.

MR. BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of Mr. Benjamin A. Knights (son of the famous ringer and composer, Arthur Knights), whose death occurred on December 27th. He was laid to rest on December 30th at Spital Cemetery, Chesterfield, where his talented father is buried.

Ben Knights was a keen and expert ringer and conductor and in the days when the Chesterfield company was going strong, ringing peals almost week by week of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and other methods, he took his place in that enthusiastic band. He joined the old Midland Counties Association in 1901 and with that Society rang about 250 peals. He migrated to Lancashire, and with the local and other companies rang many peals and also others for the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Knights was the last surviving member of the band who rang the then record long peal of Stedman Caters (18,027) at All Saints', Loughborough, on April 12th, 1909, in 12 hours 18 minutes. Mr. W. J. Nudds, of London, who recently passed away, rang the eighth to this same record peal—Ben Knights rang the sixth. Thus pass on the last two survivors. The present writer recalls vividly and with pride, peals rung with these two great men, viz.: with Mr. Nudds on the original old Bow Bells, February 27th, 1926, in 3 hours 56 minutes, 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, conducted by the late Wm. Pye. Mr. Nudds rang ninth and I rang the eighth.

With Mr. Knights at Manchester Town Hall on the rough-going old ten (tenor 52 cwt.), February 12th, 1921, I rang in a peal of Stedman Caters. In this peal were some noted figures —James W. Washbrook (junior) treble, Benjamin A. Knights 2, Ernest Morris 3, Samuel Wood 4, Frederick Page 5, Charles H. Page 6, Harry Chapman 7, James W. Washbrook (composer and conductor) 8, Richard F. Deal 9, Councillor Amos Trippier and Joseph Wilson, tenor.

ERNEST MORRIS.

MR. W. J. THYNG

It is with further regret we learn that another member of the old Chesterfield company—Mr. W. J. Thyng—passed away about three weeks ago. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1894 and with them rang in 89 peals —many along with the above mentioned Knights family and the Chesterfield Society. He also rang 100 peals for the Yorkshire Association on both tower- and handbells.

ERNEST MORRIS.

MR. RICHARD J. JENNER

With the passing of Mr. Richard Jonathan Jenner, who was born in Edenbridge and lived there all his life, the Kent County Association has lost its oldest member. He died on Dec. 17th, after a short illness, in Oxted Hospital, in his 93rd year. He was the last surviving member of the band which rang the first peal on the then new eight, on October 4th, 1896.

'Dick,' as he was familiarly known, was of a most musical nature. In his younger days he played the bass fiddle in the local string orchestra and was a member of the Town Band and Choral Society. He first sang in the Parish Church Choir as a lad of eight years, and later took up the art of bell-ringing.

In 1951 he completed eighty years' service as chorister and ringer, and to commemorate this unique event a peal of Bob Major (conducted by Mr. E. J. Ladd) was rung on his 88th birthday.

His last visit to the tower was in September of last year, when the Vicar of Edenbridge, the Rev. E. A. Graham, on behalf of the Kent County Association, presented him with a letter of congratulation on attaining the age of 92, from the secretary of the Kent County Association, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, and a cheque from the Benevolent Fund. Before and after the presentation, the local band, joined by ringing friends from Tunbridge Wells and Limpsfield Chart, rang several touches.

There is no complete record of all his peals, but it is believed that he rang well over fifty, many of them Stedman Triples, his favourite method.

The funeral service on December 21st was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Graham, and Mr. Jenner's favourite hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy courts above,' was sung.

He was laid to rest in the Old Churchyard, within the sound of the bells he loved so well.

MR. W. HARDING

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Harding, of Blunham, Beds, which took place on December 16th, at the age of 78 years.

A lifelong ringer at his Parish Church, he had been steeplekeeper for many years until failing health made it impossible for him to climb the awkward ladder into the ringing room. But though unable to take part himself, he was always within earshot whenever the bells were rung, and if he heard any bad striking he did not hesitate to ask why.

In the evening following the funeral a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory.

C. H. H.

MR. ALBERT H. WARD

AN APPRECIATION

It was with sorrow and regret we read in 'The Ringing World' of November 11th of the passing of yet another old member of the Exercise—Albert H. Ward, at his home in Derby at the ripe age of 82 years.

Albert had given many years of excellent service to ringing, especially in and around Derby. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1893 and, until its conclusion in 1945 when the M.C.A. was divided into diocesan guilds, rang 225 peals for the Association in the Standard and Surprise methods. A large number of the peals were on eight to twelve bells and he conducted many. He was equally at home and rang many peals on handbells.

One particular peal of which he was very proud was 5,050 Stedman Caters rung on Oct. 29th, 1932, composed by the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, president, and conducted by Ernest Morris, secretary, to commemorate the 50th jubilee of the Midland Counties Association, which was founded at St. Andrew's, Derby, in 1882. It was at this church where Albert rang for Sunday and other services, and when the bells were increased he gave the second of the present ring of ten. It is inscribed, 'Grant us Thy peace,' and was given, I believe, in memory of his wife.

Albert, among other kindred associations, was an honoured member for many years of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and took part in several peals for the Guild on eight, ten and twelve bells.

After Worcester Cathedral bells were recast the St. Martin's Guild were privileged to ring occasionally (and still are) for the Sunday evening nave services, and Albert often motored from Derby, calling at Birmingham to join in the journey to Worcester. It was generally midnight when he left Birmingham to return home; he always loved to hear and ring on this grand twelve, as do so many other visiting ringers.

So passes another fine old stalwart in Albert H. Ward.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, for much valuable information.

ALBERT WALKER.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss D. Mosedale (first quarter) 1, Miss E. A. G. Grime 2, J. Murfin 3, S. Walklate 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, B. Bradley 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Dec. 26th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Taylor 1, D. F. Yates (first quarter on eight bells) 2, Miss J. Carter 3, D. Ogden (cond.) 4, P. Watson 5, R. M. Edwards 6, D. Taylor 7, J. Carter 8.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 17th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (120 Biddulph, 288 London, 288 Wells, 120 Durham, 120 York, 120 Cambridge, 120 Ipswich and 120 Norwich): J. Stanway, jun., 1, J. Stanway, sen., 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, W. S. Davenport 5, W. Hazeldine (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the fifth ringer on the gift of a daughter. All the ringers are service ringers at Biddulph, Staffs.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Peet 1, W. Sims 2, F. Hull 3, C. H. Harding (cond.) 4, B. F. Sims 5, D. J. Jeeves 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. Harding, for 65 years a ringer at this church.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Preece 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, J. Hale 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, D. W. Davies 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hayes 1, A. Lewis 2, B. R. Millward 3, C. Gudgeon 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward 8. Rung for the Christmas festival.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hurst 1, W. G. Clark 2, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 3, H. Daniels 4, A. W. Dillow 5, R. Underwood 6. Rung for Midnight Communion.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Osborne 1, E. Baughan 2, Miss P. Hart 3, T. Lanaghan 4, J. S. Taylor 5, D. Jones 6, E. Busby 7, H. Osborne (cond.) 8. Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Osborne, parents of the conductor and grandparents of the treble ringer.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Moore (first quarter) 1, J. Salmond 2, I. Pannell 3, D. Manger 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. G. Cook 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 3, Joyce Morse 4, H. Falkner 5, W. A. Godwin 6, F. J. Lewis, jun., 7, E. H. Jefferies 8, W. H. Hayward 9, S. Eastbury 10. First of Caters by 2, 4 and 5. Rung for evening service, and for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Falkner.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Strong 1, V. G. Roberts 2, Marjorie Legg 3, T. Harris 4, E. Connock 5, L. Derrick 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, K. Medway 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Thirst 1, J. B. Sansom 2, Miss B. Thrush 3, D. Fowles 4, F. C. Price 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Jill Margaret, daughter to Joan and Peter Woodgyer.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. T. Steere (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. W. Razzell 3, R. Davies 4, G. H. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: R. Boyce 1, T. A. Easterby 2, E. Jones 3, J. Machell (first 'inside') 4, F. W. Richardson 5, S. Ball 6, E. B. Crowder 7, J. Daffers (cond.) 8.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Fox 1, H. Baker 2, R. Morriss 3, E. Bourne 4, G. Martin (first as cond.) 5, A. Bourne 6, J. Pattle 7, W. Grigsby 8. First quarter for 1 and 3; 7, 6, 8 covering.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, Miss N. Tromans 2, B. E. Woodall 3, J. H. Cox (cond.) 4, H. Shilvock 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, T. Greenhall 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Greenhall, a birthday compliment to A. Greenhall, and for the wedding of G. Harris (son of the tenor ringger) and Miss D. Tether. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Tromans 1, J. H. Cox 2, A. Greenhall 3, A. H. Harris 4, B. E. Woodall 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. Byng (first quarter) 8

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, Miss S. H. Dorey 2, R. G. Twine 3, B. W. Huntley 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, J. C. Pitcher 6. For Matins.

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cole 1, A. Dixon 2, A. Asher 3, N. Asher 4, A. H. Bennett 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, C. Stubley 8. For evening service.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Bailey (first quarter) 1, E. Smith 2, H. Hatto 3, A. Jemmett 4, C. Tigwell 5, F. Henbest 6, A. Street (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled, with 6, 4, 8 covering, in memoriam Canon E. C. Crosse, late Rector of this parish, 1946–August, 1955, whose funeral took place this day at St. Peter's Church, Vere Street, London, W.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 16th, 1,284 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, Miss H. Hancock (first of Minor) 4, D. Wright 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Head (first of Major) 1, Miss A. Trott 2, D. Mitchell (first of Major) 3, E. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, L. Stilwell (cond.) 6, E. R. Rapley 7, W. L. Weller 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in 40 methods (Reverse New Yeovenny S.C., Stedman, Grandsire, Place, Cranford S.C., Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham S.C., Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., Westminster II., Chesham S.C., Blackburn, St. Hilary, Broughton S.C., Ockham S.C., New, Huntspill, S. Vedast, Itchingfield, Oakley S.C., Chipstead S.C., Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith's, Reverse St. Julian's, Bedfont S.C., Boveney S.C., Eton S.C., St. Nicholas', Winchendon, St. Remegius', Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Rugby S.C., Slapton S.C. and Merton S.C.). 95 changes of method: Miss V. Phillips 1, B. B. Dibben 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5. The most methods yet rung to a quarter peal. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss A. Wilson 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. For Confirmation service.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,296 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 576 Little Bob): L. Melton 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Sharpe 3, H. King 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Rank 1, Miss N. Bond 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, D. Johnson 4, F. R. Pearson (cond.) 5, J. Perrett 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. Foord, who was celebrating his 25th Christmas as Vicar of Kirk Ella.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On New Year's Eve, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, W. G. Newberry 2, Alan Smith 3, G. Marriner 4, D. Astridge (first on ten) 5, C. Smart 6, B. Hawkins 7, A. Smith 8, H. V. Young 9, A. H. Harris (first of ten) 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Daphne Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, R. J. Lancefield 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, H. G. Keeley 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. Silman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, P. L. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung for 7 a.m. Communion, also as a farewell to John Nugent, a member of the band who is leaving to work at Ipswich.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cropley 1, A. Flutter 2, E. Storey 3, A. Millward 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. N. Sellars (first of Caters) 1, A. E. Chilton 2, D. Simpson (first of Caters) 3, S. L. Barley (first of Caters) 4, F. W. Vernon 5, C. F. Briggs 6, F. G. Hooper 7, J. W. Raithby 8, W. L. Exton (first of Caters, cond.) 9, F. W. Midwinter 10.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Allcock 1, F. Beales 2, J. Couzens 3, G. R. Drew 4, T. Owen (cond.) 5.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, D. Wright 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Pollard 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. Rung for Holy Communion service.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Hancock 1, Miss D. Gibbons 2, D. Wright 3, D. Pollard 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, G. Cole 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Gibbons 1, J. Martin 2, G. Talbot 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, D. Wright 5, R. Collins (cond.) 6. Rung for the Rev. D. Hiam, who has been Vicar of this parish for 20 years.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Harris 1, A. Harris 2, S. Atwell (cond.) 3, R. Talbot 4, E. Lambert 5, Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Last quarter rung on bells before retuning.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, C. H. Webber 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Marke.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Backhouse (first quarter) 1, J. Kitchener (first quarter) 2, C. Blain 3, H. Gurney 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, D. Munns 6.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Paul 1, D. Ruckledge 2, Miss D. M. Hawley 3, E. M. Bradley 4, J. Potts 5, A. Sheppard (cond.) 6, A. Thornton (cover). The last 'ring' prior to the bells being rehung.

SHIRLAND, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,500 Doubles (480 each of All Saints' and Reverse St. Bartholomew's and 540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): P. W. Sewry 1, K. S. Faulkner 2, K. M. Durrow 3, R. J. Stretton 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. K. Daish (first quarter) 1, Miss S. E. Miles (first 'inside') 2, E. C. Anger 3, J. C. Basher (first quarter) 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, D. J. Marsh 6.

STONE, GLOS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. M. Malpass 1, Miss P. Sprackling 2, Miss A. Faulkner 3, C. T. Blundell (first as cond.) 4, D. Marshall 5, P. Bird (first quarter) 6.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lyman 1, F. P. Harwood 2, S. J. Jessop 3, R. F. Brown (cond.) 4, J. P. Morriss 5, W. B. Dawson 6, F. Leggott 7, J. H. Taylor 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. P. Reynolds and Miss R. Brown, who were married at Frampton, Lincs, the previous Saturday.

SWINTON, LANCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell 1, R. Tompkins (cond.) 2, R. Bagnall 3, Miss S. Higham 4, A. Lomas 5, B. Rothwell 6, W. Thompson 7, C. F. Jones 8. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss S. Higham.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Christmas Eve, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. K. Brady 7. Rung for Midnight Mass.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 1st, 1,152 Grandsire Major: M. Hayes 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. First of Grandsire Major by all. Rung for Evensong.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris 1, R. Keeley 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, A. J. Scott 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. Arscott 8. Rung for the engagement of William A. Yates, of Wicken, to Miss K. Ballard.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On New Year's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Ward (first in method) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, H. Cox 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, A. Bishop 6.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss G. Higgins 1, Miss R. Snell 2, Miss P. Holborn 3, I. Whalley 4, E. H. Edge 5, W. Massey 6, R. Barlow 7, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Higgins and Mr. Barlow, who are to be married on the last day of this year and will be leaving the tower.

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BIRTHS

BIRKETT.—On Jan. 7th, 1956, to Lily and Paul Birkett, of Elland, the welcome gift of a son, Christopher Sharp, a brother for Richard.

ECCLES.—On Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 1956, to Roland and Dorothy (née Schofield), of 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe, a daughter, Janet Patricia. 7605

ENGAGEMENT

HAW—MORGAN.—The engagement is announced between James William Haw, of Peterborough, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Haw, of Mablethorpe, and Ruth May, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morgan, of Swanage. 7563

MARRIAGES

CARPENTER—ROBERTS. — On Saturday, Dec. 17th, 1955, at Shire Hall, Cambridge, Dr. Alan Carpenter, of Girton, to Miss Marie K. Roberts, of Histon. 7616

MORANT — KEMP. — At St. Laurence's Church, Frodingham, Scunthorpe, Lincs, on Saturday, Dec. 31st, 1955, at 11 a.m., Roland William Morant to Gwyneth Rose Kemp. 7570

DEATHS

KNIGHTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1955, Benjamin Arthur, at his sister's residence, 38, Rutland Road, Chesterfield, aged 70 years. Interred at Spital Cemetery, Chesterfield, on Friday, Dec. 30th. 7566

MAYNE.—On Jan. 7th, 1956, Cecil Charles Mayne, after a short illness. R.I.P. 7639

IN MEMORIAM

BAILEY.—In treasured memories of a devoted husband and dad (Norman), who fell asleep Jan. 11th, 1955. 'Sadly missed.' From his loving wife and family, Knodishall, Suffolk.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of John A. Brown (late of Chester-le-Street) is now 'Coneceastre,' Harrogate Road, Ripon, Yorkshire. 7167

The address of Sidney O'C. Holloway is now 121, Moat Road, Langley, Oldbury, Birmingham. 'Phone: BROadwell 1164. 7572

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FOR SALE.—Set of 12 handbells, good condition; best offer over £18.—Mr. A. C. Hopper, 12, Midleton Road, Guildford, Surrey. 7602

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WANTED.—Set of handbells, eight or more, by country vicar anxious to foster ringing among a keen band, eight of them under 15 years. Please state number, condition and price. —The Rev. A. Webb, The Vicarage, Cleeve Prior, Evesham, Worcs. 7627

WANTED.—Set of eight handbells, any key, in ringing condition: please state price.—R. C. Fincher, Ivy Cottage, Dunsfold, Godalming, Surrey. 7632

MISCELLANEOUS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, ST. PAUL'S.—Until further notice weekly practice will be on Mondays, 7.30 till 9 p.m. 7578

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Notices of motion and nominations (including C.C. Representatives) for the A.G.M., 1956, must reach me by Feb. 1st, 1956 (Rule VI and Rule IX).—F. V. Gant. 7564

MEN required to take up bell hanging.—Apply Mears. 7612

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Due to internal repairs to the belfry, there will be no Sunday or mid-week ringing until further notice. —J. A. C. King. 7613

TO LET.—Modernised cottage; bath, W.C., etc.; end of Jan.: at present occupied jobbing gardener, who is also church sexton and bellringer. Applicants with these qualifications will receive favourable consideration. Farm work also available. Apply H. R. Watson, North Cadbury, Yeovil, Somerset. 7604

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
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E. A. BARNETT,
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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Jan. 14th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3.30 p.m. Tea in Hall behind Church, 5. Meeting, 'Ship,' Talbot Court, 6. Special business, revision of rules.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7532

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. The Master of the Association will give the address.—E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 7495

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m. 7565

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting at Ripley (8) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements —cafés nearby.—M. Bailey. 7516

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual meeting at Soham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Fordham bells (6) available after tea.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7463

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business in St. Peter's Hall. St. Leonard's (6) also available except during service and meeting. 7486

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Barming cancelled. Saturday, Jan. 14th, quarterly meeting now at East Farleigh (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7553

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Overseale, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify J. W. Cotton, Overseale (264). Burton-on-Trent. 7491

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 7582

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—A. R. Todd, Esq., of The Hall, Pulham Market, invites Norfolk and Suffolk ringers as his guests to tea in the Village Hall on Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 5 p.m. The Parish Church bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. 7538

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, St. Cuthbert's, Wells. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 17th, certain.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecots, Street. 7581

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting, Barrow Gurney, Jan. 21st, 4 o'clock. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7635

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Annual meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. H. B. Whitney, 32, Montmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 18th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7588

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Warwick (10), Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at 'The Ilex Café,' Smith Street, followed by business. Bells 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea definitely by Thursday morning, Jan. 19th (latest), to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296. 7630

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting at Keswick, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 18th.—J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland. 7620

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Bakewell (8), Saturday, Jan. 21st. District annual meeting, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., approx. Tea 5 p.m. All members make special effort to attend. Election of officers for 1956, 6 p.m. in belfry, etc.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Denby, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea interval 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7587

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (6), 4 p.m., and in the evening; St. Mary's (8), in the evening. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea, All Saints' Hall (Ferrars Road), 5, followed by meeting.—H. S. Peacock. 7625

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7623

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Queen's Head, followed by business meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7534

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Staunton, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 18th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, near Coleford, Glos. 7622

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Jan. 18th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7621

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 21st, at Revelstoke. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 16th, please, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual district meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Holy Trinity (8), St. Mary's (6), 2.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 4.45 p.m. St. Nicolas' and Stoke-next-Guildford, 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Cox, R.S.C. Hospital, Guildford, by Wednesday, Jan. 18th. —A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins. 7608

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 18th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7575

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Clun District annual general meeting will be held in Clun on Jan. 21st at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Thomas A. Davies, Dis. Sec. 7577

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7569

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Mrs. M. E. Peattie, 74, Molland Lea, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7541

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent. 7628

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith, by Jan. 19th, please. All ladies welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7526

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Bolton Parish (annual), Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Free tea, but names to Vincent Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton, by previous Wednesday.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Jan. 21st, Tower open for ringing at 3 Own tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7584

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7618

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Manchester Town Hall, 3 p.m., Jan. 21st. Lloyd Street entrance. No arrangements for tea—cafés nearby.—R. Benson. 7619

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual district meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 to 4.15 and 6.30 to 8.15. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names, please, by the 17th, to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—J. H. Cook. 7517

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual District meeting, Kibworth, Jan. 21st Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.15., St. Wilfred Hall. Names for tea, by Jan. 18th, to me.—L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 5.15. Tea (Cleveland Hotel) 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Geo. L. R. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7552

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on Jan. 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and District annual meeting. Ringing at St. John's, Hillingdon, from 7 to 8.30. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to F. Corke, The Lodge, Taylors Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield, Middlesex.—J. D. Rock. 7607

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Irthlingborough, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Names by Tuesday previous, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7567

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 21st. St. Martin's bells, 2 to 3; St. Paul's bells, 2.30 to 4. Service, St. Paul's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Assembly Rooms, 5 p.m. St. Martin's, St. Paul's and St. Thomas' bells in evening—times to be announced. Names for tea by 17th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7551

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Calne, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential.—E. Buckeridge, West Hill, Calne, Wilts. 7611

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Names, by Jan. 18th, please, to Mr. Duke, Morland, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 7571

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bloxwich, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 7533

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. James', Clerkenwell (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield (5), if required, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Canteen 5.15, followed by business meeting in Vestry Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 17th, please, to P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 7544

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. 7579

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting at Redhill, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to H. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue, Redhill. 7537

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify, by Jan. 17th, K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7610

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Jan. 21st. **not 28th**, Arundel. Bells 4-6 and 7-8.30. Tea available.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st, Andover. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafes. Meeting to be held in Church Room at 5.45 Bells available after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 7574

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 18th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford. Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7550

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Sheffield on Jan. 21st. Bells available: St. Marie's, Norfolk Row (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12), after meeting till 9 p.m. Committee meet in Cathedral belfry at 3.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8, by 19th. Venue for tea and meeting to be announced later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 7559

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Annual meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway. Dunmow, Essex. 7625

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual district meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Herts, by Jan. 25th.—R. Shutter. 7633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7599

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, to Mr. J. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 7580

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Ebbw Vale, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, by Jan. 23rd, to Miss Dellwyn Evans, 17, Belle View, Ebbw Vale.—Jacqueline Evans, Branch Sec. 7614

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Jan. 28th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 7624

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. only. Service 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (10) available from 6.45 p.m. Annual reports (6d.) to be ordered at this meeting. Committee meet at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday previous, to G. F. Roome, 116, Denby Road, Northampton. 7658

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Nominations for officers may be sent to I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. 7600

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's (12) 2.20 to 4.20 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 p.m. Tea at County Cafe 5 p.m. Business in St. Chad's Parish Room 6 p.m. St. Chad's bells available 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, please, to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Shrewsbury. 7576

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Beddington, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Grange Mansion (price 2s. 6d.) at 5. Names, by Thursday previous, please, to F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington. Business includes nominations for general officers. Ringing until 8 p.m. afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7585

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Annual district meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Brodrick Hall. Names by 24th to H. A. Nobes. 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 7545

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Rededication of the bells at Old Alresford (6), Jan. 28th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names, by Jan. 19th, please, to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7615

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourth annual dinner and social evening will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11th (eleventh) at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at the Cathedral and St. Peter's, Derby (2.30 to 5.30 p.m.). Tickets 11s. (eleven shillings) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 7601

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Maryatte-Bow, Stratford East, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing 3–5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business, Church Hall, 6 p.m., and further ringing. Everyone welcome. Essentially for learners. A practice will be held on these bells Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 6.30–8 p.m. All learners welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 7636

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by Jan. 17th.—H. Badger, The 'Blue Man,' Thame, Oxon. 7637

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Prittlewell. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to B. C. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. 7640

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ANCIENT BELLS IN DEVON

A Progress Report

WHO were the founders? So asks Mr. Frederick Smale, and I for one wish I could tell him all the answers—though if I knew them all I should have to find another hobby. But although this is and can be nothing but a progress report, there is some progress, and that, it would seem, the first for a good many years in this county.

The last complete survey of the bells of Devon was made nigh on a century ago, and a monumental work it was, but it seems a pity that since then so many people have relied on it as much as they have, for it is as fallible as most human works. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe worked by candle or lantern-light in much dirtier and worse-kept bell-chambers than most of ours to-day, yet few people have taken it in hand to check or revise his information. His proof-reader was not very accurate either, and misprints abound in his beautiful and invaluable book. But Pearson's 'Ringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Devon,' sections in church and local guide-books, and even erudite articles in the Transactions of the Devon Association and such-like bodies, all perpetuate both mistakes and misprints unchecked. Often it's of no consequence; sometimes it can be annoying, as when a friend of mine visited East Ogwell to look at a particular bell and found that 'East' and 'West' had been switched in Ellacombe's work (though corrected by Pearson). It can also cause a great waste of brain-work, as it has undoubtedly done in the case of the 2nd of the big five at Molland. Pearson and Mr. Smale are not the only people who have puzzled over the inscription, 'giftosanctomaradrono,' but a visit to the bell itself provides the solution. The mystery was caused by two people; by Thomas Geffries, the founder of the bell, who put two letters in upside down, and left no indication of the start and finish of the motto; and the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, who misread those letters and three others and omitted four more—easy enough because they come below the headstock.

Here is the solution of that puzzle:—

Actual inscription: s a n c t a m a r i a o r a p r o n o b i s t g

[* These letters are inverted.] * *

Ellacombe's version: s a n c t o m a r – – – – a d r o n o § g i f t o

Ellacombe began reading at §. He read the 'long' 's' as an 'f' and the 'g,' and later an 'a' as 'o'; he left out the four letters 'iaor,' and made the very easy mistake of misreading the inverted 'p' and 'b.' The actual inscription is an invocation of the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the founder's initials, T.G., which are found on several bells in that part of the county; he lived in Bristol, and his foundry had been doing business in North Devon and as far south as Woodbury since before the middle of the 14th century. The tenor at Molland, a splendid bell, came from Bristol too, some time before.

But apart from the checking and correcting of Ellacombe's work, there is new material to be used. We have the benefit of much immensely important work done in other counties by such men as Stahlschmidt, Walters and Sharpe, on the development of bell-forms and lettering, and the identification of London and provincial founders. In addition there is material in documents and church registers to which Ellacombe had no access.

As far as the mediæval Exeter foundry is concerned, the picture at present seems to be like this. Ellacombe knew three of the founders by name: Norton (c. 1440) and the two Byrdalls (c. 1600–1624). He also knew the initials I.T. The full name of this founder still remains a mystery, but he seems to have followed Norton almost immediately; the matter isn't made any more simple because his trade-mark was still in use almost 150 years later!

Before Norton the foundry used Lombardic letters of a very handsome type, and before that a different set which are rare but appear at Templeton and possibly elsewhere. It would seem that the foundry began not long before 1400; if earlier, nothing seems to remain of its work. It was Robert Norton who left the greatest mark on the business: under his management the change to black-letter took place, and he seems to have invented a kind of mass-production system for the making of his inscriptions, some of which were standard ones, put on the bell a whole word at a time instead of letter by letter.

Some later founders adopted the custom of putting coins into the crown-mould of their bells; these coins were never remarked upon by Ellacombe, but they are useful in dating the bells; most of them belong to the reign of Edward IV. Apart from this, the foundry continued with the same stamps, mostly, as Norton had left behind, and in much the same style of workmanship, until the Reformation or perhaps beyond it, though there are signs of illiteracy in the later years.

The Reformation brought a slump, and when the Byrdalls revived the bell-founding side of what was then probably a general brass-and-copper foundry, they inherited the old 'plant' but not the old workmanship. These two appear to have been the last owners of the business; the Pennington firm, using quite different methods and equipment, began before John Byrdall's death in 1624, and seems to have been a rival concern. You can read more about the Byrdalls in 'The Ringing World' of August 27th, 1954.

One more name we know—William Baker, who in about 1515 fought an action in Chancery against all the might of the Exeter City Fathers. I hope he won it, for his case sounds very reasonable, but so far none of his bells have been identified.

Apart from the work of this fine firm, whose bells went as far afield as Dorchester, Oxon, and the Channel Islands, there was a steady 'import' trade with the Bristol and London foundries. We have touched on the Bristol foundry already; of the London founders' work Devon has a really remarkable collection, including two original peals of three and much of another. Brushford has a peal by Dawe; Townstal has its back three by Chamberlain; and Wolborough preserves in its church one whole bell and the inscription-bands of two others by Bird. In addition there are single bells or pairs by Wymbish, Joanna Hille (two beauties at Manaton), and Danyell's successors, and possibly others. Bells were also imported during the latter part of this period, in Queen Mary's reign, from Ash Priors, the home of Roger Semson.

Lastly, there are the mysteries. The treble at Molland is one; its date is 1595, not 1562; like the rest of the inscription it reads backwards and upside down, and looks like 1562 until you see it in a mirror. The rest seems to have come from a monumental brass, as probably did the word 'lemosinary,' which appears several times on the tenor at Abbotsham and a small clock bell in Torre Abbey. Most of the uninscribed bells can readily be dated, and ascribed to one foundry or another, but one of these is quite without parallel; a small bell, rather long-waisted with prettily-moulded cable cannons, it belongs to the church at Haccombe, where it will soon hang again, with a new headstock. Mr. George P. Elphick estimates its date at about 1290, so that it is easily the oldest known bell in the county. Who cast it no one can yet say, but it is close in date, as in distance, to Roger de Ropeforde, of Paignton, who was 'campanistarius' to the Cathedral of Exeter. It may have come from anywhere.

So much we know; a little more we can guess. More, at least, than Ellacombe knew, but not half as much as we ought to have found out if his work had been continued all through the 90 years since his great survey. Much there is that still lies hidden, but although this is only a progress report, it can report something.

J. G. M. S.

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RONALD J. SHARP	5	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal by all. 50th peal and first peal of Royal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	6
RHODA HEMMING	2	GORDON HARRISON	7
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	3	WILLIAM J. LEACH	8
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	9
ALAN G. FOSTER	5	PETER FOSTER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. MILES. Conducted by DOROTHY T. GARDINER.
First peal as conductor on tower bells and of Caters.
A farewell peal to the conductor.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
ANN BARR	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
DENNIS BERESFORD	5	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	6
P. GEORGE GOLDER	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	8
STELLA HUGHES	4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRENCHLEY, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JANET FRENCH	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
GEORGE FRY	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
EDWARD J. JENNER	3	EDWIN BROMLEY	7
*STANLEY JENNER	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal on eight bells.
In memoriam Mr. R. Jenner, of Edenbridge.

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ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Richard G. Blackman ..	*Treble*	Barwell B. Dibben	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George Francis	6
Dorothy K. Saunders ..	3	Eric T. Lee	7
June M. Clements	4	W. Leslie Weller ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt., approx.

Bryan F. Sims	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield ..	5
Charles H. Harding ..	2	Dennis Knox	6
John W. Sinfield	3	Lewis H. Bywaters ..	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	C. Edward Jeffries ..	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
The first peal on the bells
Rung as a token of appreciation to Sir Richard Wells, Bart., of Felmersham, by whose generosity these bells were retuned and rehung on ball bearings in a new frame, and augmented by three new trebles to complete the octave by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anthony,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Peter Rowe	*Treble*	Ronald D. Short	5
Alan Carveth	2	Geoffrey Harper	6
David Penrose	3	Douglas Burnett	7
A. Hubert Eplett.. ..	4	Robert A. Southwood ..	*Tenor*

Composed by John Howlett. Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First 8-bell peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Arthur V. Pearson ..	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
*Stella Hughes	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of London.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Deanery Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*Mrs. H. W. Moore ..	*Treble*	Alan R. Syder	5
*Alfred H. Little	2	*John Brown	6
*Harold W. Moore.. ..	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Ronald Suckling	4	*William Wintrip	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Eunice A. Hiley	*Treble*	James F. Dodson	5
George Talbot	2	Dugald M. MacPherson	6
Roy Collins	3	E. John Wells	7
Eileen M. Turner	4	David G. Wright	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by E. John Wells.
First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of the church spire. Also as a wedding compliment to Roland W. Morant and Gwyneth R. Kemp, who were married this day.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Benjamin Barker	*Treble*	Percival Dudley	5
Jack Bailey	2	Alfred Mould	6
†Elisabeth A. G. Grime	3	William Lancaster ..	7
†Sydney J. Merry	4	Francis R. Lowe	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Jack Bailey.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. M. I. Pailing ..	*Treble*	†James H. Pailing	5
*Peter M. Giles	2	R. Allen Hickton.. ..	6
*Mrs. A. Simpson	3	Allan Simpson	7
Brian Buswell	4	Frederick A. Salter ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven (C.C.C. 36).
Conducted by Frederick A. Salter.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

Geoffrey R. Parker ..	*Treble*	†W. Robert Parker.. ..	5
*John R. Ketteringham	2	John E. Cook	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	George H. Randles ..	7
Jack L. Millhouse ..	4	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hatiersley. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † 100th peal.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Frederick Blowen	*Treble*	David Beard	5
G. Leonard Hewitt.. ..	2	John Smart	6
Doris M. Killingley ..	3	*John Whiting	7
Valerie Willard	4	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by David Beard.
* First peal of Major.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4¼ cwt.

John R. Harris	*Treble*	Daphne R. Castell	5
William H. B. Wilkins..	2	Walter Holloway	6
Charles Coles	3	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	7
Edwin G. Moore	4	Malcolm S. Cloke ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
A birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Wilkins, and to her grandfather, who rang the second.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Chad.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative, and 416 Lincoln, with all the work of each method for every bell; 121 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

John E. Bibby	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	John Worth	6
Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Joseph W. Whittaker ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
The first time this composition has been rung by the Association.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

S. ARTHUR READ	*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung half-muffled, in memoriam Dr. Cyril F. Garbett, late Archbishop of York.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5120 QUEENSLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band, on the bells, and by the Association.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in respect for the late Archbishop of York.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 EDMONDTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Treble*	RALPH ELKINGTON	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Biddenden with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
ALAN F. THIRST	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	ALBERT RELFE	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	†KEVIN S. HOHL	6
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
H. B. Wilde's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
JAMES W. METCALFE	2	STANLEY ANDERTON	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
BRIAN TOMLINSON	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to congratulate the Vicar, Canon Moss, on being made a Canon of Blackburn Cathedral.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALEX RICHARDSON	*Treble*	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
*MRS. G. RICHARDSON	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
TREVOR TAYLOR	4	‡GRAEME A. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GRAEME A. HUGHES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major and as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss Christine Branson.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
*GERALD C. HEMMING	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
PETER BORDER	4	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MRS. B. G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALEC GAMMON	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	*MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	5
*FRANK BARRETT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Minor.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
MOLLIE TILBURY	2	CHARLES G. JONES	5
JOSEPHINE GREEN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
Rung in honour of the birth of Charlotte Anne Selby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Selby, and grand-daughter of the Vicar.
First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955. *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*PAMELA BLAKELEY	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	4
†ANN MANNERS	2	GEOFFREY F. GARNETT ..	5
LEONARD WALSH	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY F. GARNETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the bells and the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the old six bells (December 25th, 1905).

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER G. DAVIES	*Treble*	ROBERT B. BLOND	4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	*WILLIAM L. GILKS.. ..	5
JAMES P. BLOND	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Miss E. Mulford.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240 (six callings). Tenor 8¾ cwt.

RICHARD F. DAVIES ..	*Treble*	ALFRED E. G. OWEN.. ..	4
ALBERT E. JONES	2	JOHN J. P. ELLAMS	5
*ALBERT BRADLEY	3	WILLIAM MAPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* First peal 'inside.'

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Spliced Double Bob and Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

FRANK BRUNT	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	4
*DENISE J. SHAW	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal in nine methods.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	*Treble*	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD ..	4
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
*DAVID STAPLES	3	MARK W. MARSHALL.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 14 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double and Plain Bob: (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) College Single Reverse; (7) Double Court; 90 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON ..	*Treble*	*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	4
*MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	5
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO..	3	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in 14 methods. † First in 14 'inside.' First peal in 14 methods as conductor.

Rung in memory of Walter Chandler, formerly a ringer at this tower; and John Faulknall, grandfather of the second ringer, who was interred this day.



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COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

June M. Clements .. .. *Treble*	Shelagh R. Collins 4
*Dorothy K. Saunders .. 2	George Francis 5
Monica E. Collins .. 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in three methods. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 250th peal as conductor, and his 50th tower in Sussex for a peal.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

D. Margaret Hawley .. *Treble*	J. Martin Thorley 4
Sheila M. Schofield .. 2	Edward M. Bradley .. 5
John Thorley 3	Alan E. Hartley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Doreen Armstrong.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Percy W. Mills .. .. *Treble*	*Frederick Harvey 4
Mrs. R. Rouse 2	Ronald Bugg 5
*Ivan Cooper 3	Edward E. Davey .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edward E. Davey.

* First peal.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, five 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob, being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Harold B. Schofield .. *Treble*	*Percy Wheatley 4
Vernon Bottomley 2	Frank Rayment 5
Anne Laycock 3	Sam Longbottom .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harold B. Schofield.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the anniversary of the death of George Bolland. Also in memoriam Leonard Schofield, brother of the treble ringer.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Leonard Walsh .. .. *Treble*	William Ramsbottom .. 4
Maurice Holgate 2	Roger Leigh 5
Charles Clegg 3	Laurence J. Williams .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. R. H. Stephen, M.A., Rector of this church for 23 years, who was interred the previous day.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of New Doubles, Canterbury Reverse, St. Martin's, Winchendon, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

G. Walpole .. .. .. *Treble*	S. Copling 3
J. Forder 2	E. Long 4
W. Barrett .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by E. Long.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Shelagh R. Collins .. *Treble*	John L. Morris 4
Monica E. Collins 2	George Francis 5
Peter N. Bond 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

The conductor's 400th tower for a peal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Peter H. Langton .. .. *Treble*	Bernard G. Moore 4
†Valerie Phillips 2	Leonard Stilwell 5
June M. Clements .. 3	W. Leslie Weller .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

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

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

David E. West .. .. *Treble*	Ronald W. Steward .. 4
*Raymond F. Taylor .. 2	Robert E. Lester 5
Felix H. Erith 3	Urban W. Wildney .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the fourth has 'circled the tower.'

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*Michael R. Platt .. .. *Treble*	William H. Dale 4
Cecil Wade 2	George W. Creasey 5
James H. Musson 3	Albert Scott .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Creasey.

* First peal.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clark, of this parish.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Shirley A. M. Birch .. *Treble*	William C. Marshall .. 4
Peter Jarvis 2	Wilfred W. Ring 5
†Harry Baker 3	Mark W. Marshall .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Mark W. Marshall.

* First peal. † 375th peal.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anne.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*Frederick Snape .. .. *Treble*	Charles H. Page 4
G. Arnold Moore 2	Ewart H. Edge 5
Frederick E. Wilshaw .. 3	Robert Cumberlidge .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Wilshaw.

* First peal.

A wedding compliment to Ronald T. Barlow and Miss Gaynor Higgins, who were married earlier in the day at Wolstanton, where both were members of the Sunday service band.

Rung in the centenary year of the installation of Brown Edge bells.

BLUNHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of (1) London, (2) Norwich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

BRYAN F. SIMS	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	STEPHEN IVIN	5
CHARLES H. HARDING ..	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
First peal on the bells since augmentation.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE S. DEAS	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	4
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY ..	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ..	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores and one of 240 (Morris'). Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*BENITA K. WHETHERLY (15)	*Treble*	ROGER O. FRY..	4
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR ..	2	‡ALAN F. LEE (17)	5
†TERENCE J. MILSOM (16)	3	*RODNEY S. N. BROWN (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
* First peal. † First peal on six and first 'inside.' ‡ First peal on six. First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of York (Rt. Rev. Cyril Garbett).

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

PAUL MACE	*Treble*	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	4
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	ROBERT DOWNING	5
BRENDA FREEMAN	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	5—6
HARRY POYNER	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
		JOHN A. ACRES	9—10

Composed by W. F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	HARRY POYNER	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Because of his recent accident, for the first time in his 72 years as a ringer Mr. Dick Standard was not in a tower for Christmas and the New Year ringing. Looking much less than his 84 years, Dick attended the South-Western District of the Essex Association annual meeting at Barking, and enjoyed a chat in the church with many friends coming through on their way to the tower Youth was represented by ten-year-old Susan Leach, of Bexley, who rang rounds with confidence and grace.

Keele, Staffs, ringers have had an estimate of £562 for the complete restoration of their bells. One of the bells was cast by an unknown founder about the end of the 15th century.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Bobby Ferris, captain of All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W. What about another peal, Parramatta? asks an Essex correspondent.

The band that rang a peal at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs, would like to associate Mr. W. Jones, the local captain, with it; he has now been a ringer here for 55 years.

Inside a parcel containing delicacies from Spain, received by a well-known Lancashire ringer, was the message: 'With my best wishes when the bells ring so well conducted by you, and may this beautiful sound bring us the peace we want.' The message was attached to an onion decorated with the Spanish colours!

Prior to the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Paul's, Burton, on December 31st, members of the local band assembled in the ringing chamber where, on their behalf, the Vicar, the Rev. W. Willis Price, presented a leather bound peal record book to Mrs. Dorothy Gardiner as a memento of her membership with St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers.

The rope breaking on the sixth after 2¼ hours' ringing brought to an end a peal attempt of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, Berks, on December 31st. The peal was to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Fred White, who has rung 120 peals on Appleton tenor, among them being the record lengths of 16,271 of Grandsire Caters and 21,363 of Stedman Caters.

Mr. R. Roger Savory informs us that the peal at Badsey, Worcs, reported on page 4, is not the 50th in the tower.

The Church of St. Chad, Burton, has but one bell hung in a frame designed to carry eight bells. To enable the parishioners to hear change-ringing, four members of St. Paul's ringers attended Evensong on January 1st, and before the Blessing rang rounds, Queens, and a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The ringers were A. G. Foster 1-2, D. T. Gardiner 3-4, B. G. Key 5-6, E. M. Key 7-8.

'The Poultry World' of January 12th contains a letter from Mr. A. Beverley Ringer. A correspondent assures us that this is not a nom-de-plume as Mr. A. Beverley Ringer lives at Seething, near Norwich. We hope with such a name he is one of us and not a wringer of poultry. Apropos names our correspondent once worked with a Mr. Godbelieve.

We hope that the offer of Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, of 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry, to organise a party of English ringers to visit Australia for the Olympic Games will receive a good response. While Mr. Garner-Hayward suggests flying in his letter, he would be prepared to consider making the journey by sea. At one time Mr. Garner-Hayward was a tenant of one of the houses of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, who organised the last tour.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION REUNION

RINGERS' RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCH WORKERS

THE Universities Association annual dinner, held at the Victoria, London, on Jan. 6th, was attended by about 50 members, with Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president, in the chair. Guests present included the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Vicar of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where the service was held in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. S. Mason (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. T. Francis (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

Mr. A. York-Bramble was unable to be present to propose the toast of 'The Church.' He sent his notes, and these were read by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton. He wrote: 'I cannot but feel that two aspects of the pursuit of ringing, which are virtually inseparable, often tend to be regarded as diverse. I mean, on the one hand, the study and practice of ringing as an art and an accomplishment, and on the other, its application to the service of the Church. The recognition, by the Church, of our contribution as ringers to its service, will grow, I suggest, in direct proportion to the degree to which we ourselves identify these two aspects.

TRADITIONS DIE HARD

'Some traditions die hard; and that which holds that ringers are scarcely in the same category as other church workers is, in these days, as unintelligible as it seems to be prevalent. Nevertheless ringers are themselves largely to blame for any tenure of this view: firstly, I think, as well as the aural evidence of this contribution of theirs, by not entering collectively, while the last bell tolls, into the church to complete their act of worship, even into a set place, like the choir. Secondly, they are to be blamed, I think, for creating the impression (through the absence of some ringers from divine service) that they have no desire to be recognised as church workers.

'To correct these false views, closer contact with the church and its work could be sought. For example, the belfry must be declared open to members of the congregation by reservation on specific occasions, say, the first Sunday in the month. A ringers' Sunday might be celebrated annually, when ringers might read lessons and give handbell voluntaries in the nave, in lieu of, say, a choral anthem, and when addresses might treat of church workers in general and of ringers in particular. No doubt the liaison could be strengthened by a measure of propaganda in the Sunday school, so as to highlight the services of ringing as one of those enjoyable activities to be pursued throughout a lifetime.'

PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT RELIGION

The Rev. G. C. Taylor, Vicar of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, thanked the U.A. for holding their service in his church, and hoped it would be possible to make it an annual event. He happened to be just one member of the church among 50 people present that evening. He did not represent any abstract Church with a capital 'C.' It was animal, not vegetable or mineral, although some people thought it was so. This ringing was a legal right. 'Let us be certain that the Church is something other than ourselves.'

There was, he believed, a great morning arising for the Church. It was now possible to mention religious things in ordinary conversation with unreligious people without anybody being scandalised or put out. He had only been a parson since 1938, but in that time there had been a great change. There had been too long a spiritual vacuum and it had got to cease. He passed this on in order that they would take their ringing more seriously. At St. Giles' they had been keeping records of communions since 1887, and they had more communions this Christmas than in any previous Christmas.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in proposing the toast of 'The Universities Association,' said twice quite recently it had been his pleasure to attend the 75th anniversary dinners of Metropolitan Associations; theirs was one of the younger Associations and it was good to think of the changes that had occurred between the days of those associations and their own. Of course it was not true to say that all the ringers of 75 years ago were a bad lot. There might have been some terrible characters among them, and there still are. Generally speaking, they had said goodbye to that sort of thing, but it would be nice to think that the standard of ringing had improved in a manner commensurate with it.

ACID TEST OF A GOOD RINGER

It seemed to him that ringing was suffering from several diseases; one was unless a man could ring spliced Surprise within six weeks of handling a bell he was written off as a failure. Another thing was that the peals in 'The Ringing World' bore no relation to the state of ringing in the country. For instance, Sunday service ringing did not receive the support it should. He knew the Association did excellent work in that respect but the acid test was whether they could retain their attachment to a Sunday service band. If they could continue that attachment for 25 years then they had achieved something. He felt it was up to them to do their best for the Sunday service bands, and if their Association could set an example then it would have more than justified its existence.

Mr. Brian Threlfall, in acknowledging the toast, welcomed the guests—the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. J. S. Mason (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. T. Francis (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths). He thanked the incumbents of Edgware, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Harrow Weald and St. Giles-in-the-Fields for permission to ring in their churches, and the organist (the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow) for his services, and the Rev. G. C. Taylor.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

A meeting of the Society followed the dinner. The accounts, presented by Mr. R. F. B. Speed, showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £19 8s. 5d. and concluded with £23.

The report of the secretary recorded that nine tower bell peals and three 'in hand' had been rung during the year. New members elected totalled 57 from eight universities.

Arrangements for the Suffolk tour, from August 25th to September 1st, were discussed, and upon the proposition of Mr. P. L. Taylor the meeting decided to make Sheffield the headquarters for the 1957 tour.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether Saturday would not be a more popular day than Friday for the annual dinner. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow pointed out the impossibility of many clerical members attending a Saturday dinner in London. The meeting eventually agreed that the next dinner be held on Saturday, December 29th.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled during the last hour of 1955. Conductor's 50th quarter peal during 1955.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

In recent years there has been such a heavy increase in applications for membership that the supply of rule books issued to new members has been exhausted, and it was thought that when a new edition was printed, opportunity should be taken to overhaul the rules, and bring the book generally up-to-date. The Society has always taken great pride in its rule book, for it is a very handsomely produced effort, containing fine illustrations of various articles of its property, together with a condensed version of the Society's history, etc.

At the meeting on January 14th, the Master, Mr. J. S. Mason, presided over a large attendance, and the rules were considered and passed. No substantial alterations to the old rules were made, but it was decided that, following the general trend, and to cover expenses, the entrance fee on joining after January 14th should be raised to the sum of one guinea, and the qualifying fee to vote on financial matters should be raised to five shillings. The work of revision, etc., has been handled by a committee consisting of the Master, the past Master, Mr. C. J. Watts, the secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The committee were thanked for their work, and it is hoped that the new rule books will be circulated at an early date.

A LANCASHIRE GOLDEN WEDDING

Lancashire ringers will extend their warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cutsforth, of Westhoughton, who celebrated their golden wedding on December 26th. They were married by the Rev. D. K. Moore, at St. James' Church, Hull, on December 26th, 1905.

In his occupation as a paint manufacturer Mr. Cutsforth moved to several districts in Yorkshire, then, in 1918, he crossed the border into Lancashire, where he settled in the Bolton district. In both counties he was always to be found in his place in a tower until shortly after settling in the Bolton district, when his ringing activities were curtailed as the result of serious injuries in a railway accident.

After his recovery he took part in many peals, noteworthy of which are the record lengths of 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major on January 29th, 1927, at Bolton Parish Church, and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major on April 18th in the same year at Heptonstall (both these records still hold).

Owing to business pressure during the war he had no time for regular ringing but was always there on special occasions.

On Boxing Day Mr. and Mrs. Cutsforth celebrated the anniversary with a reception in Westhoughton, to which they invited Masonic, Rotarian and ringing friends and their wives. As part of the entertainment handbells were appropriately rung.

Earlier in the day an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was made at Westhoughton Parish Church, but came to grief after 40 minutes through the tenor clapper breaking. Another attempt was arranged at Holy Trinity, Bolton, for January 6th; again there was bad luck, as the thick fog prevented one member from getting there. A 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and a course of London Surprise Minor were rung by Albert Greenhalgh, Geoffrey Fothergill, Trevor Taylor, Brian A. Tomlinson, Peter Crook, sen., Alan Pendlebury (conductor).

Mr. Cutsforth is still interested in cricket, however, and only a few days ago he accepted the presidency of the Westhoughton Cricket Club. He is also a big worker in the Rotary movement.

P. C.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WESTERN'S INFLUX OF NEW MEMBERS

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on January 7th. Ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major preceded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Barking (Rev. R. W. Chadwick).

About 70 ringers sat down to tea in the Church Hall; besides the usual spread of good things there was also a magnificent iced cake in the shape of a bell, which had kindly been made by Mrs. Beard, and every ringer enjoyed a piece of it.

At the meeting, Mr. John Crampion presided, and he called attention to the 'old stalwarts' of the Division who were unable to attend owing to either age or sickness. Mr. 'Dick' Stannard came to the church during the afternoon ringing but, owing to his recent accident, was unable to climb the stairs to the tower. Mr. Crampion suggested that the meeting should send greetings to Caleb Fenn, who has been associated with St. Margaret's, Barking, for over 50 years, Charlie Morss, Bill Theobald and Mr. Goodwin, of Havering, who is just recovering from a serious operation.

The annual report, submitted by the secretary, Mr. C. Willmington, commented on the number of towers in which Sunday ringing was being resumed, even though many were only yet attempting call changes. The year 1955 brought a small increase in membership (both non-ringing and ringing), which would probably be larger when all subscriptions were paid.

The statement of accounts did not present such a rosy picture as last year, but nevertheless the District had managed to keep its head above water.

The election of officers followed, and those at present holding office were returned for a further period without opposition.

It was a bumper meeting for new members, both ringing and honorary. The Vicar of Barking and his three churchwardens (all of whom were present at the meeting) were elected honorary members of the Association. Mrs. Warne, of Dagenham, was also proposed; her late husband, a churchwarden at Dagenham, had been an honorary member, and she expressed the wish to carry on in his place. A member of Dagenham choir, Edward Bailey, was also proposed for honorary membership. Ringing members included four from Prittlewell, four from Hornchurch, seven from Barking, two from Barkingside, six from Waltham Abbey, one from Great Wakering and two from Leytonstone. These are the first youngsters to have been elected from Leytonstone tower within living memory—surely a record. Besides these were two non-resident members who had stood in successful peal attempts for the Association.

The meeting agreed that the Division should support the re-election of all the officers of the Association at the next annual general meeting at Chelmsford.

The chairman asked for nominations for life membership of the Essex Association, and the names suggested for consideration were Henry T. Wilson, of Brentwood, Roland Fenn, of Barking, and Jimmy Rann, of Loughton.

Mr. Gant, of Hornchurch, raised the question of district boundaries, and this old 'war horse' was greeted with laughter as he was trotted out again. The views of Mr. Sadler, of the Southend Guild, were sought on the matter, and he agreed that they had no desire to split from the Division and stand as a separate entity. The Guild had been formed merely to encourage the young ringers in that corner of the Division, and did not wish to become an administrative division in its own right.

Mr. Gant proposed that a memo. be sent to Chelmsford to the effect that the District wished things to stay as they were, and to this the meeting agreed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. George Cecil to the Vicar for his welcome to the ringers, and also for the manner in which he conducted the service; to the organist; and finally to Mr. Beard and David for organising tea—not forgetting Mrs. Beard and her Christmas cake.

Ringing after the meeting included rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Yorkshire and Bristol. J. E. M. H.

SOCIETY OF BIDDENDEN YOUTHS

Once again a very successful annual dinner and meeting of the Society of Biddenden Youths was held at the Chequers, Biddenden, Kent, on New Year's Eve. The evening's programme started with the ringing of the bells of All Saints' Church until 7.30 p.m. The party, including the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Agate and Major-General G. C. Woolner, enjoyed a fine dinner prepared by Mr. and Mrs. C. Wren.

After the customary toasts and speeches the annual meeting was held. The main point was the great increase of membership, nine lads and two girls making the total strength of the band 21.

All the officers were re-elected with the addition of Peter Philps as junior Vice-Ringing Master. Brian Willis as vice-treasurer and Brian Keen to be in charge of belfry cleaning.

Party games followed until 11.15 p.m., when the ringers returned to the belfry. After a short ring the watchnight service was listened to until midnight, when Frank Goodearle, senior member of the band, rang in the New Year. During the last ring the lads (average age 13) managed very successfully to ring the eight bells on their own. S. G. W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Some 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Devizes on January 7th. The Guild service in St. John's Church was conducted by Canon Blair, Vicar of Southbroom. Tea was served in St. John's Parish Room.

The Branch chairman (Mr. A. Weeks) welcomed the visitors and specially mentioned Canon Blair, who was attending his first meeting since coming to Devizes; also Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, of Wyke Regis, who have come to live in Devizes. Among other visitors was a member of the Keevil tower. In the near future the Branch will hold a meeting at Keevil, when it is hoped the ringers will rejoin the Guild.

Officers elected for the coming year were:—Mr. A. Weeks, chairman; Mr. S. Cockell, vice-chairman; Mr. F. Slatford, hon. secretary; Mr. P. Harding and Mr. S. Grant, Ringing Masters. The next three meetings were fixed for Hilperton, Keevil and Westbury.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing the tea. Ringing continued at the three towers until late in the evening in spite of having to get home in the thick fog. S. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A Welcome to Wye

The Ashford District met at Wye on January 7th. The attendance was not up to the usual average, which was regretted, as we had the combination of a warm church, spotless ringing chamber and fine bells. We were glad to have with us the Hodgson trio from Rye, and a newcomer, Mr. Westwood, from Dover, whose home tower is at Plymouth.

Ringing began about 3 p.m. and continued until time for the service at 4.30. This was conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Pearce. In his address he made us feel we really were welcome. Mr. R. J. Carlton read the lesson, and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ. The collection was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

Then came a surprise. Uusually at Wye we have tea at a cafe, but we found that Mrs. Greenstreet, the new secretary, had gathered her friends together and they were our hosts and hostesses at a lavish tea.

After tea the Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which apologies for absence were read from Mr. J. Willis, Mr. S. G. Waters and Miss Haffenden.

The District secretary reminded members that subscriptions for 1956 are now due and that he would like them to be paid by towers rather than individually.

It was decided not to hold a meeting in February this year but to have an additional one in the summer months. Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and Mrs. Greenstreet and her colleagues for having given and served such a delightful tea.

Ringing continued until 8.30, Tom Cullingworth joining in with a one-handed effort, as his other arm is still in plaster.

This report must not be closed without a tribute to Bill Curtis, who has been the guiding spirit of Wye tower for so long, and whose ringing chamber does him so much credit.

W. P. G.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.E. Branch Have Increased Membership

The fog and local F.A. Cup ties reduced the attendance to 40 at the annual meeting of the N.E. Branch held at Tiverton on January 6th. Nevertheless, with the exception of Bradninch, all the towers were represented. Under the direction of Mr. A. G. Selley good use was made of the bells before the service and in the evening.

Canon R. C. Worsley, the Rector, conducted for the first time the new form of Guild service and gave the address. Mrs. C. H. Miles, a Branch member, was the organist.

Following a good tea at the Half Moon Hotel, certificates were presented to four members of the Bampton band by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox.

At the business meeting the Rev. J. H. Jones, Branch chairman, presided, and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Ware, was able to report an increased membership during 1955 and a balance in hand of £44 11s. 7d. He regarded the attendance at Branch meetings as disappointing, being only about one-third of the membership.

All the officers were re-elected for 1956, viz: Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Ware; Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley; representatives on the General Committee, Messrs. D. Bellamy, W. E. Richards and A. G. Selley.

The next meeting will be at Bradninch on Saturday, April 7th, subject to permission being obtained. W. H. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—Further to the letter from Melbourne re ringers visiting that country during the Games, I wonder if any ringers would be interested in making up a party to visit Australia during that period? The idea is to fly there and back, and stay about two to three weeks.

If anyone is interested, would they let me know as soon as possible, as arrangements would have to be made very quickly. When W. H. Fussell's party visited that country he told me what a wonderful time they all had and how worth while the journey was. It wants at least eight in the party.

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

8, Orchard Crescent,
Coventry.

CORRECTION TO CHELFORD PEAL

Dear Sir,—I would like to make a correction to the footnote of the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Chelford, Cheshire, on Dec. 13th, 1955. There were 378 singles and 63 bobs, not 372 and 66 as published. I would like to apologise for making this mistake. The tenor ringer's name was George Barber and not George Barker as published.—Yours faithfully,

E. PIMLOTT.

Chelford, Cheshire.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—It was, of course, quite obvious that Mr. Barron, as, I presume, the peal correspondent in this instance, would have to offer some explanation, however difficult it was to find one suitable, for the footnote to which I referred in my recent letter. His effort is, however, pitifully weak.

Personally knowing the obvious reactions of several members of the band who rang in the peal, I doubted, and still doubt, that they (a) knew they were ringing it for 'the opening of the Vienna State Opera,' or (b) were in favour of such a footnote (even supposing they were aware of the suggestion). Only the venerable members themselves can supply the answer of course, but I am not in doubt.

Mr. Barron's love of one particular secular art, or perhaps his friend's who specially requested the footnote, is no concern of mine, but neither is it the concern of the Church, Exercise or the band, and for that reason only, such an association should not have been made.

My earlier correspondence of some 18 months ago will already have shown my feelings on the subject of footnotes, but from time to time a really blatant example of space wasting appears which tempts me to write.

I do not doubt Mr. Barron's statement that 'the bells of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, were rung for the formal opening of the Opera House,' but then, it is generally accepted that man, of our European neighbours are very excitable by nature, and are likely to act in many ways strange to our own mode of life. There is certainly no rhyme or reason why we should follow their example.

Mr. Barron does not, I fear, appear to see the dividing line between occasions that we in this country consider to warrant national rejoicing and the 'we'll celebrate anything' outlook of our foreign friends in this respect, hence his ill chosen footnote.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL G. MORTON.

Erdington, Birmingham.

Mr. George Talbot, who took part in the peal of Plain Bob Triples at Chobham on Dec. 31st, the first for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, also rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples for the Guild.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Dear Sir,—It is, of course, possible to transpose any peal to make any desired bell the observation. The point about Parker's Twelve-part is that two other 'part bells' come home (or are reversed) in each part as well as the observation. To transpose the calling for another bell to be observation it is thus desirable to choose wisely in the matter of part bells. Thus to make the 3rd the observation, begin the calling from where the usual observation bell is in 3rds place at a lead-end. This happens three times in each part, and thus there are three ways of calling the peal with 3rd the observation. To decide which variation to use see where the other part bells are at the same lead-end—they are in 4ths and 7ths, 4ths and 6ths, 4ths and 5ths. Thus if 3 is to be observation the part bells will be either 4 and 7 or 4 and 6 or 4 and 5. The last seems the better pair so start from that lead-end.

I enclose the figures of variations for 3, 4 and 5, the observation as seems best to me.—Yours faithfully,

PETER C. WRIGHT.

Wallington, Surrey.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

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— 346572	— 462375	746352
354267	436527	734265
325746	— 754236	— 527634
— 673425	S 267354	562473
S 456273	— 432567	— 345762
425367	— 754632	S 723645
— 734625	S 627354	— 567423
763542	632475	— 345267
756234	— 546732	S 273645
725463	574263	267534
— 347625	A — 325674	— 452367
— 563247	— 463725	435726
526734	476532	A — 674235
572463	457263	— 526374
547326	— 324657	532467
— 635247	S 673524	543726
623754	657432	— 675243
672435	— 246357	S 236475
647523	234765	243567
— 356247	273546	— 752643
325764	257634	765324
— 473625	— 462357	736452
S 654273	— 734562	743265
— 326754	753246	— 527643
— 473526	725634	— 365427
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Single at A in 6th and 12th parts.

MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query asked by C. T. H. Bradley as to the maximum and minimum of calls in 720 Plain Bob Minor, the maximum is 28 bobs and 18 singles, and the minimum 8 bobs and 6 singles.—Yours, etc.,

C. S.

Blackpool.

ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE

Dear Sir,—For replying to my queries re the above, I am grateful to my three clerical friends—the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Canon C. C. Cox, for their letters in 'The Ringing World,' and the Rev. W. H. Trewhella for his long letter sent to me direct.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

A FINE EXAMPLE FROM LANCASHIRE

Dear Sir,—With the object of encouraging members of those belfries who are at present appealing for funds to have their bells restored, I would like to quote our own experiences under these conditions.

We belong to the Parish Church of St. James, East Crompton, in the township of Shaw, near Oldham. In February, 1954, we decided that the time had come to have our six bells recast and rehung in a steel frame, and with this object in view we proceeded to work.

We shall always be grateful to all those good people who willingly gave to our funds, but we soon realised that we would have to explore other avenues in order to boost our funds. It was said many times that people who would like to identify themselves with our appeal just couldn't afford any large sum, therefore we instituted an 'Exchange and Mart.' All those who had any surplus items of furniture or 'white elephants' in their homes were invited to give them to us.

We collected, sold them and credited the donor with the amount received as a donation to our funds. A local tradesman put his wagon at our disposal every Friday evening and this night became our collecting night. The furniture we stored in the Church Institute and within a short time we found several parishioners waiting in the Institute on Friday evenings for our return with a loaded wagon—waiting to snap up the first bargains Most donors were not a bit worried how much we got for the sale of the furniture they gave, but one or two stipulated that they would like us to sell at ? figure. We were always careful to put this question to donors when they gave. The items we received were varied to say the least of it—wireless sets—old iron bedsteads (sold as scrap at 7s. 6d.)—wooden bedsteads—a pair of skis—hallstands—tables—American organs—pianos—gas fires—fire grates—carpets—all were grist to the mill. A local decorator gave us 60 rolls of wallpaper which were 'sticking.' We sold them within two nights at 1s. per roll.

Other good people joined our 'instalment' plan. They entered into an agreement to donate, say, £1 1s., and on being given a card paid the sum at the rate of 6d. or 1s. per week.

Whist drives and dances of course played their part, and we were fortunate to have the goodwill of the local press, who kept our efforts well in the news.

I wrote all over the world to old parishioners and it was amazing how many dollars came from America and Canada.

All the donors' names were entered in our 'Benefaction Book,' which was brought up-to-date every Saturday ready for placing in church every Sunday for all to see. All names were inscribed in old English text—a very laborious process, but looking very effective now.

Our work prompted an old parishioner, who is an official of the Lancashire Association, to give us two more trebles to make us up to eight.

The result of all this was that our new bells were rehung in July, 1955, being rededicated on July 24th, 1955.

Invitations were sent to all who had helped us, and Mr. A. Hughes attended from Mears and Stainbank.

So to all bellringers I say—go ahead and get your jackets off and get to work. You will be surprised how much goodwill you will foster—far more than just appealing and sitting back waiting for donations to come along. The operative word is WORK.—Yours faithfully.

Oldham, Lancs. GEOFFREY ABBOTT.

P.S.—The final account for the six bells, amounting to £1,300, was paid on August 2nd, 1955. The account re the two new trebles was discharged privately by the donor himself.

G. A.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Hazel N. Craven 2, Diana M. Gough 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, A. H. Craven (first quarter) 6. To welcome the New Year.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Nobes (first quarter) 1, Renee Sturgess 2, Doris A. Banks 3, S. Ann Parvin (first 'inside') 4, S. Kathleen M. Knight 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. H. Ayres, late verger at this church, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. H. Cook 2, J. Day (first of Minor) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, H. Aley 5, J. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest E. Lomas on his 81st birthday. His 82-year-old colleague, Mr. E. Littlewood, rang in touches of Grandsire after the quarter.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Coffey (first quarter) 1, D. Yates 2, D. Taylor 3, P. Watson (first 'inside') 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, N. Davis (first quarter) 6.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Holford (first quarter) 1, G. Case 2, Miss B. Holford (first 'inside') 3, P. Newland (cond.) 4, G. Green 5, C. Hodges 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss Ann Shelton and Sub-Lt. Rodney Griffiths. Also in honour of the recent marriage of Mr. C. Hodges (service ringer) to Mrs. Langley.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove 4, R. Buckland 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, D. Lamb 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove (cond.) 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison 6, R. Bridges 7, D. Lamb 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, R. Buckland (cond.) 6, D. Lamb 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, A. E. Bissat 2, W. H. Cholwill 3, J. W. Sangwin 4, R. G. Pearce 5, J. H. Bowden 6, C. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8. For the New Year.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 420 Grandsire): R. H. Clements 1, T. Gray 2, G. C. Weeks 3, J. R. C. Tiley 4, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. F. Knight 6. First quarter in four methods by all. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Clements 1, G. J. Sheppard 2, T. Gray 3, G. C. Weeks 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, P. W. Weeks (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Archbishop of York.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, C. Hague 2, G. Smith 3, G. Thackray 4, Gillian Popplewell 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Jean Lawn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Morse 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 3, H. Falkner 4, T. F. Stone 5, W. Oatway 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Down 1, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 2, C. Philpott 3, K. Small 4, E. J. Coode 5, G. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong carol service of the nine lessons; also half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett, Archbishop of York.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, on the 'Grandison Ten': C. C. Deem 1, W. A. Wills 2, A. T. Truman 3, F. Wreford 4, W. H. Howe 5, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 6, N. Mallett 7, G. Skinner 8, C. P. Yates 9, R. T. Perry and C. E. Densham 10. First on ten for 1, 6 and 10. For Plough Sunday, and a compliment to F. Wills on the birth of a daughter.

QUARTER PEALS

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. Drake 2, J. Waud 3, J. J. Taylor 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, W. A. Richardson (Pinchbeck) 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, E. Philpot 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): W. T. Stoker 1, E. D. Tune 2, G. W. Burt 3, W. H. Terry 4, G. F. Terry (cond.) 5, T. W. Tune 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Jupp 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, E. F. Packham 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, R. Langridge 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Parsons on the occasion of their silver wedding. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. E. Cruttenden 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, E. F. Packham 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Archbishop of York.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of April Day and Plain Bob, and 540 Grandsire): A. Rothwell (first in three Doubles methods) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, P. Cox 3, L. M. Clark (first in three methods) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, H. J. Taylor (first in three methods) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

LONDON, S.W.—On Dec. 24th, at Westminster Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Peck 1, W. S. Langdon 2, F. Shorter 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, H. Belcher 5, A. Adams 6, J. Phillips 7, C. Watts 8. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Langdon 1, H. Belcher 2, H. N. Pitstow 3, A. B. Peck 4, A. F. Udall 5, J. Crampion 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, C. Watts 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Hollingworth 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, F. Barraclough 4, G. Fearnehough 5, B. Walshaw 6, E. Jenkins 7, H. Reynolds 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, H. Longden 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York, whose funeral took place the same day.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary G. Hicks (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, E. Ford (first quarter) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. Sangwin 5, G. H. Vinnicombe 6. For the New Year.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. R. Boyce (first 'inside') 2, F. Strickland 3, R. P. Selway (cond.) 4, W. H. Poole 5, A. W. Dyer 6, W. G. Turk 7, D. M. Belben (first of Triples) 8.

MONTACUTE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. L. Taylor 1, G. Jeanes 2, A. Callow 3, V. J. Farthing 4, F. Locke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,440 Minor (being an extent of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob): B. Lake (first of Minor) 1, L. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, A. Harris 4, R. Head 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Minor (240 Cambridge, 120 Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 240 Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob): Miss V. Phillips 1, Miss J. Phillips 2, Miss J. Clements 3, E. R. Rapley 4, L. Stilwell 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. First in seven Minor methods by 1 and 2.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 5, J. Hales 6. Rung for the induction of the new Rector (the Rev. D. A. Isherwood).

STROUD, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Simpson 1, G. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, P. Riddiford 5, F. Ponting 6, R. Thain 7, R. Liddicot 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Dean.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, M. J. Bray 4, M. Hood 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, D. I. Cross 7, K. Shelley 8. Rung for the Christmas festival. The ringers are members of St. Michael's Church with the exception of Messrs. Bennett and Bray.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): A. Bridges 1, W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins 3, H. Follen 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to E. H. Mastin, of Downham Market.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. Rung for the 85th birthday of Mrs. K. Morris, of Lower Farm, Swyncombe, Oxon, mother of the tenor ringer.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Watson 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, E. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, G. Peck 5, T. Stagg 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung as a farewell to the old year.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foreman 1, R. Hayden 2, Miss B. Warboys 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, E. Miller (first quarter) 6. Rung for the 40th wedding aniversary of Mr. F. Warboys, tower master.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. J. King 1, Jacqueline S. Evans 2, R. E. Coles 3, A. T. Wingate 4, Rev. I. J. Richards 5, L. Evans 6, D. G. Clarke (cond.) 7, C. E. Slade 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Woodcock 2, P. J. Rye 3, F. W. Lawrence 4, T. A. Wickens 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6, J. F. Penfold 7, A. Rye 8. Rung as a farewell to 1955.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): Miss F. Robinson 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke 6. For Midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (480 Little Bob, 780 Plain Bob): Miss J. Evans 1, R. Bullivant 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, R. Bird 2, Mary Fuller 3, A. S. D. Graham (first extent of Surprise) 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. James (first quarter) 1, Miss B. R. Stafford 2, B. J. Stafford 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, C. C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, J. Walter 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. W. Holland 1, F. C. Case 2, K. D. Perkins 3, T. E. Roberts 4, W. A. Yates 5, I. J. Dickin 6, W. F. Eyden 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 3, 6 and 7.

WIDCOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire (half-muffled): Miss G. Miles 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, Miss K. Russell 3, C. Conway 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, R. Stubbs 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Grandsire Double: Miss B. Philpot 1, R. J. Carlton 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. Rung for 8 o'clock Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, Miss R. E. Gower 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, R. J. Lancefield 6. For Matins. Also 1,368 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. Carlton 1, C. T. Hillis 2, D. Staples 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WORMHILL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 29th, 2,160 Minor (720 each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): N. D. Lomas 1, Jean C. Brown 2, Mrs. G. Richardson 3, B. J. Woodruffe 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, G. A. Hughes 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Moorhouse (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Holm 2, Mrs. A. Jopp 3, A. Jopp 4, Wm. Holm (cond.) 5, R. Skarratt (first quarter) 6. Rung for Confirmation service and as a compliment to Miss S. McDougall, a regular ringer and one of the candidates.

OBITUARY

MR. CECIL C. MAYNE

We regret to announce the death, after a short illness, of Cecil Charles Mayne on January 7th, at the age of 63. He had been in hospital following an attack of coronary thrombosis, and death intervened when the prospects of his recovery had become a little brighter. We extend to his widow and son our deepest sympathy.

The funeral took place in the early morning of January 10th, the cremation at Golders Green Crematorium being preceded by a service at All Saints', Harrow Weald. Both services were conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. D. Deasey, assisted at the latter by the Rector of Edgware, Rev. J. Melville Scutt. The mourners included the widow and son and other relatives, Mr. Fred Goodfellow, and representatives of the Air Ministry.

During the service the Vicar of Harrow Weald gave an appreciation of Mr. Mayne's life and work, especially as far as they were connected with Harrow Weald. As the funeral procession left the chancel steps handbells were rung in rounds very slowly as a last tribute to a valued colleague and friend by A. D. Barker, T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner and C. W. Woolley. The tower bells were rung half-muffled both before and after the service.

Also among those present at the service were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thurlow, and Messrs. F. G. Baldwin, W. Wenban, A. Cutler, R. G. Bell, R. Ouston (representing Edgware), W. N. Genna and T. Shepherd.

It is known that the short notice and early hour of the funeral (both unavoidable) prevented many more ringing friends being present.

The wreaths included those from the ringers of All Saints', Harrow Weald, St. John's, Stanmore, and Edgware, and from the R.A.F. and the Air Ministry.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at All Saints' in the evening, and other half-muffled ringing took place at Pinner, Stanmore and Beaconsfield.

Born at Stewkley, North Bucks, on August 10th, 1892, Mr. Payne assisted his father at an early age in his father's business of a well sinker. When the 1914 war came, there was little scope at Stewkley, and Cecil and a brother moved to Beaconsfield and opened a cycle business there, and later established a motor business. He left Beaconsfield in 1929 for Bournemouth, but soon moved to Harrow. During his employment at Siemens and G.E.C. he travelled the country supervising the installation of traffic signals—an innovation at that time. Wartime work followed, taking Cecil to South Wales, Suffolk, and concluding with the post of station engineer at London Airport before and during the time the new aerodrome was handed over to the civil authorities by the R.A.F. In his final years he was similarly employed at other aerodromes by the Air Ministry. In July, 1929, at the country village of Fulmer, he married Miss Phyllis M. Moss, then of Uxbridge, and who was making a name for herself in the ringing fraternity. Four years later a son was born, who seems to be already as well known as his father.

Cecil learned to pull a bell at Stewkley when he was ten years old, later ringing at Wing when he was 12—no mean feat in those days when the bells were rung from the ground floor. Before he was 18 he had taught a band to ring rounds at Stewkley. His first peal was Stedman Triples, rung at Knebworth in July, 1910, conducted by R. E. Stavert.

At Beaconsfield he soon became attached to the band that used to meet at Burnham for practice in advanced methods, under the leadership of George Martin. While he was resident in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild he rang 150 peals, mostly locally.

In the middle 1920's, together with Arthur Barker and others, Cecil worked hard to revive the Branch, and became its first Ringing Master in 1927. It was during this period that the Beaconsfield Branch, to which he belonged, made great strides.

On his removal to Middlesex, he was attached to Pinner, where he was captain in the early 1930's. He and his family finally became members of All Saints', Harrow Weald, in 1946, and under their influence the band advanced rapidly, and it is now quite normal to ring Spliced Surprise Major on Sundays. Some indication of local progress is given by the ringing of 11 peals within the Borough of Harrow in 1955.

Cecil Mayne's final achievement was to make the bells in Edgware ringable after 25 years' silence, and to teach a young band that was self-sufficient in 12 months. It set the seal of a great instructor and Cecil was very proud of it, and rightly so.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Cecil Mayne will leave a gap in the Exercise difficult to fill, a gap that will be more noticeable as time goes on.

In a sincere and moving tribute during the funeral service at Harrow Weald, the Vicar described Cecil Mayne as a gentle, unassuming, kindly man, whose love for his family and his love for his ringing were the two main joys in his life.

Cecil left his mark on local ringing wherever he happened to be, and almost always left affairs a lot better than he found them. He was not an ambitious man in the personal sense; his thought was always for the tower he was in. If he wasn't taking part in the ringing one could be sure he was standing behind someone. In his eagerness to see the right course taken it was possible that he might have irritated some folk by the manner of his interventions from time to time both inside and outside the tower. But whatever the bone of contention, there was no doubt of Cecil's selfless interest and his anxiety to see that ringing should suffer no harm or its standards lowered. And on looking back, I ask of the critics, how often was he wrong?

Cecil Mayne was a practical man, always ready to suggest and carry out ideas for improvements in the tower. He also had the knack and ability of imparting his knowledge to beginners, so that with the right material the raw recruit was, almost overnight it seemed, transformed into a good striker and a safe ringer. In his soft, slow manner of speaking, he said enough to his pupil and no more. He was careful not to confuse the beginner's mind with too much knowledge. His methods embraced two principles which ought to be placed on record for the consideration of all instructors or would-be instructors.

He did not teach his pupil to handle a bell from the 'set' position. The pupil had to pull his bell up and maintain its swing with the bell at something over frame height, thus learning the virtues of keeping a tight rope. Then in rounds he had to keep a count of the beat as though he had a metronome. Finally, he commenced change-ringing with three-bell changes and dodging, combining the two to quickly find himself ringing Stedman Doubles. That beginners should start on Stedman may surprise some instructors, but Cecil had given much thought to the problem and the results he achieved seem to indicate pretty conclusively that he was right.

His last efforts are almost his memorial. At Edgware, two years ago, he first made the bells ringable after 25 years of neglect and silence, and saw that they played their part in the Coronation celebrations. With the active support of the Rector, he recruited the younger members of the church, and with the help of his wife and son and other local ringers, moulded them into a good self-sufficient Sunday service band. Within a year they were, unaided, ringing Cambridge Minor, a splendid achievement, probably unequalled.

In his own tower he was a power for good, and the band has gone from strength to strength until it can be said today that in no tower in the London area can the striking be bettered or the variety of methods excelled.

He spent many years in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had much to do with the Branch's revival after the 1914-18 war, calling the first peal of Bristol rung by Branch members. It was during this period that I first became associated with him. Often he packed eight ringers into his old Ford car, 'the Flivver,' and chugged off somewhere for a peal, stopping occasionally to see how the springs were standing up to it!

His many ringing friends, not only in Middlesex and Bucks, but in many other parts of the country, mourn their loss and extend their sympathy to the remaining members of the famous trio—Phyllis and John.

F. W. G.

HIS PEALS

Mr. Mayne rang 336 peals, of which he conducted 42. Of these, eight were rung 'in hand.' Details are appended:

Maximus: Kent Treble Bob, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1.

Cinques: Grandsire, 1; Stedman, 11.

Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 8; Cambridge Surprise, 2; Yorkshire Surprise, 1.

Caters: Grandsire, 1; Stedman, 6.

Major: Plain Bob, 6 (2); Double Norwich Court, 38 (5); Kent Treble Bob, 17 (4); Oxford Treble Bob, 2 (2); 2 Spliced Treble Bob, 1.

Surprise Major: Cambridge, 52 (9); Superlative, 37 (3); London, 23 (2); Bristol, 19 (6); Yorkshire, 10 (1); Lincolnshire, 3; one each of Pudsey, New Cambridge, Hughenden, Newcastle, Beaconsfield, Cranbourne, Queensbury, Pinner, Bedford, Lessness, Goudhurst, Wallasey, Tring, Barnet; 2 Spliced, 1; 4 Spliced, 14 (1); 9 Spliced, 1.

Triples: Grandsire, 6; Stedman, 30 (2).

Minor: Plain Bob, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 4 (3); London Surprise, 1; 4 methods, 2; 7 methods, 10 (1); 7 Treble Bob methods, 1; 7 Surprise methods, 3 (1).

Total tower bells: 328 (42).

Handbells: Plain Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 3; Plain Bob Minor, 1; 7 methods Minor, 1. Total: 8.

MR. ERNEST J. KING

Many ringers, particularly of the London County Association, will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Ernest J. King on January 8th, after a brief illness, at Horsham Hospital.

Mr. King, who was 68 years of age, did most of his ringing in London between the wars, and later at Cowfold, Sussex. He had taken part in 151 peals, from Doubles to Maximus, conducting 11, and included in these were 15 handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.

The funeral took place at Nuthurst, a little country village, on January 11th. Mr. F. Ford represented Cowfold ringers, and rounds were rung at the graveside by Messrs. E. R. Rapley and L. Stilwell.

Of a quiet and unassuming nature, much sympathy is felt for his widow and large family.

OBITUARY

MR. LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN

After failing health for some three years, the death of Leslie C. Wightman took place on January 4th.

The second son of the late Alfred S. Wightman, he was a born ringer, and rang his first peal with his brother George A., at Helmingham in 1912. During the years he had taken part in 560-odd peals, several of which he ably conducted.

A carpenter and wheelwright by trade, he was a skilled craftsman. In his early life he was a keen steel quoit player and was once Suffolk County champion. Of recent years he took to bowls; again his skilled hand was always to be relied upon. He served in the 1914-1918 campaign and had since been a member of the British Legion.

At the funeral on January 7th the service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Burness, Rector of Helmingham and Framsden. Besides the family mourners, the congregation included members of the British Legion with banners, bowls representatives and the Suffolk Quoits Association. The Suffolk Guild was represented by Charles E. Fisher (vice-president), Cecil W. Pipe (late secretary), W. E. Maulden, G. A. Fleming, D. M. Matthew, G. Bennett, A. E. Whiting, M. M. Pipe, P. M. Clarke, F. and W. Ruffles, W. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Button, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Brett. Owing to indisposition, Mr. C. W. Beecroft was unable to attend.

Over the open grave a steady course of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. A. Fleming, C. E. Fisher, W. E. Maulden and C. W. Pipe. Fully-muffled ringing took place before the service, after which a well-struck peal of Cambridge (Mr. Wightman's favourite method) was rung to the memory of a perfect ringer. L. G. B.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The winter quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on January 7th and was attended by over 30 members, representing 15 towers, including one from Coventry. The Minster bells were rung during the afternoon and Acomb's six after tea.

Mr. A. E. Sellers, vice-president, was in the chair for the business meeting, and upon his suggestion the meeting stood in memory of Dr. C. Garbett, the late Archbishop of York.

New members elected were: Messrs. R. Wreford (Selby), H. Goldthorpe, J. Perrett and J. Rank (Kirk Ella), L. Greenhorn (York) P. Hulton (Pocklington) and P. Windley (Scarborough). The next meeting will be held at either Cottingham or Hessle. The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection towards the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 17s.

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ENGAGEMENT

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Cuthbert's, Wells. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecots, Street. 7581

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Warwick (10), Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at 'The Ilex Café,' Smith Street, followed by business. Bells 6 to 8 p.m. 7630

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Bakewell (8), Saturday, Jan. 21st, District annual meeting, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., approx. Tea 5 p.m. All members make special effort to attend. Election of officers for 1956, 6 p.m. in belfry, etc.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cotleigh, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business after. 7548

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (6), 4 p.m., and in the evening; St. Mary's (8), in the evening. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea, All Saints' Hall (Ferrars Road), 5, followed by meeting.—H. S. Peacock. 7625

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7623

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Queen's Head, followed by business meeting. 7534

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 21st, at Revelstoke. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual district meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Holy Trinity (8), St. Mary's (6), 2.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 4.45 p.m. St. Nicolas' and Stoke-next-Guildford, 7 to 9 p.m.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins. 7608

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 7575

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7569

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, St. Albans. St. Michael's bells (8) if available 3 to 4.30, Cathedral bells (12) after tea. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7634

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea. 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7541

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7628

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All ladies welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7526

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Maryatte-Bow, Stratford East, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing 3–5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business, Church Hall, 6 p.m., and further ringing. Everyone welcome. Essentially for learners. A practice will be held on these bells Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 6.30–8 p.m. All learners welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 7636

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on Jan. 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and District annual meeting. Ringing at St. John's, Hillingdon, from 7 to 8.30.—J. D. Rock. 7607

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st. at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks. Bells at 3. Service at 4.—H. Badger, The 'Blue Man,' Thame, Oxon. 7637

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch —Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting.—Hayne, Sec. 7571

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Prittlewell. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to B. C. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. 7640

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. James', Clerkenwell (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield (5), if required, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Canteen 5.15, followed by business meeting in Vestry Hall. 7544

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 7579

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting at Redhill, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel. 7537

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. 7610

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st, Andover. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafes. Meeting to be held in Church Room at 5.45 Bells available after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 7574

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. 7550

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, Uphill. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 7641

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Castle Cary on Jan. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 7661

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George), Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. C. Bell, 22, Winifred Road, Heavilcy, Stockport, before Jan. 24th.—C. K. Lewis. 7663

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 25th. Eighth annual dinner, entertainment and dance, Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, February 11th, 5.30 p.m till midnight. Tickets 15s. each.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7667

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested. 7668

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Doncaster. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster, by Jan. 26th.—F. J. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 7664

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Stockton, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 25th to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough.—E. P. Rock. 7666

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Annual meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, Essex. 7625

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual district meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Herts, by Jan. 25th.—R. Shutter. 7633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7599

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Ealing, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited. 7645

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Please notify by Jan. 24th, Mr. F. Mellor, 27, Sapcote Road, Burbage. District annual dinner will be held at Sapcote, Feb. 18th: details later. 7649

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wakefield Cathedral (12) 4 p.m., Jan. 28th. Tea (own arrangements) may be obtained locally. Business meeting in belfry, 6 o'clock. Frequent bus service, Corn Exchange.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7646

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Talbot Restaurant, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to J. W. Haw, 12, Limetree Avenue, Peterborough. 7656

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th. to Mr. J. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 7580

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Ebbw Vale, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, by Jan. 23rd, to Miss Dellwyn Evans, 17, Belle View, Ebbw Vale.—Jacqueline Evans, Branch Sec. 7614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Jan. 28th, at Amersham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m Names by 23rd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 7671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Thatcham, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 25th, to Miss P. Gaunt, 38, Bath Road, Thatcham, near Newbury. 7650

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Jan. 28th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 7624

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. only. Service 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (10) available from 6.45 p.m. Annual reports (6d.) to be ordered at this meeting. Committee meet at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday previous, to G. F. Roome, 116, Denby Road, Northampton. 7658

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wimborne Minster on Jan. 28th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 25th.—J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 7653

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, on or before 26th. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7647

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Nominations for officers may be sent to I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. 7600

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's (12) 2.20 to 4.20 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 p.m. Tea at County Cafe 5 p.m. Business in St. Chad's Parish Room 6 p.m. St. Chad's bells available 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, please, to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Shrewsbury. 7576

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Beddington, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Grange Mansion (price 2s. 6d.) at 5. Names, by Thursday previous, please, to F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington. Business includes nominations for general officers. Ringing until 8 p.m. afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7585

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Hastings, Jan. 28th. Bells, All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells, St. Clement's, 6.30 p.m., if available. Names for tea by Jan. 25th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7658

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual ringing day and dinner, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Towers available: St. John's (6), 9 to 10; SS. Philip and Jacob's (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), 11.30 to 12.30; St. Stephen's (10), 2.15 to 3.15; St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12), 3.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's (6), 5 to 6. Service 6 p.m. Dinner, University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d.) now available from C. T. Blundell, 124, Richmond Road, Bristol, 6. All welcome. 7660

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Annual district meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Brodrick Hall. Names by 24th to H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 7545

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Rededication of the bells at Old Alresford (6), Jan. 28th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names, by Jan. 19th, please, to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Cottage. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 24th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 7648

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting, Chobham, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7638

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Feb. 4th. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3 to 4.30. Southwark Cathedral, 3 to 4.45. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. Practice 7.15, Monday, Feb. 6th.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 7662

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Preacher, Mr. H. J. Watts. B.Comm., F.C.I.I. Tea at the Waveney Tea Rooms, 5 p.m. Suffolk ringers cordially invited. Names for tea to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, by Jan. 31st, please. 7657

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The annual luncheon of this Society will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4th, in the Forum Restaurant, High Street, Oxford, at 1 p.m. for 1.15. Old members and others wishing to attend please contact Mr. D. H. Niblett, Pembroke College, Oxford. 7665

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, at St. Mary's, Peterborough (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. St. John's (8) bells available from 6.15 to 8.45 p.m. Names for tea most essential by Jan. 31st. — G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 7654

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), on Feb. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to Miss B. Forsey, 309, Alfreton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—C. W. Towers and H. Denman. 7644

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting to be held at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available, St. Maurice's (6), 2.30. Service 4.15 in St Lawrence's Church. Tea 5, in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by meeting. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 7651

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 68th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets, 15s. 6d.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 7659

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A NEW USE FOR HANDBELLS

TO most ringers in this country the use of handbells as a medium for the application of mental therapy would seem to be a novel idea — but in America, according to the latest issue of the journal 'Overtones,' it is claimed that positive results have been achieved.

The experiments were made at Westwood Lodge, a sanatorium for nervous and mental diseases such as psychoneurosis, mild depression, alcoholics, drug addicts and schizophrenia. It is for both men and women, and the age range is not limited. Although the majority of the patients are older, there are very often young people. Because of the great variation in the social, economic, educational and emotional backgrounds of the patients, it is often difficult to find a medium of self-expression (other than singing) which appeals to all and in which all can participate as a group.

Westwood Lodge is situated about 15 miles from Boston's Beacon Hill, where for many years people have gathered on Christmas Eve to hear the traditional ringing of English handbells. It was thought that bell-ringing might be a valuable and interesting musical activity in the weekly programme. A set of twelve handbells were purchased from England, and they arrived just eight weeks before the annual Christmas party. From then on a part of each music therapy class was set aside for the rehearsal of Christmas carols to be rung at the party.

The ringers were divided into two groups. For the regressed group, no harmony was attempted. The conductor pointed to the single bell which was to be rung to produce the melody in correct pitch and rhythm. For the more able group the carols were arranged on large charts where the letter names of the bells were printed in proper sequence. These arrangements were made for two and three part harmony, and again the conductor indicated the rhythmic and melodic sequence, this time by pointing to the letters on the charts. The patients were enthusiastic, for though it required no knowledge of music, and no special technique, the musical results were very satisfying. Both performers and audience were pleased with the bell-ringing on the night of the party, and at the next music therapy class all eagerly asked what were the plans for the next bell-ringing programme.

In analysing the positive therapeutic values resulting from the ringing, the following seemed to be most significant:—

(1) Since this was a group activity, it required the co-operation of each individual within the framework of a social as well as a musical situation. The ability of the patient to adjust himself to the demands of the group was felt to be a major accomplishment.

(2) Though the musical requirements were not taxing, the success of the project depended on the willingness of each individual to accept personal responsibility to do his part as one of the team. This willingness was again a major step forward for the patients.

(3) The feeling of self-satisfaction and accomplishment experienced at the conclusion of a successful programme may prove to be of definite therapeutic value.

(4) Handbell ringing was a new venture for all. Some were surprised that they were able to perform capably in a new field, and it was felt that, having succeeded in one new venture, the patients might have the confidence to try other new fields.

(5) Even with the regressed group strict concentration was essential. Obviously, whilst concentrating on the music they could not permit their minds to dwell on their own personal problems.

(6) Being accepted by others as an equal in a group tends to help them to regain faith in themselves, and in their ability to become integrated again into society.

An ambitious programme is being planned for spring rehearsals, including 'Finlandia,' Brahms' 'Lullaby,' 'Drink to me only,' etc. It is hoped to encourage those patients with some musical knowledge to help in arranging the scores.

We are sure all ringers on this side of the Atlantic will be interested in this new enterprise, and that they will wish every success to Florence R. Flanders in her efforts on behalf of those in her care, and also to Margaret Shurcliff for her great work in stimulating interest in bells and ringing in America. J. F. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
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VERNON FORSHAW	*Treble*	*†GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	6
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ALAN CAPSTICK	4	*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	9
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY	5	JAMES E. DICKINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
*† 25th peal together.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, late Archbishop of York.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
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RAYMOND F. SMITH	3	H. LESLIE PASK	8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues, Dec. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	5
*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Superlative.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 30½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	5
*DENISE J. SHAW	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFF	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Cyril F. Garbett, Lord Archbishop of York, who passed away this day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	FRED FISHER	5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL (16)	2	BARRY HOLLAND	6
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	7
IAN A. HOLLAND	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal.
Rung in thanksgiving in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York, who died this day. Also a tribute of respect to Ben. Knights, of Chesterfield, who died this week.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
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GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal of four spliced. First of spliced on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. F. Garbett. Rung by the Sunday service band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 1 Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung to welcome the Rev. N. K. Brownsell, M.A., to the Parish of Seale.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*GEOFFREY PONTON	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
*MARION J. PARKER	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	PETER NASH	7
*PETER R. SANDERS	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Garbett, who was for ten years Bishop of Winchester, and whose funeral took place this day.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*JOHN C. SLATER	*Treble*	GERALD BOWEN	5
†SUSAN JACKSON	2	‡DAVID BEACHAM	6
SYDNEY T. HOLT	3	‡REGINALD WOODYATT	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	WILLIAM SIDWELL	*Tenor*

Non-conducted.
* First peal. † First non-conducted peal. ‡ 300th peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

W. NORMAN PARK	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	2	ROLAND PARK	6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
BRIAN HARRIS	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside' and 25th peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE [illegible] GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes
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MURIEL M. PIPE	*Treble*	PETER W. MILLER	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	DANIEL G. PARKER	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	[illegible] RUFFLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by [illegible] BRETT
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Leslie C. Wightman

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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C. JOHN CASTELL	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
GILLIAN E. BROWN	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	WILLIAM KEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Lord Porchester and Miss Jean Wallop, which took place in America the same day.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*ARTHUR FOXALL	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. COX	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	WALTER AVERY	6
DOREEN COKER	3	JOHN D. KAPE	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	JOHN KING	5
DAVID W. JAMES	2	ARTHUR H. IDLE	6
LEONARD G. TOSELAND	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
RICHARD F. ROE	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 FROLESWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

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

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by S. BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The first peal in the method, which is Braunstone with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
LESLIE BUMPHREY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JANET BATES	*Treble*	†HENRY HOLLIS	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	‡NORMAN STATHAM	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	JOHN W. RAWSON	7
ALAN H. HOUGH	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Major.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, consisting of 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	*Treble*	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	5
*G. A. SMITH (Newnham)	2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	6
ANNE B. SPEED (Girton)	3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	7
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss G. A. Smith to Mr. P. K. Williamson, also a member of the Guild.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
*JOHN S. DEAN	2	STEWART H. BAILEY	6
JOHN HUGHES	3	†JOHN T. TILSTON	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal (age 13). † First peal of Major.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

REGINALD TUCKWELL	*Treble*	BERNARD COLLINS	5
FREDERICK SMITH	2	ARTHUR WHITE	6
JAMES GOODMAN	3	HARRY BADGER	7
FRANK GODDEN	4	ROBERT BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung on the eve of the first official visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for the consecration of the Chapel of St. Christopher.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*NORMAN SMITH	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

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WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*JOHN S. HARRISON	*Treble*	†ROBIN G. TURNER	5
*DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
JACK BAILEY	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
*ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	4	MAURICE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. F. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Mosedale, of Alvaston.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 960 changes London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each Superlative and Pudsey and 416 Lincoln, with 122 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	GIBSON JACKSON	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Rung as a welcome to Judith Jane, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*KEITH WILLIAMS	*Treble*	†SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	STELLA HUGHES	5
JOHN H. ALLEN	3	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT DELIGHT MINOR
Seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 112 and 112 reversed). Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*JILL MAYES	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	4
PHILIP MEHEW	2	MAURICE A. COLLINGS	5
ANGELA M. WILLES	3	†C. MICHAEL ORME	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal for the Association. First peal of Delight on the bells. The first complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 3D.12).
Rung for Christmas, and as a 69th birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard Fidler.

COLERIDGE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and five each of All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Martin's and St. Simon's. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.
First peal on the bells. First peal in eight Doubles methods for all and for the Guild.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

BETTY A. TESTER	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
The first peal on the bells since 1903.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. H. W. Gardiner, who was at one time Rector of East Budleigh.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRALL	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	4
ERIC HORNBY	2	JOHN SCOTT	5
CECIL RADDON	3	HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*RICHARD BUSBY	*Treble*	THOMAS HILL	4
†FREDERICK W. HODGSON	2	†LAWRENCE HODGSON	5
†PETER C. HOLLAND	3	THOMAS COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* 75th peal. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodgson.

LAMMAS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt.

H. G. SMITHERS	*Treble*	*MISS P. WILLIAMSON	3
W. R. CATCHPOLE	2	DOUGLAS RUST	4
WALTER C. MEDLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120 (15 different callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Mr. W. L. Exton has now 'circled the tower.'
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper on the second anniversary of their wedding.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

KENNETH MEDWAY .. .. *Treble*	MARJORIE LEGG 4
VICTOR G. ROBERTS 2	JOHN KINGSNORTH 5
JOHN SCHOFIELD 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

STANLEY H. ASHTON.. .. *Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY.. 4
ALFRED C. HARRIS 2	ROY HEAD 5
LEWIS RUNNACLES 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1955.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CECIL MATTHEWS .. .. *Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 4
EDWARD COX 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
Rung to commemorate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Baldock, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*MONICA E. COLLINS.. .. *Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	W. LESLIE WELLER.. .. 5
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	†ANN M. COX .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal.
A compliment to Gwyneth R. Kemp and Roland W. Morant, who were married this day at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Also as a 10th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. F. H. Parsons-Smith, verger at the above church.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

LESLIE ANDREWS .. .. *Treble*	ARTHUR J. WHITE 4
BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 2	WALTER LEE 5
ROY WOODRUFF 3	DENNIS HARDING .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. COLLINS.
The New Year was rung in with this peal.

WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 19 cwt., approx.

*ROBERT J. COURT .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL 4
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 2	†ERIC SUTTON 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 3	‡S. MARK COURT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells, recently augmented by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The 80th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Canon E. V. Rees) on his retirement.



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STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	Alan R. Syder	4
John Warner	2	Ernest W. Bright	5
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by Roland Park.

A tribute to the memory of the Most Reverend Cyril Forster Garbett, D.D. Archbishop of York, 1942–1955.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's, with all calls being singles. Tenor 11 cwt.

Mrs. Dora Evans	*Treble*	George W. Massey	4
S. Arthur Read	2	George J. Hawkins	5
Ernest E. Bray	3	Eric Naylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Decollation of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*David Hicks	*Treble*	Ralph E. W. Wenban	4
*John Dowdeswell	2	Mervyn Day	5
William A. Godwin	3	Gilbert W. Burge	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.

* First peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Falkner.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. Walpole	*Treble*	S. Copling	4
J. Forder	2	G. Walpole	5
E. Long	3	W. Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Walpole.

Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. A. Forder (father of the 2nd ringer). Also as a 30th wedding anniversary to the treble ringer.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Samuel H. Waterfield	*Treble*	Sidney Marshall	4
William M. Mann	2	George P. Adams	5
Charles E. G. Banham	3	*Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by George P. Adams.

* First peal in four methods.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise and two of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Geoffrey R. Parker	*Treble*	John F. Pearson	4
John R. Worsdall	2	William R. Parker	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Double Bob, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

Laurence H. W. Busby	*Treble*	*James Adams	4
Daphne Castell	2	Malcolm S. Cloke	5
Douglas O. Wilks	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*Rev. Fredk. A. Sanders	*Treble*	Robin L. Story	4
*Paul G. Holmes	2	†Jack Weaver	5
Bert Garrett	3	Peter R. Sanders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter R. Sanders.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

FOLKINGHAM. LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	Louis Willders	5
Amos Ingall	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

GORING. SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Donald A. Smith	*Treble*	Eric T. Lee	4
June M. Clements	2	George Francis	5
Barwell B. Dibben	3	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Francis.

* First six-bell peal.

KIRBY BELLARS. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob, three 240's Morris's Grandsire, ten six-scores Grandsire, in ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Alfred E. Hinman	3
Roland H. Cook	2	Geoffrey A. Bowcutt	4
J. Harry Cook	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. Harry Cook.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is People's Warden at St. Peter's Church, and Mrs. Wheeler is the organis

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ANTHONY H. STURGEON ..	*Treble*	GEORGE A. WALKER	4
DONALD PEACOCK	2	STANLEY SHIPP	5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	3	ARTHUR YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.
* First peal.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 7 cwt., approx.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FOSTER	4
JOHN F. W. READ	3	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	5
ANNE READ	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, who died 31st December, 1955.

HANDBELL PEALS

ARRINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE GREIGS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	1—2	*PETER BORDER	3—4
		†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5—6

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 100th peal in 1955. † 50th peal in 1955.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	PATRICK HARRIS	7—8

Arranged by I. J. ATTWATER Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Major 'in hand' away from 7-8.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	5—6
ALFRED BALLARD	3—4	*DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ..	7—8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	†JOHN R. SMITH	5—6
JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	*MRS. J. R. SMITH	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We feel certain that many of our readers enjoyed the television outside broadcast from Loughborough Bell Foundry on January 19th. Mr. Paul Taylor was very clear in his explanations and the Stedman Doubles rung on the ring of five for Fettes School made a pleasing conclusion to a delightful broadcast.

The peal of Minor rung at Branston, Lincs.—'R.W.' p. 22—will be included in the 1956 Analysis.

As the result of a recent visit of Mr. B. J. Luck to Petham, the local tower has decided to join the Kent County Association. We hope they will also take 'The Ringing World.'

Mossley Parish Church has had a record made of its bells. It was played back to members of the congregation inside the church recently.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: The last time the following towers appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' previous to recent weeks were:—Uxbridge, 1936; Crossthwaite, 1933; Doulting, 1935; Tregaer, 1938.

The band who rang the peal at West Hallam, Derbys, wish to congratulate the conductor, Mr. Jack Bailey, not merely on his efficient calling in the midst of competition from the church organ. Bobs were called amid strains of the Hallelujah Chorus, 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and other music.

An encouraging report has been received of the new band formed at St. Anne's, Bewdley, Worcs, who have Mr. R. C. Sayers, formerly of Claines, as Ringing Master. New ropes have been fitted and improvements made. Mr. T. F. W. Harris, of Chedworth, Park Lane, Bewdley, informs us that they would welcome visits from organised bands, if given notice to make the arrangements.

Mr. E. Alexander Young reminds the Exercise that Benjamin Annable died 200 years ago, viz., February 1st, 1756. 'Here and there, perhaps we might ring a touch of his in memoriam, half-muffled,' he suggests.

Congratulations to Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, who rang his 1,000th peal on January 18th at Gressenhall, Norfolk.

After 18 years of loyal service as secretary of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Association, Mr. H. Tooke, has resigned. His successor is Mr. Clifford Bird.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Horace Roberts, the veteran Pirton ringer, is in hospital. His friends hope that it will not be long before he is back again in the belfry.

Owing to the fog on January 5th, which delayed one member of the band, a memorial quarter peal to the Rt. Rev. P. S. Abraham, Bishop of Newfoundland and former Vicar of St. Edward's, Romford, had to be abandoned at this church. Touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were substituted.

Last week we had news of four first peals on the bells—at Weston-upon-Penyard, Herefordshire, Pelmersham, Bedfordshire, Lammas, Norfolk, and Wroughton, Wilts. At Blunham, Beds. it is the first peal since augmentation. Only one previous peal has been recorded here, on February 9th, 1937, in which Mr. C. E. Jeffries and Mr. C. H. Harding participated.

Broadwindsor, Dorset, bells are to be retuned and to be provided with new headstocks and fittings. The bells were rung for the last time on Sunday previous to dismantling and removal to Messrs. John Taylor & Co.'s foundry. Mr. H. S. Harden, Broadwindsor, Dorset, is secretary of the Appeals Committee, who have to raise £600 for the work. Contributions to help this small parish would be gratefully acknowledged.

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SALISBURY'S CAMPANILE THAT WAS DEMOLISHED

THE article by J. B. P. on Salisbury Cathedral and its bells that appeared in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th has aroused much interest, and different readers have contributed letters on the subject.

To Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, we are indebted for the drawing of the campanile and a selection of a number of articles written by various authors on the bells.

Of the original bells, St. Osmund gives most minute directions for ringing them and keeping them in repair. In 1331 a letter of remonstrance was addressed to the treasurer by the Chapter, saying that 'the bells in the belfry, with much art suspended, of great weight and price, and sweet-sounding to the ears, by the fault of your officers are suffered to decay, and rendered totally useless for ringing.'

In the Muniment Room there is an entry dated 1480 in the clerk of the works' accounts for repairs to the bells, and a document of 1680 of an agreement for the recasting of the 7th and 8th bells by Clement Tosier, of the city of New Sarum, and Elizabeth Flowry or Florey, widow of Richard Florey.

On October 10th, 1746, several of the bells being cracked, it was ordered that 'after the fifth day of November next no peals be rung on any occasion whatever, until the cracked bells can be recast, and the rest properly tuned.' This was never done.

Dodsworth, in his 'History of Salisbury Cathedral,' writes: 'The peal must have been a grand one, as the tenor was in the key of B flat and must have weighed at least 50 cwt. I may just say that the weights of the bells are given in the late Mr. Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church," but I imagine that they are not quite correct, since he gives the seventh at 30 cwt. and the tenor as 38 cwt. I think this must be a misprint for 58 cwt.'



The Campanile of Salisbury Cathedral, demolished October, 1789

READERS' LETTERS

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the article by J. B. P. on the above subject and I trust that some additional information might prove useful.

St. Osmund gave most minute directions for the ringing and upkeep of the bells. Notwithstanding this, in 1331 a letter of protest was addressed to the treasurer by the Chapter, saying that the bells in the belfry 'with much art suspended, of great weight and price, and sweet sounding to the ears, by the fault of your officers, are suffered to decay, and rendered useless for ringing.'

There seems to be no record of how many bells were originally brought to the tower or where they came from, but at the end of the 15th century five bells are mentioned, viz:—'Clock Bell,' 'Morning Bell,' 'St. Osmund's Bell,' 'Bell for the first Mass' and the 'Tolling Bell.' The Bishop's bell was inscibed in Lombardic lettering: '+ Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judeorum.'

In May, 1634, a sum of 13s. 4d. was paid when the visitation of Archbishop Laud took place, and in 1665 King Charles II. desiring to hear the bells the cost was 10s. 6d., but when another Archbishop's visitation took place in 1686 the amount paid was £2 16s. Possibly this ringing was done on the ring of eight, tenor about 38 cwt., of which only number six survives.

The events which led to the disposal of the bells and the destruction of the campanile seem to have started on October 10th, 1746, when, on account of several bells being cracked and the fittings out of order, it was ordered 'that they be no more rung after November 5th till the cracked ones be recast,' but this was never carried out. In 1762 a faculty was applied for to sell five cracked bells, but this was refused, and it was not until 1777 that sanction was granted to sell them. Robert Wells, the Aldbourne founder, gave 84s. per cwt. for them, the total weight being computed at 7 tons 14¼ cwt. In January, 1793, Robert Wells bought two more bells for £105, leaving the Purdue bell, dated 1661, for use in the present tower.

I very much doubt if the Cathedral possessed more than eight bells.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, J. P. B., will find Articles of Agreement between the Dean and Chapter and Clement Tosier and Elizabeth Florey, for the recasting of the seventh and tenor bells of the ring of eight in 1680, printed *in extenso* in Walters' 'Church Bells of Wiltshire,' together with a little additional information on the bells of the Cathedral.—Yours faithfully, FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

The ringers of the peal at Bilsborrow, Lancs, would like to place on record their sincere thanks to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Moss, for the way in which the visiting band were welcomed at Bilsborrow. A good peal of Plain Bob was rung, after which the ringers partook of refreshments provided by the Canon and Mrs. Moss. The tenor of this ring is a memorial to the two sons of Canon and Mrs. Moss, and was given by them in 1949.

A PLEA FOR A CARILLON

Sir,—In his most interesting and informative article on Salisbury Cathedral bells ('The Ringing World,' January 13th, 1956), J. B. P. conveys the impression that only one bell exists, but according to some notes collected by me from various sources there are five bells besides that by Purdue, details of which follow:—

Quarter bells.—Each inscribed 'J. Taylor and Co., Bellfounders, Loughborough, 1884.'

(1) 26½in. dia. 4 cwt. 2 qr. Note F sharp.
(2) 28½in. dia. 5 cwt. 2 qr. Note E.
(3) 31½in. dia. 7 cwt. Note D
(4) 39½in. dia. 12 cwt. 2 qr. Note A.

Clock given by 62nd Wiltshire Regiment, 1884, Col. J. R. Jerram formally striking the bells for the first time May 17th, 1884.

'Bishop's bell' hung over south transept and used whenever the Bishop attends service:—'C. & G. Mears, Founders, London, 1854.' 26in. diameter. 4 cwt.

If ever the funds were forthcoming good use could be made of Salisbury tower, even though too weak to carry a ringing peal, by housing a carillon of, say, 40 odd bells in the style of Utrecht, Malines, Delft, Antwerp or the Amsterdam churches therein. When one hears the fine instruments in the above mentioned towers it is tempting to wonder whether we, in this country, do not miss something, musically and æsthetically, by our adherence to the ringing peal, the sound of which, by and large, is quite unintelligible to the listening public upon whose tolerance the continuance of ringing depends.

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A further point in favour of a carillon at Salisbury is the fact that almost all bells exported are for carillon use and yet not one English cathedral possesses one. Lest I be accused of having 'carillonitis,' I would say by all means keep our ringing peals, but where a tower, particularly a fine one like Salisbury, is not suited to carry swinging bells, it seems a reasonable suggestion to install a carillon rather than have it silent or, worse still, containing 'canned' bells.—Yours faithfully,

Harborne, Birmingham. W. E. BOX.

P.S.—The approximate weights of the old Salisbury bells were as follows:—

(1) 7 cwt. 1 qr.
(2) 7 cwt. 3 qr.
(3) 11 cwt. 3 qr.
(4) 15 cwt.
(5) 20 cwt.
(6) 24 cwt. 2 qr. (surviving).
(7) 30 cwt.
(8) 38 cwt. B flat.

The Royal Commission report of 1553 mentions ten bells, of which 7 and 8 were recast in 1680 by the Purdues.—W. E. B.

MR. FRANK LUFKIN'S NEW BAND

Frank Lufkin has conducted many peals in illustrious company, but he must have obtained equal satisfaction from the peal he called at St. Mary's, Bocking, on New Year's Eve, with practically a local band, some of whom had been waiting nearly two years for the opportunity to ring Grandsire Triples. For five of the band it was their first peal in that method. Since Frank's arrival in Bocking his unbounded enthusiasm, kindly words of advice and his willingness to ring with his less talented brethren have been of immense value.

Boiling Water Stops Peal Attempt

An unusual experience befell the band who went to ring a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Whittlesey, on January 14th. After an hour-and-a-quarter of really good striking, a loud hissing noise came from one corner of the belfry where a water tank stood, and the exhaust pipe from the heating apparatus turned over the top of it.

It appears that the water reached boiling point and overflowed the tank and flooded the belfry with boiling water and steam which made it impossible to carry on with the peal, so the conductor said 'That's all' and 'Stand' at the half way mark.

The conductor's coat and jacket hung on a peg beside the tank and got soaked through so that he could not wear it to go home in, and two other ringers were splashed about the legs.

Ringers in this half peal of Plain Bob Major were: W. Smith 1, J. Haw 2, C. Wade 3, P. D. Baldock 4, H. Goakes 5, R. Russell 6, A. Scott 7, J. H. Bluff (conductor) 8.

QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR

58, 1458, 58, 38, 14, 58, 16, 58.
2nds place at lead end, 4ths place Bob.
(Correction to July 29th, 1955.)

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex Division

There was an attendance of 36 ringers, 19 being ladies, at the annual meeting of the Sussex Division held at St. John-the-Baptist, Southover, on January 14th. This is one of the three 10-bell towers in Sussex, and gave some members of the Guild their first experience on 10 bells. The only all-lady effort of note was some well-struck rounds on 10 bells.

At the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Matthews), Miss Kathleen M. Yeo, the hon. secretary, read the lesson. After tea Mr. Matthews was thanked for conducting the service, and also Mr. Hide for making arrangements.

When the gentlemen had returned to the belfry the business meeting was held. Seven new members were elected and the following were appointed officers of the Division for 1956:— Mrs. Percy, vice-president; Miss K. M. Yeo, hon. secretary; Mrs. Levett and Mrs. R. Reynolds, committee. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Uckfield on April 14th.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1955

In an endeavour to make this annual review more comprehensive, we propose to publish a list of those who rang 25 or more peals during 1955.

Details required: Number of peals rung (in brackets conducted) for both tower- and handbells.

Bow Bells Again

Last Tuesday the Lord Mayor of London launched an appeal for £150,000 for the rebuilding of St. Mary-le-Bow and the recasting of the ring of 12 bells, which has been described as 'the most famous peal in Christendom.'

The church was destroyed by fire on May 10th, 1941, and the metal since then has been stored at the Whitechapel foundry.

The new ring of 12 will be recast entirely out of the old metal and will be about two tons lighter. The Bow Bells, known to millions, weighed 11 tons, The new tenor will be 42 cwt. against 53 cwt.

Bow bells, first mentioned in 1496, were destroyed in the Great Fire, 1666. The tenor bell for Wren's new church, cast three years later, lasted until 1941. Bow Bells were augmented to ten in 1762 and 12 in 1881. The bells were reconditioned in 1933.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes New Master of St. Martin's Guild

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel on January 7th, with the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, in the chair.

Since the last meeting the Guild had suffered the loss, at the age of 82, of one of its life members, Albert H. Ward, of Derby, who had been a frequent visitor to Birmingham and who had rung several peals for the Guild on all numbers of bells. The members stood in silence in respect to their departed colleague.

The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Miss Gillian A. Smith (Oxford), and Messrs. George W. Hughes (Walsall), Ian Oram (London), John H. Fielden (Halifax), Cyril J. Watts (London), Sydney Foskett and Roger A. Lennard (Bedford).

The balance sheet, which showed a decreased balance by £51 on the year's working, was considered satisfactory, in view of the abnormal expenditure. The chief items of expense were for peal writing (£51) and the Master's silver badge (£26 5s.). The secretary explained that the present peal-booking fee was sufficient to cover the cost of recording, and that the present high expenditure was to cover the cost of inserting the large number of peals rung prior to the inception of the peal-booking fee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All the vice-presidents of the Guild were re-elected with the addition of Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, who was a keen change ringer and who regularly attended the weekly practice at Tanworth-in-Arden.

To the regret of everyone, Mr. Albert Walker announced his intention of relinquishing the office of Master. Mr. Walker said that he had served the Guild for fifty years, and whilst he was thankful to have been spared to perform his duties for so long, he felt that the time had come for him to make way for a younger man. He would still be amongst them, and his willing support would be just as freely given as in the past. Mr. Walker proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that Mr. Frank E. Haynes, M.A., be elected as his successor, and Mr. Walker thereupon vacated the chair in Mr. Haynes' favour.

In acknowledging his election, Mr. Haynes said that it was an honour that he did not expect quite so soon, and he knew that if Mr. Walker had decided to continue in office everyone would be very pleased. Mr. Walker's mind was made up, however, and Mr. Haynes thanked him for all that he had done for the Guild during the past fifty years—thirty years of which period he had held office of various kinds. Mr. Walker's prowess in the realm of Stedman Cinques was known throughout the country, and had brought honour to the Guild. Mr. Haynes thanked the members for electing him, and said that he would do all in his power to uphold the dignity and further the interests of the Guild at all times.

The other officers of the Guild were re-elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Mr. Ernest T. Allaway; auditors, Messrs. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

It was unanimously decided to invite Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner, which will be held on February 25th.

The next meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church on April 7th.

The revised rules, which had been redrafted by a small committee, were discussed in detail. For the most part, the old rules had merely been modernised; the only alteration to evoke lengthy discussion was the one which sought to increase the annual subscription to 5s. It was finally decided to make the subscription 3s. 6d. —an increase of 1s. per annum.

The Master welcomed Mr. John S. Mason and congratulated him upon his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. His Birmingham colleagues were very pleased to see him, and wished him a happy and successful year in office.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES

The London County Association started 1956 by ringing in the New Year at a number of towers within its area. This was followed by a practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on January 2nd. Arranged regularly on the first Monday evening in each month, the popularity of this practice is increasing and visitors to London are always welcome, as indeed they are to all L.C.A. functions.

On January 7th the quarterly meeting was held at the churches of St. George and St. Giles, Camberwell. Ringing commenced on the eight bells of St. George's and continued until the service, conducted by the Rev. D. A. Vile, a vice-patron of the Association. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the organ was played by the local Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. L. Blewer.

In the nearby Church Hall local ringers' wives provided an excellent tea, which was followed by the business meeting. The current inflationary spiral of costs was reflected in the business which was transacted, to the effect that membership subscriptions were increased from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. All ringers joining the Association are life members and each is issued, without any additional charge, with a well-illustrated rule book and certificate of membership.

Nominations for officers were taken and the election of these will take place at the annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral on February 4th. The bells of the Cathedral, the Festival Church (St. John's, Waterloo Road) and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, will be available on that day.

The evening ringing was on the fine ten at St. Giles', Camberwell. Here the ninth clapper had just been repaired and fitted prior to the meeting, but, alas, during the last touch of the evening a loud bump was heard overhead and this time the eighth bell swung silently. Investigation showed that it was not a broken shaft but merely that the pivot pin had worked out. More work for Mr. Woolley, the local captain, to whom, with the Rector, the Association was indebted for allowing the use of the bells.

PAUL, PENZANCE.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Llewellyn 1, Marlene Ladner (first 'inside') 2, D. Trickett 3, Rev. D. H. P. Davey 4, R. Curtiss (cond.) 5, J. H. Ladner 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST PEALS ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—The reference in 'Belfry Gossip' to the achievement of Mr. Joseph Thornley in ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques without having rung this method previously recalls what I have always felt to be a unique performance by Mr. John G. Nash. Previous to his first peal of Stedman Cinques, at Southwark Cathedral in June, 1931, he had not struck a blow on 12 bells (in fact, he had only once seen 12 ropes hanging in a tower).

It is perhaps interesting to note that two ringers at least have rung Maximus for their first peal. One, Mr. Albert Smithson, took part in Little Bob Maximus at Sheffield Cathedral somewhere about 1928, and Mr. J. A. Hales rang Kent Maximus at Southwark last year. I do not know any other instances of this, although at least two more ringers, Messrs. John Freeman and the late T. W. Taffender, rang Stedman Cinques for their firsts. Mr. Freeman also called his peal; also, I think, a unique achievement.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

FAST PEALS ON HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir,—During recent weeks there have appeared in 'The Ringing World' two peals which seem to call for comment. The first was Bob Major at Chewton Mendip, in 2 hours and 50 minutes, on December 17th, and the second was Kent Treble Bob Minor, at Doulting, in 2 hours and 57 minutes, on December 24th.

The tenor weight at Chewton was given as 24¼ cwt., and Doulting's as 24 cwt. In my opinion the published times are ridiculous and practically impossible to achieve on these weights. Was anything inadvertently omitted at Chewton Mendip? And I suggest the tenor at Doulting is nearer 14 cwt., and not 24 cwt.—Yours faithfully,

W. WILLIAMS.

London.

A PREVIOUS NAME

Dear Sir,—I find on going through my records that the method rung in the handbell peal at Doncaster on November 3rd and named 'Normanton' was rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on November 26th, 1932, in the first Alliance and Little Minor peal, and was named 'Hever.'

Nine methods by the late Mr. A. G. Driver were published in 'The Ringing World,' August 11th, 1933, and the method 'Hever' is numbered 69. 'Kilndown,' No. 66, was also rung in the peal at Lamberhurst. The compositions of the peal composed by him were printed in the Kent report for 1934.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

IRRESPONSIBILITY TO 'THE WRITING ON THE WALL'

Dear Sir,—I hope I know our responsibilities to the public, and had written them. I cannot help Mr. Whitaker to understand them. Words such as 'provided that we observe the ordinary decencies of conduct and custom, and try to give of our best, even on practice night,' could not by any stretch of imagination be called an irresponsible attitude—only by a very prejudiced person.

In fact, if I have read Mr. Whitaker's letter more carefully than he read mine, that is exactly what he says, if he does not mean.

I always try to write constructively and with a moral; however, I leave it to our readers.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, YORK

Dear Sir,—Referring to the article in 'The Ringing World' dated May 20th, 1955, under this heading, many readers may now be interested to learn the work of converting this old church into the headquarters of the York Institute of Architectural Study is rapidly approaching completion.

The ancient ring of six bells which had hung in the church for 300 years has now been restored and hung for ringing by Messrs. John Taylor to the requirements of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and consultant, in all matters concerning bells, to the Institute. I have no doubt Mr. Sharpe's report on these bells will form a most interesting item at the next Council meeting.

At one time there was some doubt as to whether the six bells would be restored as a ring of six, for it was found the late Archbishop of York had given three of them back to the York parish, whose property they were prior to 1653. Financial considerations had prevented their removal from the old church but legally they were no longer the property of St. John's. A happy solution was found when it was agreed the three bells remain at St. John's on permanent loan to the Institute.

The restored bells were tried out by the York Minster Society on the day after the installation was completed. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung before the bells were lowered in peal—the first changes to be rung on the bells, several of which are over 500 years old.

So much importance is now attached to the work of the Institute that the Ministry of Works has made a grant of £1,000 to the restoration fund and the Minister himself is to formally open the restored building on Friday, March 16th.

Subscriptions to the restoration fund are still needed and should be sent to the Secretary, St. Anthony's Hall, York.—Yours sincerely,

York. HAROLD WALKER.

A GLOSSARY WANTED

Dear Sir,—During a recent discussion in a local belfry it was suggested that a welcome item in 'The Ringing World' would be a short course of instruction on the terminology used in the naming of methods. I am quite prepared to admit that I do not know exactly what constitutes a 'Delight' method or why a 'Principle' is a 'Principle'; I could probably ask some of my more knowledgeable ringing friends, but it would be useful to have the information in a more concrete form, which could be kept for future needs, such as an article, or even a short glossary. I feel less ashamed of these admissions when I consider that though six of us were capable of ringing Surprise, none of us knew what the definition of a 'Delight' method is. I understand that some information of this kind was published in 'The Ringing World' many years ago. Could it perhaps be resurrected?—Yours sincerely, DAPHNE R. CASTELL.

Oxford.

YOUNG RINGERS AND BRANCH MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joseph Burgess expresses similar views to Mr. Walter Trueman, who, at a recent annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Swindon Branch, held at Swindon, appealed to young ringers to support the Branch meetings and so improve their striking with more experienced ringers, instead of roaming the countryside ringing Churchyard Bob at this tower and that, making lots of doubtful claims.—Yours faithfully,

T. A. PALMER.

Marlborough, Wilts

THE 29 COURSE BLOCK

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the 5,152 Wembley Surprise Major, published on page 16 of your issue dated January 6th, is reduction of what might be termed the 29 course block (6,496 changes), which is true for ALL methods which have the false course heads 24365, 32546, 46253, 65432 and 53624 and seconds place at the lead end. The incidence of falseness does not affect this statement, neither does the fact that only one, or three of the five false course heads occur in the method concerned, although this often facilitates composition.

I do not know who first produced the block, but the Rev. H. Law James used it to produce first, 29 courses of Cambridge Royal and then the 29 courses (record) Cambridge Maximus. I know Mr. Lindoff was well aware of, and used, the composition as the basis of many peals.

I give the figures at the foot for methods in which the calls occur M.W.H. and also for those in which they come W.M.H. — Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

6,496 for methods (seconds place) with F.C.H. 24365, 32546, 46253, 65432 and 53624.

(a) 23456	M	W	H		(b) 23456	W	M	H	
52436		—			63254		2		
34625	—	—			45362	2	2		
26543	—	—			26543	2	2		
45362	—	—			34625	2	2		
35264	—	3	3		42635	2	3	3	
56342	2	2	3	(A)	64523	—	—	3	(A)
64523	2	2	3		56342	—	—	3	
42635	2	2	3		35264	—	—	3	
23456	2	2	3		23456	—	—	3	

Shortened by omitting 3 sets of 3 bobs H. Or by calling the following courses followed by 3A.

(a) 23456	M	W	H	(b) 23456	W	M	H
52436		—		63254		2	
34625	—	—		45362	2	2	
26543	—	—		26543	2	2	
56342	—	3	3	64523	2	3	3

RUNCORN LOSES A FINE SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—Ernie Hughes, who sailed for Australia on January 20th, is what has been described as the backbone of the Exercise — a regular Sunday service ringer. Not a prolific peal ringer—he only rang seven peals—he could be found in the belfry for every service and practice.

It was as secretary of the tower that his work was most appreciated. During a bazaar held in 1952 for the restoration of the church, the ringers borrowed a sum of approximately £200 and in a year had paid it back and given the Vicar a sum of £400.

At about the same time Ernie was one of the founders of a 'Tower Fund.' This was to be used for the purchase of new bellropes, ringing mats, decorating of the ringing room and any improvements deemed necessary. The fund now has a balance in the bank of £140.—Yours sincerely,

WALTER ALLMAN.

Runcorn.

HOBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Shelton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. M. Manton 2, J. Burnham (first 'inside') 3, H. Stonehouse (first quarter) 4, R. E. Manton (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Keith Shelton, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

PEAL RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

FOR the purpose of this series of articles I propose to divide Yorkshire into two parts because there are so many towers and peals to talk about. Only Somerset has a greater number of 'conquered' towers, but the county could be taken as a whole because the numbers of peals rung at these towers have not been great (only four had passed the 50 mark). In Yorkshire there are both a large number of towers and peals, added to which the divisions of the county into 'Ridings' makes it easy to divide the county. There is, too, an obvious dividing line, for the most towers and the most peals come from the West Riding, so that will be the subject of the second article, and the East and North Ridings the subject of this one

In the East and North Ridings of Yorkshire we have one 12-bell tower—York Minster. This is very easily 'dealt with,' for there has only been one peal rung there in the last 75 years—in 1892. It was of Grandsire Caters. I have come across some four or five peals there in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mr. Ernest Morris in his book 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' gives the history of the Minster bells and mentions that there have been two 12's and a 10 there in the space of 200 years Although the present ring was installed in 1844, no peal has yet been rung on the 12. Wouldn't some 12-bell ringers like the chance!!

The tower in these parts of the county with the most peals is Middlesbrough (8), which has just passed the 100 mark, with 101 peals. There were 57 rung before 1914, starting in 1888 (a footnote to one on May 26th, 1908, says it was the 51st on the bells—I make it the 50th. but perhaps there was one before my period commences), then came 41 from 1919 to 1936, but there have only been three since the war (two in 1947 and one in 1950).

Second comes Hull, Holy Trinity (10). Again, we find the greatest activity before 1914, for 74 of the 90 peals were rung then. There were 11 from 1919 to 1929 and an odd peal in 1938. Since the war there have been four more. Ormesby (8) didn't have its first peal until 1908, but then came 35 peals in the next seven years, so it did very well. From 1920 to 1937 came 27 (a smaller yearly average), and there have only been five since 1947—a further diminution. Total—67.

Another 10-bell tower comes fourth, Whitby with 56. The first peal was not rung until 1909, and once again the yearly average before 1914 was the best in its history, for 27 peals were rung up to 1915. There were 16 before the wars, but activity has increased somewhat since then for there have been 13 since 1948. These are the only four towers which have passed the 50 mark.

We have only three more towers which have passed the 25 mark, and these only just. Hull, St. James' (8), has 27 peals, 25 of them from 1883 to 1893, and only two this century, in 1904 and 1909, so there has been a long silence here! Scarborough's (8) 26 have come, a peal every few years, on the average, since 1896 There have been five since 1947. A 6-bell tower, Hemingbrough, has the 25 peals. Most of these (11) have come in the last 10 years. There were four from 1909 to 1915 and 10 between the wars. Escrick (8) has 22. As a 6-bell tower two peals were rung in 1918. Twelve were rung after augmentation from 1926 to 1939, and the past 10 years have seen eight more. Eighteen of Thornaby's (8) 21 peals were rung before 1914, commencing in 1899. The other three were rung in 1925 and 1947 (two).

Beverley Minster (10) is the only other tower which has reached 20. Eleven were rung from 1882 to 1908, five from 1921 to 1938 and four from 1947 to 1953. The last of the four 10-bell towers in these two Ridings is also at Beverley—St. Mary's Church. Fifteen peals have been rung there—three before 1914, seven before the wars and five since 1945. Other 8-bell towers which have reached double figures are Howden and Richmond (16); Bridlington, Fylingdales (or Robin Hood's Bay), Middleham, Patrington and Saltburn (15); Hedon and Shelton (13); Thirsk (11) and Northallerton (10). The longest silence of any tower where a peal had been rung was at the war-destroyed Church of St. Martin, York, where the only peal was in 1888. Baldersby appears to be the only unconquered 8-bell tower.

A few words about the sixes and fives. Apart from Hemingbrough, only two have reached double figures. They are Eastrington (6) with 12 peals, eight since the war and four from 1923 to 1930, and Sutton (Hull) with 11 —three from 1907 to 1912, four from 1921 to 1938, and four from 1951 to 1953. The next highest are six peals at Guisborough and Hutton Cranswick, with five at Kirk Ella and Market Weighton. Thirteen of the 38 6-bell towers have still to have a peal. They are Driffield; Hull, St. Mary's; Middleton-on-the-Wolds; Appleton-le-Moors; Askrigg; Aysgarth; Brafferton; Burneston; Cotherstone; Hovingham; Kirkby-on-the-Moor; West Tanfield and Whitwell-on-the-Hill.

Of the 80 or so towers under review, only three have five bells (fives seem to be much more infrequent in the north than in the south of the country). Two of these have had a single peal—Roos (in 1935) and Wykeham (in 1913). The remaining one is Rise. So much for the East and North Ridings of Yorkshire. We shall see that peals are much more frequent in the West Riding, and there are, of course, many more rings of bells. Peals include all published to December 9th, 1955.

(To be continued)

A CATHERINGTON WEDDING

The wedding was solemnised by the Rev. B. P. Sheppard at the Church of All Saints, Catherington, Portsmouth, on December 31st, between Miss K. M. Harding and Mr. F. J. Tribe.

The bride was only a recent convert to the noble art of campanology, but with a natural aptitude she had progressed very rapidly. The light musical six were set going merrily before and after the happy event by Messrs. H. Dobson, F. Bessant and C. Wring, of Catherington, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner and Mrs. J. H. Hall, of Hambledon, and Mr. J. H. Harding, of Bath. The bride's father also managed a pull before escorting his daughter to the altar.

The honeymoon being spent on a sea voyage to Malta where the bridegroom is in the service of the Admiralty.

A quarter peal at Catherington unfortunately came to grief two minutes from the end, but was successful at Hambledon at a later date.

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RUNCORN RINGER SAILS FOR AUSTRALIA

On January 6th a farewell dinner, organised by the Parish Church bellringers, was held at the Wilson's Hotel, Runcorn, when goodbyes were said to Mr. Ernest Hughes and his wife, who sailed for Australia on the 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are joining their daughter, Jean, who married an Australian and is now residing in Melbourne.

A member of the Parish Church belfry for the past 30 years, Mr. Hughes has been in the band longer than any other member, and for many years was the secretary. He hopes to continue ringing at the Cathedral in Melbourne.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. Davidson, said that he had experienced the feeling one gets when leaving England behind, but he knew they would be compensated by being with their daughter, son-in-law and the granddaughter they had not yet seen.

Mr. Robert Hulse spoke of how much the band would miss Ernie, especially his comrades who were privileged enough to join him in that highly-skilled game of 'Fives and Threes.' The work Ernie had done could never be fully appreciated, especially that of his wife and himself in the running of the bazaar in 1952. Mr. Hulse, on behalf of the bellringers, presented them with a 365-day clock.

A rather novel idea of a permanent reminder to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes of their connection with Runcorn Parish Church was the presentation to them, by Mr. Walter Allman, of a tape recording, introduced by the Vicar, of the bells and part of the service on Christmas morning. Also recorded were the songs 'Good luck, good health, God bless you' and 'Auld Lang Syne' sung by those people present at the dinner. The recording was made possible by the kind efforts of Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Hughes said that he would try to obtain a similar recording of the bells at Melbourne, thus forming a link between the old world and the new.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Lawson, aided and abetted by several members of the audience, the rendering of 'I Wonder' by Mr. Bill Allman (tenor) being much appreciated. Mr. J. Ridcock played the accompaniments.

STOKE D'ABERNON BELLS

Through the generosity of Mr. N. C. Champness, St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon (Surrey) bells have been rehung and augmented to a ring of six. The dedication service by the new Bishop of London will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Mr. Harold N. Pitstow has arranged for a team to ring following the dedication and for half-an-hour after the service.

The tower will then be open to experienced visiting ringers, who are asked to make themselves known to Mr. Champness, who will be standing at the door leading to the ringing chamber. This is a very light ring, and it is hoped that visitors will exercise care to avoid damage to stays.

The B.B.C. intend to record the dedication for Radio Newsreel, and TV also appear to be interested in recording the event

Requests to ring on the bells should be addressed to Mr. N. C. Champness, Lantern Cottage, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott. Some 15 applications from local aspirants have been received, but until a band is trained St. Mary's will be dependent on other teams.

STANTON LACY, SALOP.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bradley 1, J. J. P. Ellams 2, W. Mapp 3, D. Ferguson 4, A. E. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Tolley 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On January 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marion Macfarlane 1, T. K. Price 2, D. G. Thorne 3, H. Collings 4, K. W. Price (cond.) 5, Yvonne West 6.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Jackson (first quarter) 1, W. Jackson 2, F. James 3, K. Foot 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5, Mrs. H. Kent (first quarter) 6, H. Kent 7, G. Balls 8. Rung to mark 30 years' ministry at Alvechurch of the Rural Dean (Canon G. J. Hodgins).

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): J. Hayns 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, Brenda Payne 3, J. T. Symonds 4, P. Jackson 5, D. G. Astridge (longest touch as cond.) 6, H. H. Hayns 7, E. A. Lewis 8. First quarter of Minor by all, by a local band for at least 50 years and probably first by a resident Sunday band. First of Plain Bob by all except 4. Rung for Evensong.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 31st, 720 Single Oxford and 720 Plain Bob: Miss J. Hind (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Armstong (cond.) 2, A. Smithson 3, F. Bradley 4, W. Riley 5, A. Wheeler 6. Rung before midnight.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Waspe (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss C. Pedder 3, J. N. Parkin (first quarter) 4, E. H. Simpson 5, H. B. Schofield 6, F. Rayment 7, D. R. Marshall (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss B. Tester 1, G. Fry (first in method) 2, W. Durham 3, C. A. Tester 4, A. Bromley 5, R. E. Lambert 6, E. Bromley 7, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and as an 88th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert, of Horsmonden. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Barden 1, Miss L. Grenham (first quarter, aged 12) 2, Miss B Tester 3, R. E. Lambert 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock (first quarter) 6. For the Christmas carol service.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Gerrish 1, H. Green 2, T. E. Hidding 3, W. T. Petty 4, Malgwyn H. Williams (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. North 1, C. W. T. Riddleston (first in method) 2, A. W. Bond 3, A. W. Gravett 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, R. Beale 6, J. V. Lonsbrough 7, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CARDIFF.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, J. Davies 2, A. J. Pitman 3, L. Hulbert 4, T. Yeomans 5, W. Dare 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Rung as a tribute to William Heath, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Jones 1, Jacqueline Evans 2, C. Savage 3, C. Blundell 4, J. E. Morgan 5, C. E. Slade 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. G. Bryant 8. Rung as a farewell to C. E. Slade and C. Blundell.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Lloyd 1, L. Trevor 2, Miss D. J. Clarke 3, Miss M. E. L. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Draycott 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8, J. F. Clarke 9, J. E. S. Moreton 10.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hoverd 1, E. Townsend 2, I. Harris (cond.) 3, G. Pitaway 4, B. Lewis 5, B. Clarke 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester to baptise the son of the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, Rector of the parish.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Beaumont (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Miss P. Shepherd (first 'inside') 3, A. E. Hoodless 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, L. Henson 6.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Deem 1, F. Wreford 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, W. Sparkes 4, J. Quick 5, C. Parker 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all except conductor.

DAWLEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Barnett 1, S. Rushton 2, M. Bowyer (first quarter) 3, S. R. Douglas 4, H. Douglas (cond.) 5, T. Brown 6. For the Christmas festival.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. G. Brett (cond.) 1, M. M. Pipe 2, F. Ruffles 3, R. G. Parker 4, C. W. Beecroft 5, W. W. Miller 6, W. Ruffles 7, W. J. Button 8.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hinchliffe 1, Miss C. Linfoot (first quarter) 2, P. Birkett 3, A. Rogers 4, D. Smith 5, F. Linfoot (cond.) 6. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

QUARTER PEALS

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marion March 1, A. J. Sanger 2, R. G. Crago 3, D. Lee 4, D. M. C. Hill 5, R. March 6, J. Badman 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, F. Field 10. Rung for Matins and as a farewell to R. March, who joined the R.A.F. on January 16th.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. L. Lant (first of Surprise) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Kettle 1, L. J. Honess 2, H. Usbourne 3, G. Fry 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, W. Funnel 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Kettle 1, L. Newman 2, H. Usbourne 3, L. J. Honess 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, G Fry 6. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on the gift of a son.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Miss J. Wilcockson 3, D. Taylor 4, H. G. Hart 5, E. W. Thurlow 6 W. Wenban (cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. C. Mayne.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, G. J. Young 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. L. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Brown (first of Minor) 1, Pam Collis (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Eunice Hiley (first of Minor 'inside') 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 6. Started at 11 p.m. and rung half-muffled.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lomas 1, W. Seldon 2, G. E. Retter (cond.) 3, Mrs. M Pearce 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, J. Salway 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Valerie Salway, daughter of the 7th ringer, on her 21st birthday.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Woodward (first quarter) 1, D. Joyce 2, C. Williams 3, J. Royal 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Webb 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 April Day, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): P. N. O. Robinson 1, K. Knight 2, P. C. Hollingdale 3, Miss S. M. Wickens 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Thorley 1, Sheila M. Schofield 2, Dorothy Hogg 3, Mrs. F. Seager 4, F. Seager 5, A. Cole 6, J. Hogg 7, I. Slack (cond.) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Toms 1, L. G. Lee 2, W. R. Morris 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, J. Toms 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First of Doubles for 2 and 3. Rung on the front six. A farewell to W. R. Morris.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, E. G. Orland (cond.) 3, R. E. Holland (first 'inside') 4, M. F. Amos 5. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Voller.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Chantler 1, T. Warner 2, Pamela J. Butcher 3, C. Saunders 4, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 5, M. E. Downs 6. Half-muffled to ring the old year out.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss R. E. Sanders (first of Triples) 1, H. J. Balaam 2, J. Weaver 3, C. Osler 4, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 5, Rev. F. A. Sanders (first quarter) 6, B. Garrett 7, A. Taylor 8.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Braybrook 1, Miss E. Appleby 2, F. Erith 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, Mrs. I. Phipps (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal on the bells since restoration by J. Taylor and Co.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 300 Grandsire Doubles): W. R. Wixey 1, C. Wixey 2, P. T. Hurcombe (first as cond. in two methods) 3, F. E. Tranter 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6. Rung for morning service, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Austin Wixey.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Bob, 660 Grandsire): T. D. Roughley 1, J. Ashcroft 2, C. Metcalfe 3, F. Saunders 4, J. R. Austin 5, E. Roughley (cond.) 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. J. C. Northan 3, Mrs. E. Merrett 4, J. Merrett 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, H. F. Perry tenor. For Midnight Eucharist.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 1st, at All Saints' Church, Pitsmoor, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hall 1, G. Candelot 2, D. Holland 3, H. D. Holland 4, R. Hall 5, I. M. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. J. Devereux 1, Miss P. Oakeshott 2, Miss E. Oakeshott (first 'inside') 3, R. Ward 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, P. J. Lawton 6. Rung as a farewell to Mrs. Oakeshott and family, who are leaving the parish.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Doubles (120 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, 840 Plain Bob): A. Sansom (11 years, first of Doubles) 1, F. E. Crosier (17) 2, D. W. James (16, cond.) 3, R. C. Coles (15) 4, B. Hendry (16) 5. First quarter in six methods by all and for the Kettering Grammar School Society.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 15th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, T. Welbourne 3, J. Chapman 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, J. W. Rea 6, R. Story 7, J. A. Simmons (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders, who was 82 the previous Thursday.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Chick 1, B. H. Davies 2, W. G. Smith 3, S. V. Edwards 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1955.

TISLEY, GLOS.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Bullock 5, A. Chamberlain 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Brooks 2, J. G. Newman 3, R. J. Scott 4, D. Broyd 5, J. W. Sinfield 6, D. Knox (cond.) 7, W. Sear (first quarter) 8.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, 360 of Plain Bob and 420 of Grandsire): Yvonne West 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, T. K. Price 3, K. W. Price 4, H. Collings (cond.) 5, M. V. White 6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. K. Price 1, Marion Macfarlane (cond.) 2, Yvonne West (first 'inside') 3, H. Collings 4, K. W. Price 5, M. V. White 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, M. R. Hawkins 2, Miss M. Hawkins 3, F. A. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, J. M. Stephens 6, P. J. Rye (cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung for Evensong, also to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hawkins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, E. E. Holman 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. J. Chapman (first of Stedman Triples) 6, C. E. Willmington (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WALTON (STREET), SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob and 180 of Grandsire): G. Jeanes 1, P Cox (first in four methods) 2, A. Callow 3, F. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Bell 1, D. Laud 2, W. G. Paul (cond.) 3, J. Axtell 4, E. Durrant 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,272 Minor (one extent of Double Oxford and 552 Plain Bob): Wm. A. Hughes 1, A. S. Richards 2, Mary Fuller 3, A. S. D. Graham 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First extent of Double Oxford for A. S. D. Graham.

OBITUARY

MR. FIELDING CROSSLEY

Mr. Fielding Crossley, a member of the Northowram, Halifax, team, died suddenly at his home in Bradford on January 4th at the age of 53.

As a boy he was in the choir of St Matthew's Church and, as a youth, he learned to ring there.

Prior to leaving the village to join the police force (he attained the rank of sergeant with the Bradford City Force), he rang three peals, all of Kent Treble Bob Major.

On his retirement from the police force early in 1955 he took up ringing again with great enthusiasm, and travelled from Bradford regularly for service ringing and for practice. He started to learn methods which he had never practised as a youth, and could be relied upon to take a rope at every opportunity.

Great was his joy on November 26th last, when a peal of Bob Major, to which he rang the seventh, came home. His first peal for 33 years.

The funeral service took place at Bradford on January 7th, and on January 13th a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, in the Ilkeston variation, was rung at Northowram by members of the local team and friends from Halifax and Lightcliffe: A. E. Hancock, F. Jagger, F. Popplewell, J. Greenwood, C. F. Sutcliffe, W. G. Turner, R. Mann, J. Pearson (conductor). W. G. T.

MR. LESLIE WIGHTMAN
AN APPRECIATION

It was with extreme regret that I read in 'The Ringing World' of the death of my old friend, Leslie Wightman.

With his passing Suffolk has lost another of her great ringers. Quiet and unassuming, Les was a fine ringer and striker. Some twenty or thirty years ago we rang quite a number of peals together, many of which I called. Whenever he was in any peal that I was calling I could always rely on him, not only to ring his bell and the method perfectly, but also to assist in his quiet manner to help in correcting any error.

When he lived with his parents at the Bell Inn, Cretingham, I spent many happy hours there. During these holidays we rang many peals on the bells in that district. One of these was a peal of London at Helmingham, which was the first in the method by all the band with the exception of myself. The following day we met at Debenham for a peal and Bill Rumsey asked how far we had got with our attempt for London. When I told him we had rung a good peal he did not believe me and would not be convinced until Les confirmed it. Afterwards the Helmingham band rang many peals in this method.

Another peal worthy of mention that I rang with him was one of Bristol at Framsden. We were late in starting and nobody remembered to light the lamp, so we finished the peal almost in darkness. We could just see our shirt sleeves going up and down and the ringing was almost perfect. This was also my wife's first peal of Bristol.

During the past year several other Suffolk friends of mine have passed on. These include Norman Bailey, Frank Fisher, Fred Tillett and Alfred Watson, all of whom did much in their day to improve ringing and good fellowship wherever they were.

May they rest in peace.

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Chardstock, Devon.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Sykes 3, J. R. Waller 4, D. Elwick 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

MR. BENJAMIN KNIGHTS

Dear Sir,—The obituary notice of the late Benjamin Knights, written by my old friend, Ernest Morris, carries my thoughts back 50 years. Although I rang my first peal in November, 1892, it was not till 1906, when I became a curate in Derbyshire, that I met the Knights, father and son.

From 1906 onwards I took part in nine peals with the Knights. Of these Arthur conducted three and Ben six. They included 6,656 Kent Treble Bob Major at North Wingfield on November 10th, 1906, in 4 hours and 12 minutes; three of Oxford Treble Bob Major and one of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 25 minutes, under the crooked spire of Chesterfield.

To cycle for miles along the steep and lonely roads of Derbyshire was well worth while if Arthur or Ben or both were taking part in the peal.

'Eheu fugaces, Posthume, Posthume
Labunter anni and are lost to me, lost to me.'

Yours truly,
R. P. FARROW (REV.)

East Lulworth Vicarage,
Dorset.

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WORRALL—LE LAY.—The engagement is announced between Jack Roberts, younger son of the late Mr. J. H. Worrall and Mrs. A. Worrall, of St. Mellons, Cardiff, and Cécile Marie, only daughter of the late Mr. C. Le Lay and Mme C. Le Lay, of Pont-l'Abbé, Finistère, France. 7686

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch — New secretary: Clifford Bird, 27, Warwick Street, Norwich. Telephone: Norwich 24850. 7682

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Easter tour from April 2nd to 5th, 1956 (inclusive ringing days), with centre in Stoke-on-Trent. Members wishing to attend are asked to write, as soon as possible, to E. H. Edge, 6, Count Lane, Wolstanton, Newcastle, Staffs. 7710

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George), Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 7663

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested. 7668

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breadsall, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. Horton, Sec. 7699

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Annual meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, Essex. 7625

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. St. George's bells (8) after meeting.—W. F. Scudamore, branch secretary. 7700

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting. St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Jan. 28th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own arrangements). N.B.—All branch meetings during 1956 will be held on fourth Saturday in each month, except A.G.M. in December.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 7689

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual district meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Herts.—R. Shutter. 7693

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Ealing, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited. 7645

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30, Parish Church. Meeting and tea Fearon Hall, 5.15. Afterwards at Bell Foundry.—C. W. Hall. 7710

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Jan. 28th, at Amersham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 7697

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Thatcham, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. 7695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip (6), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names to C. H. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7696

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Hastings, Jan. 28th. Bells, All Saints', 2.30 p.m.; St. Clement's, 6 p.m. 7688

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Annual district meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Brodrick Hall. 7545

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Cottage. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 7648

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden (6) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., if possible. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. P. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden.—Miss Phyllis Gray, Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 7703

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting following Evensong at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 25th, please. — Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 7684

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting and social at Harbury, Feb. 4th. Bells available: Bishop's Itchington, 3 to 4 p.m.; Harbury, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Harbury bells again after tea followed by social at 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, before Feb. 1st.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON. — Service of rededication of the bells on Feb. 4th at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, Jan. 31st, to E. Nobles, The Haven, 2, Stanfield Road, Duston, Northampton. Tel.: Duston 378. 7698

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's Church, Fenham, Newcastle, on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 2nd, to K. Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle, 4. 7707

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Histon, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 7.30 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Westbury-on-Trym (6), Feb. 4th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5 p.m. Notify by Feb. 2nd. —A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 7713

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting, Chobham, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7638

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bridgnorth District. —Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, Bridgnorth. St. Leonard's bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Hereford District.—Joint annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 4th. Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6) available 3–5 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30. Service, Cathedral, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 7714

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, at Aberavon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Sylvia Cockwell, 2, St. Mary Street, Port Talbot, Glam.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 7685

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe, Feb. 4th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7674

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, St. James' Padstock, Wigan (8), 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd, please, to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard, Branch Sec. 7673

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Feb. 4th. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3 to 4.30. Southwark Cathedral, 3 to 4.45. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. Practice 7.15, Monday, Feb. 6th.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 7662

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Madeley (6), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to the undersigned before Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—E. H. Edge, 6, Court Lane, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs. 7701

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Preacher, Mr. H. J. Watts. B.Comm., F.C.I.I. Tea at the Waveney Tea Rooms, 5 p.m. Suffolk ringers cordially invited. Names for tea to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, by Jan. 31st, please. 7657

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 7692

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wokingham, on Feb. 4th. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5. Ringing, St. Paul's, 3 p.m. and after meeting; All Saints', 6.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Jan. 30th.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 7678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 7695

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Lilbourne, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7694

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, at St. Mary's, Peterborough (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. St. John's (8) bells available from 6.15 to 8.45 p.m. Names for tea most essential by Jan. 31st. — G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 7654

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea available; bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 7708

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), on Feb. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to Miss B. Forsey, 309, Alfreton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—C. W. Towers and H. Denman. 7644

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Crawley, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, Newport and Carisbrooke. Bells 2.30. Service, St. Thomas's, 4.30. Tea, Mission Hall, 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 7689

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting to be held at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available, St. Maurice's (6), 2.30. Service 4.15 in St Lawrence's Church. Tea 5, in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by meeting. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 7651

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, and usual business. Numbers for tea to reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by previous Thursday.—A. H. Smith. 7681

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Ludlow, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting at Bromfield and Stanton Lacy. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford. 7702

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual district meeting at Watford (10), Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, by Feb. 8th, please.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7690

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at East Malling. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send numbers for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7693

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Syston on Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Red Cross Hall Chapel Street, followed by meeting. Names for tea to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, near Leicester, by Feb. 8th. General committee meet in tea room at 3.30.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7691

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Bonvilston, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. — R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 7680

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Nancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting, Oakham (8), on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, near Oakham, Rutland. 7697

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Elveden (8), Feb. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 7709

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 7696

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 68th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets, 15s. 6d.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 7659

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GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 5th, at St. Wulfram's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Cox (first on six bells) 1, P. Holmes 2, B. Hunt 3, Mrs. I Ketteringham 4, D. A. Frith 5, W. R. Read (cond.)

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ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN THE BELFRY

A Frolic In Wonderland

'If they're all called Sally,' asked Alice, 'how shall I know which is what?' It was her first visit to a belfry, and she wanted to learn all she could before the ringing began.

'By ropesight, my dear,' said the Red Queen; kindly, as nothing had happened to upset her for seven and a half minutes.

'What is ropesight, please, Your Majesty?' asked Alice.

'Ropesight,' returned the Red Queen, 'is the art of seeing what is which.'

'That's what I need to know,' said Alice. 'Will you teach me?'

'You'll soon learn that,' put in the White Rabbit, flicking his ears and doing a little hop, skip and jump to signify how easy it all is. 'On the way up, you follow the one who followed you.'

'Up where?' asked Alice, looking nervously towards where the ropes disappeared through holes in the ceiling; nervously, because she knew that bells are dangerous and unaccountable things.

'Up behind, of course, Child,' snapped the Red Queen.

'But behind what, if you please, Your Majesty?' faltered Alice, thoroughly bewildered.

'Behind all the other bells, idiot,' said the Red Queen, 'except, of course, the tenor. Never get behind him; unless, you know, he's turned in, and then you must get behind him, too.'

Alice was still wondering at what time the tenor went to bed when the Red Queen went on. 'On the way down, you naturally follow the one that's going to follow you.'

'However shall I know which one that is?' she enquired.

'That,' said the Red Queen, 'is a question on which the greatest intellects have spent themselves in vain. Lives have been lost in single combat by the protagonists of rival theories. The Lion and Unicorn were not really fighting for the crown,' she added, 'they quarrelled about how to know whom to follow. But don't worry, Child, just hunt down until you come to lead.'

'But I shan't know when I get there,' objected Alice.

'Oh, yes, you will,' put in the Dormouse, rousing himself suddenly and taking hold of a rope. 'When we all shout "Two bells to lead" you'll know it's two bells to lead—but one at a time, of course. It's all a matter of hunting really?'

'Do you ever catch anything?' asked Alice.

'Oh, dear, no!' said Humpty Dumpty. 'We have to consider the feelings of the March Hare. Naturally, though, we have to course him, and he courses us, too.'

'What a very odd hunt!' thought Alice.

At this moment, the Mad Hatter, who had been scribbling hard for some time, put on an important look and his hat, and said, 'As Alice hasn't rung before, I've made a little song which tells her all she really needs to know. Shall I sing it?' he asked, with a sort of mock shyness.

'Please, do,' they all called out, Alice the loudest, for she felt in her bones that she would soon need all the help she could gather.

The Mad Hatter stepped forward, doffed his hat, made a deep bow towards the Red Queen, a slight one towards Alice, and sang

A Touch in Three Parts.

On hand and back, and back and hand,
We make the learners learn to stand.
On back and hand, and hand and back,
They dare not give their stays a crack.

If Wrong is wrong, and Right is right,
The bells set up a horrid fight.
If Wrong is right, and Right is wrong,
The bells ring out a merry song.

In snap and dodge, and dodge and snap,
There's never time to take a nap.
In dodge —

'That's the trouble with the Dormouse,' broke in the Walrus, very rudely, Alice thought. 'That's why he'll never make a really good ringer. He keeps dozing off—look at him now, nodding in the corner.'

Before anyone had time to look anywhere the Red Queen shouted, 'Now you know it all, Alice. We shall ring Cinques.'

'Why are they called Cinques?' asked Alice, who was an earnest child, and still hoped to learn something about this astonishing new world.

'Because they're rung on eleven bells, of course.' snapped the Red Queen. 'Good gracious me! how stupid this child is!'

'But I thought cinque meant five,' objected Alice, who had begun to learn French, and was getting on nicely.

The Red Queen stamped her foot, an action which set her crown awry, and made it dangle over her right ear.

'It doesn't matter a bit what you thought,' she said. 'In a belfry Cinques mean eleven, so just remember that for a start. Here's Father William; he'll conduct, and we shall begin now.'

'Does he use a baton?' asked Alice, wondering how he managed that as well as Sally. 'Dear me, no, Child; he just shouts. That's why calling is called calling,' she added.

'Choose your weapons, good people,' cried out Father William. 'O for the wings of a dove!' he moaned, as he re-erected himself after adjusting his mat to his liking. 'Remember to course the Bell Before, Alice.'

Before what? Alice wanted to ask, but at that moment she found everyone glaring at her.

'Shout "Look to,"' called out Humpty Dumpty, who was a kindly creature and wanted to help.

'But they're looking already,' Alice complained. 'They're all looking at me.'

'Say "Treble's going! She's gone!" then,' shouted the Red Queen.

'Gone where?' asked poor Alice, looking anxiously around her.

'Gone off her balance,' explained the White Rabbit.

'I'm sorry she's afflicted in that way,' said Alice sympathetically, adding to herself, 'I wonder if that's because of having bats in the belfry.'

She still seemed no nearer beginning to ring, and the Red Queen was becoming more impatient than ever, tossing her head until the crown on it bounced up and down.

'Pull me,' whispered Alice's Sally kindly, 'and you'll be surprised.'

Alice did as she was bid, and WAS surprised: but she had no time to meditate on this new discovery, for in a moment all the other Sallies were flying up and down in a mad dance.

'Strike the bell that struck you, Alice,' called out the Carpenter, who was standing on a large box and working very hard. Alice was at a loss to understand what he meant, as she had not felt any blows, nor had she seen any bell; but she thanked him politely.

'What happens if we let our Sally go altogether?' Alice whispered to the Cheshire Cat, who was ringing the second. 'Their stays break,' he whispered back with a more than usually genial grin, 'because they burst their sides with laughing.'

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'Which one is Bob?' asked Alice after they had been ringing for some time.

'He's the one who keeps mixing things up so that we can go on,' answered the Cheshire Cat. 'When he doesn't do it, Single does. If they didn't, you know, the bells would come round.'

'If they aren't round,' objected Alice, 'what shape are they? and why don't you want them round? They are always that shape on Christmas cards,' she added.

Before the Cheshire Cat could reply, nearly everyone began shouting, but Father William out-shouted them all. 'Six-seven up, six-seven down,' was all Alice could hear, and she didn't understand at all.

'It's the White Knight and the Black Knight missing their dodges again,' explained the Cheshire Cat, when the hubbub had died down a little. 'I don't know why they do it. You'd think dodging would come natural to them, with all the practice they get,' he added gloomily. 'They can't do a plain hunt, you know. Their union won't let them.'

'This is all,' said Father William. 'Stand!'

We've been standing all the time, thought Alice; but she was too bewildered to ask any more questions, so she went on ringing instead.

B. M. W. D.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	STEWART F. KIMBER	7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	9
JAMES PHILLIPS	4	PETER BORDER	10
ALBERT J. ADAMS	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
*ERNEST W. RAZZELL	6	CYRIL G. WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*BARBARA M. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	†KEITH G. JONES	6
DONALD G. CLARKE	2	A. RYAN PRICE	7
†GLYN F. JENKINS	3	THOMAS YEOMANS	8
‡W. GWYNNE JONES	4	ROBERT E. COLES	9
‡JEAN POWELL	5	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.
A farewell to Christopher E. Slade on his return to Harrow.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Tpr. E. WILCOX, R.H.G.	*Treble*	BRYAN LISTER	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	6
GEOFFREY LISTER	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
*JANET ADAMSON	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of York.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.

CECIL E. CARR	*Treble*	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	JOHN A. SMITH	6
*GERALD JOHNSON	3	C. ROGER HAYWARD	7
*WILLIAM JOHNSON	4	CURZON CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ROGER HAYWARD.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples as conductor.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

LAURA M. BEENEY	*Treble*	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	5
MRS. B. PERCY	2	†GEORGE BEENEY	6
*KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	RONALD W. PANKHURST	7
FRANK H. BEENEY	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal on eight 'inside.' † 50th peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
*WILLIAM CLOVER	2	*HENRY TOOKE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First touch in the method.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Clover, of Wymondham. Also a compliment to Mr. Sydney Flint, of Maghull, Lancs, on the 60th anniversary of his first peal falling two days later.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 9, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

*DAVID J. SMITH	*Treble*	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	5
*ERNEST J. HILL	2	*GILBERT WRIGHT	6
HARRY P. FLOYD	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
*LESLIE T. OLIFFE	4	*CECIL BUSTIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOLT (adapted). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. The 100th peal on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the completion by Mr. L. T. Oliffe on this day of 25 years as foreman of the tower.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*PAMELA M. OVER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	†JOHN M. JELLEY	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	HORACE O. OVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal. † 100th peal.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
†IVOR JENKINS	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
†DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD	4	SYDNEY SAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor. Dennis Mottershead's first peal in an odd bell method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WALTER SHAW	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. STONE	5
DAVID GEBBETT	2	JACK BAILEY	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	BENJAMIN BARKER	7
JOHN S. HARRISON	4	SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SYDNEY J. MERRY.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to mark the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar of Duffield, the Rev. G. W. Hatch.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*Cecil Raddon	*Treble*	John E. Bibby	5
Reginald W. Worrall	2	William E. Allman	6
Eric Hornby	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Henry Parker	4	Walter Allman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter Allman.
Rung for the birthday of C. Raddon, and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hughes, on their leaving for Australia.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14. 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Mrs. G. Richardson	*Treble*	Brian Woodruffe	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Rev. G. Gordon Graham	6
William A. Smith	3	George H. Paulson	7
Denis S. Gregory	4	Alex. Richardson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Alex. Richardson.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

Cecil W. Pipe	*Treble*	William J. Button	5
Diana M. Mathew	2	Ernest V. Blake	6
Leslie G. Brett	3	George E. Symonds	7
George A. Fleming	4	John F. Tillett	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Symonds.
In memoriam Frederick J. Tillett, Leslie C. Wightman and Cecil C. Mayne.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

Elsie K. Hart	*Treble*	Richard F. B. Speed	5
Peter D. Beedie	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Alick Cutler	3	John R. Mayne	7
H. George Hart	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by C. C. Mayne. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung in memory of Cecil C. Mayne.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Gwen I. Rusby	2	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	George H. Randles	7
Stanley E. Bennett	4	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Philip, Hulme,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*David Manning	*Treble*	Molly May	5
†Albert M. Cooper	2	Derek Ogden	6
†Peter Watson	3	Trevor Taylor	7
Derek Taylor	4	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.
Rung in respect for Mr. James Carter, who passed away on Thursday, January 12th, 1956.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*Harold F. White	*Treble*	*Thomas Price	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Arthur Pritchard	6
Richard J. Warrilow	3	Ewart H. Edge	7
*F. Hector Bennett	4	Frederick W. Grocott	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Frederick W. Grocott.
* First peal in the method.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
T. B. Worsley's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Joseph Thornley	*Treble*	Arthur Cowan	5
James Cunliffe	2	Peter Crook, sen.	6
*Geoffrey Fothergill	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
Albert Greenhalgh	4	Sydney Leatherbarrow	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sydney Leatherbarrow.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. James Orme, wife of a former ringer and organist at this church, who was interred here this day.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DACORUM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

Edwin J. Upton	*Treble*	William C. Hughes	5
William J. Puddifoot	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	6
Augustin V. Good	3	Derek E. Latchford	7
Pamela A. Martin	4	Walter Ayre	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Walter Ayre.
The first peal in the method, which is No. 236 in the Central Council Collection of Plain Major Methods.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14. 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

William F. Ward	*Treble*	Philip J. Coward	5
Frank V. Gant	2	John H. Crampion	6
Lionel S. Woods	3	Chas. E. Willmington	7
Alfred J. House	4	Ernest J. Blower	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Crampion.

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SHERBORNE, DORSET.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	*FREDK. W. BURNETT ..	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	PETER N. BOND..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* 300th peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sun., Jan. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN CHARNOCK	5
ARTHUR RIGBY	2	FRANK STEAD	6
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ..	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	7
JAMES BLACKBURN	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
Rung to welcome the new incumbent, the Rev. R. Brown, B.A.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

JAMES R. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD ..	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	6
*BRYAN PATTISON	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
MALCOLM G. HOOTON ..	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* 50th peal. First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.
This is the first peal of Yorkshire rung on these bells. Composition presumably rung for the first time.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Newbury Branch.)
On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*MAURICE J. DODD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
PATRICIA A. GAUNT ..	2	C. JOHN CASTELL	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
FRANK TUFFLEY	4	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIPWAY. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band. Claimed as first peal in the method for the Guild.
Rung on the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 GRESSENHALL DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	7
JOHN S. BARNES..	4	BERT GOGLE..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method. The conductor's 1,000th peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH LOVETT	*Treble*	FRANK ROWSELL	5
KEITH G. JONES..	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	6
HAROLD CASSEL	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	ROYSTON T. ESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
Rung as a farewell to David Thomas, of this tower, leaving with H.M. Forces for Germany.

WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Jan. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ..	*Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS.. ..	2	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT..	6
NORMAN MALLETT	3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ..	7
FREDERICK WREFORD ..	4	BRIAN PIDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
This is the first peal of Surprise Major for the Guild to be rung entirely by members resident in the county.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

BRIAN BUSWELL	*Treble*	*JAMES H. PAILING	5
*MRS. M. I. PAILING ..	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ..	6
MRS. A. SIMPSON	3	ALLAN SIMPSON	7
*PETER M. GILES	4	GEORGE R. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Irregular Five-part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	†REGINALD V. JOHNSON ..	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	†GEORGE JENNINGS	6
*ANN MILES	3	†WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	7
LENA SKEET	4	†IVAN C. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*RUTH A. CAREY	*Treble*	†ADRIAN J. TUMBER ..	5
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	†R. ROGER SAVORY	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	PETER NASH	7
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	‡J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild. The first peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5120 HAMPTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING.. ..	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ..	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 246).

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BERRY..	*Treble*	FRANK GODDEN	5
FRANK ABSOLOM	2	ALFRED GREENOUGH	6
FREDK. S. SMITH	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
ERNEST GARRARD	4	WILLIAM FULKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. M. Gilby and Miss Ann Valavanis, married at this church prior to the peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
JANE THORPE	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*IVOR G. JOWES	*Treble*	AUBREY J. PROBERT	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	THOMAS J. GUNDY	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
* First peal.

QUINTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	*Treble*	*FRANCIS POWELL	4
*J. ROGER NIBLETT	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Minor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 720 each of Killamarsh, Kent, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, and Oxford. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOAN SMITH	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
ARNOLD HILL	3	FREDERICK FLINT	*Tenor*

Non-conducted.
First non-conducted peal by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. G. P. Habgood, M.A.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Wragby and Charlwood, (2) St. Albans and Neasden, (3) College Exercise and Ockley, (4) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk, (5) London Scholars and Capel, (6) Kingston and Sandal, (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN	*Treble*	NOEL F. MOXON	4
HERMAN RUSBY	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN W. RAWSON	4
ROLAND BENISTON	2	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal in four Minor methods. † 150th peal.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of these bells from five to six.



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BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	STEPHEN IVIN	4
PHYLLIS M. GRAY	2	MALCOLM G. HOOTON	5
ANN FUNDREY	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*REV. J. H. RANSOM	*Treble*	JOHN H. GOULD	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford, one of Double Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

LUTHER J. HONESS	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	4
*ERNEST J. LADD	2	*KEVIN S. HOHL	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* 25th peal together. First peal in four methods as conductor.

The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower' three times.

ARKESDEN, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 64-68). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*JILL MAYES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
*REX M. DIXON	2	*PHILIP MEHEW	5
DEREK P. JONES	3	MICHAEL ORME	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The first peal on the bells.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day and Kennington, and ten extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY HAYNES	*Treble*	*DERMOT J. ROAF	3
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
PETER R. SANDERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band. The first peal on the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY F. BRYANT (University College)	*Treble*
MARGARET A. FLOYER (Slade School of Art)	2
CAROL FORSTER-JONES (Bedford College)	3
DAVID PRIESTLEY (University College)	4
ALAN F. THIRST (Imperial College)	5
JOHN R. LEEMING (King's College)	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. LEEMING.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob, 20 of Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

DICK EDMUNDS	*Treble*	HARRY WOODING	3
NORMAN LINE	2	REX LINE	4
EDWARD SMART	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. John E. Labutt, who has been a ringer for 50 years, chorister for 43 years, and Vicar's Warden for 16 years, at the above church.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEC GAMMON	*Treble*	FRANK BARRETT	4
TOM SMITH	2	VERNON GREEN	5
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	3	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN TREBILCOCK.

First peal as conductor.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROGER A. LENNARD	*Treble*	†PETER J. SHIPTON	4
STEPHEN IVIN	2	SIDNEY FOSKETT	5
*JAMES R. TAYLOR	3	‡BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven Minor methods 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal on tower bells.

COITY, NR. BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (six callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. GERRISH	4
JOHN HALE	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	5
THOMAS E. HIDDINS	3	DAVID L. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Andrews, who was churchwarden of this church for over 35 years.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 30 methods: (1) St. Albans, Braintree, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (2) College Bob IV, Marple, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Vale Royal, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
WALTER ARNOLD	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in 30 methods by all the band.

ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

JOHN W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	DAPHNE LESTER	4
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS	5
*ARTHUR M. COLTON	3	D. RUSSELL EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. The 49th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

RYE, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
At The Forecastle,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Ruth S. Hodgson .. .. 1—2 | David Hodgson .. .. 3—4
†Robin A. Hodgson .. 5—6
Conducted by David Hodgson.

* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.'
Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to the ringers' grandmother.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At 67, Oriel Road, North End,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.
*S. Kathleen M. Knight 1—2 | Robin G. Leale.. .. .. 3—4
Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Minor and in the method 'in hand.' Also first on a changing pair.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Marion J. Parker, and also as a farewell to Richard H. Smith, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At Campana, 54, Rolleston Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings).
Alan G. Foster .. .. 1—2 | Barnabas G. Key .. .. 3—4
*E. Marion Key .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At Green Ways, Gipsy Lane,
A PEAL OF 5700 STEDMAN CATERS
*Alfred Ballard .. .. 1—2 | †Margaret E. L. Beamish 5—6
Walter P. Whitehead .. 3—4 | ††Arthur H. Beamish .. 7—8
§Dorothy E. Beamish .. 9—10
Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

* 700th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' pair. § First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At 68, Bushey Mill Crescent,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
*Walter G. Paul .. .. 1—2 | †Geoffrey W. Seaman .. 3—4
†D. Kay Adkins .. .. 5—6
Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal of Minor on handbells. † First peal on handbells.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 18.
S. Kathleen M. Knight.. 1—2 | Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 3—4
Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal on the bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. L. E. Last, of Leytonstone, gave a lecture to the Woodford Historical Association on the history, use and construction of church bells. A series of lantern slides illustrated the talk, and a demonstration of handbell ringing was given by Mr. and Mrs. Last, Mr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong and Mr. P. A. F. Chalk. Mr. J. Chalk, a life vice-president of the Essex Association, was in the chair. The Association is fortunate in having several members who give talks on bells and ringing, and their lectures prove most acceptable to the general public.

Mr. Arnold Hill has now 'circled' Warsop tower to peals.

The peal of Minor in four methods at Steventon, Berks, was rung on December 31st and not December 26th as submitted.

Mr. L. G. Williams, of Wool, is in hospital but is progressing. A message of best wishes was sent to him for the annual meeting of the Dorchester (Dorset) Branch.

The peal ringing bogey which has been besetting the University of London Society for so long has at last been thrown off. After umpteen attempts the Society has at last scored another peal, at Cranford.

Arriving home on January 21st after ringing at Dursley, Glos, and Barrow Gurney, Somerset, Mr. W. A. Stote, of 47, Cedars Avenue, Coundon, Coventry, found a large-size pair of leather gloves in his overcoat. He will be pleased to return the same by post to the owner.

Mr. Sydney Leatherbarrow returned to his home tower at Newchurch to conduct his first peal. His father, Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow, a past vice-president of the Lancashire Association and Ringing Master at Newchurch, was prevented through illness from taking part in the peal. Sydney now rings at Blackburn Cathedral.

The bells of St. Anne's Parish Church, Lancs, have been dismantled prior to being hung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It is hoped the work will be completed for Easter Day.

Has a quarter peal been rung previously at Culmstock, Devon?

Mr. H. E. Audsley is the new Master of The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. A report will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Walter Ayre, who introduces Dacorum Imperial Bob Major in this issue, states that Northchurch, where the peal was rung, is in the Dacorum Hundred.

It is believed that the Rev. J. H. Ransom, of Great Bromley, Essex, is the first Essex incumbent to ring a peal on his own bells. Is this correct?

Mr. Frank Whitemore, at the age of 60, made his first attempt for a peal at Publow and was successful. An accident to his legs some years ago prevented him making a previous attempt.

January 13th was the 60th anniversary of the first peal of Mr. Sydney Flint, of Maghull, Lancs. Friends in the Norwich Diocesan Association remembered the occasion with a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Hethersett.

For many years a ringer in the Dartford District, Mr. John Wheadon, who is now 84, rang his 99th peal of Stedman at Bowdon, Cheshire, on January 14th. The peal was Dennis Mottershead's first in an odd-bell method.

The first peal has been rung at Arkesden, Essex, a remote thatched village on the hilly borderland between Herts, Cambs and Essex. The bells, a light ring hung by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, 'go' well but are noisy in the ringing chamber. For the successful attempt on January 14th new ropes were fitted. The band travelled an average of 25 miles each way.

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TIVERTON RINGERS' SUPPER

Roast turkey and fruit salad with Devonshire cream figured on the menu for the second annual supper of St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, on January 20th. Mr. A. W. Payne, the genial secretary, who made arrangements for the evening, was in the chair.

Proposing a toast to the ringers, the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley) thanked them for their services during 1955, when the bells had been rung regularly on all Sundays and for practice. He called attention to the publicity St. Peter's Church had been given on the B.B.C. that evening and of the £15,000 Restoration Appeal. The appeal week was from February 5th to 12th, and he asked the ringers to ring each evening for at least one hour, or longer if they wished.

Responding, Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Devon Guild, spoke of the good leadership in the parish from the Rector, and the happy band of ringers under their good captain, Mr. Upton, who had led the Society for 20 years.

Mr. W. H. Ware, secretary of the N.E. Branch of the Devon Guild, proposed 'The Visitors.' Mr. Giles, a churchwarden, replied.

Our correspondent, Mr. W. H. Ware, of 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton, writes: 'Through the channels of "The Ringing World" I should like to say thank God our bells are in good order; but if any ringers who have enjoyed ringing on the bells would like to subscribe to the £15,000 appeal, I shall be glad to forward any subscriptions, however small.'

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. Jabez Preece was elected hon. secretary of the Kington District for the 34th successive year at the district's annual meeting held at Staunton-on-Arrow on January 14th.

The Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Perry, conducted the service, and members of the local Women's Institute kindly provided the tea.

At the business meeting members stood in memory of Gordon Norgrove, a former member of Lyonshall tower, who died recently as the result of an accident.

The secretary reported that in the past year three meetings and five practices had been well attended. Nine new members had been admitted and five peals rung. The district officers were re-elected.

The Spring meeting was fixed for May at Dilwyn and the practice meeting at Pembridge in April. Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped.

Ringing was resumed in the evening, methods rung including Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Forty ringers from 20 towers attended the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District at Biggleswade on January 14th, when some good ringing, ranging from Rounds to London Surprise, was enjoyed, under the direction of Mr. B. F. Sims.

The Rev. R. B. Griffin presided at the business meeting, which followed tea provided by the wives of local ringers. Collections to the voluntary bell fund during the year amounted to £7 15s. 6d., and one grant of £5 5s. had been made, leaving a balance in hand of £36 14s. 6d.

The officers were elected as follows: Mr. B. F. Sims, chairman; Mr. L. H. Bywaters, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. E. Sinfield, treasurer, Belfry Repair Fund; Mr. M. J. Lockey, Mr. A. W. Dillery, Mr. B. F. Sims and Miss Joan Ashton, committee.

Thanks to the Rev. R. B. Griffin for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing the tea, concluded the business meeting.

MR. F. NOLAN GOLDEN'S 1,000 PEALS

Norwich Association Congratulates Former Master

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, take this opportunity on behalf of all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers in extending to Nolan Golden sincere and heartiest congratulations on having joined the short list of immortals who have completed a thousand peals.

The 1,000th was rung on January 18th at Gressenhall, Norfolk, where the bells have recently been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. Typical of Nolan, the peal was composed and conducted by him and named 'Gressenhall Delight Major.'

It is not necessary to enumerate upon his achievements in the Art, and knowing Nolan, he would not wish it; but personally, I can say it is ever a pleasure to be in his band whether for peal or touch, and there is always the feeling of confidence when he is in command.

So to Nolan, congratulations on having reached the first thousand, and the Association's best wishes for the future.—Yours faithfully,

H. WILLIAM BARRETT, Ringing Master,
Norwich Diocesan Association.

RESIGNATION OF MR. H. TOOKE

With regret, members of the North Norfolk Branch at their annual meeting at Norwich on January 14th received the resignation of Mr. H. Tooke, of Wymondham, as branch secretary. Mr. A. G. Bason, who presided, thanked Mr. Tooke for his 18 years of loyal service in the office. Mr. Clifford Bird was elected in his place.

Eight new members were elected: Brian Mason (Buxton), Reuben Appleton (Wymondham), Maurice Lidston (Barnham Broom), David Lloyd (Cromer), Christopher Sayer (9), Michael Brothers (10), Paul Evans (11), John Moore (12) (Norwich). Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Sayer for teaching these four youngsters to handle.

Meetings for 1956 (subject to permission): Aylsham, April 21st; Mattishall and Yaxham, July 14th; Coltishall, October 6th.

At the close of the meeting thanks were given to Canon J. A. H. Waddington for conducting the service at St. Peter Mancroft, at which the address was given by the Rev. C. N. Tubbs, to the incumbents of St. Giles', St. George's and St. Peter Mancroft for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for the excellent tea

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North-West District

The North West District held their annual meeting on January 21st at Harlow Town. There was a good attendance of members of the District, including Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association. Ringing began at 3 p.m. and was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rural Dean, Canon E. Bevan, with the address given by Canon Fisher.

Tea was taken at the Queen's Head. Canon Bevan was in the chair for the business meeting when the secretary reported a decrease in members, both honorary and ringing, mainly due to lapsed subscriptions, but expressed the hope that this would be remedied in 1956.

The retiring officers were all re-elected, i.e., Master, Mr. B. Burton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Blake; committee—Mr. K. Wood and Mr. D. Hayden (who members were very pleased to see back in ringing circles after his recent accident).

After the meeting members returned to the tower for further ringing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Macclesfield Branch

The bells of Macclesfield Parish Church, Cheshire's only 12, were put to good use on January 14th when the Branch held its annual meeting. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m., sending an unknown bride upon her way, and continued until time for the service, which was delayed which a representative of the local press flashed bright lights at the assembled company. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tom Clarke, president of the Branch.

After tea the business meeting was held in the vestry, the president opening with a prayer. The treasurer's report, which recorded an increase of 10s. in the balance, was heard and approved.

At the election of officers, the president, who remarked on the pleasure he received from holding this office, the chairman, Mr. H. Lomas, the Master, Mr. John Worth, and the treasurer, Mr. J. Whittaker, were re-elected. The secretary, Mr. Alan A. Potts, wished to reture due to pressure of work, and Mr. Barry Corbishley was elected his successor. It was learned with regret that Mr. Potts was retiring, and a vote of thanks was paid for his good work while in office. Mr. H Lomas, Mr. John Worth and Mr. J. W. Whittaker were elected as representatives on the general committee. Six new members were elected.

Quarterly meetings for May and November are to be held at Sutton, St. James' (6), and Macclesfield, Christ Church (10), respectively, and at Astbury (6) provisionally for the September meeting. Mr. Worth, while commenting that the attendance at meetings during the past year had been good, said he hoped that more Branch members would be present in future.

Mr. C. W. Lawton, in calling attention to the passing of Mr. J. W. L. Slack, a vice-president of the Branch and a life member of the Guild, paid tribute to Mr. Slack's keenness and service to his tower and branch.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting and continued until 9 o'clock. The ringing, which reflected the success of the meeting, was of a high standard and included Grandsire Doubles, Bristol Surprise Major, Plain and Kent T.B. Royal, Cambridge Minor and Maximus, and Stedman from Triples to Cinques. Besides visitors from other branches, there were others from as far afield as Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Lancashire.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Review Past Year

On January 21st the Northern District of the Hertfordshire Association held their annual meeting at St. Mary's, Hitchin. Ringing began at 2.30 for a wedding, and continued until it was time for the service.

The business meeting was held after tea in the tower. The secretary's report was fairly encouraging. Although attendance at meetings had been poor, 15 peals had been rung, and 55 quarters, a great many for services. The balance was good, even if it was lower than last year's.

Mr. E. G. Buck was re-elected hon. district secretary with acclamation; Messrs. J. Dear and B. Marks are now the general committee; Messrs. W. Brown, F. Croft, W. Ferris, K. Timbury and H. Werrett form the district committee. Miss J. Sanderson remains as the 'R. W.' representative.

Three new members were elected: Messrs. P. Andrews, of Pirton, and R. Coppage and W. Hamilton, of Hitchin.

This year it is the turn of this District to propose a president for the Association, and it is proposed that we invite the Association to hold the 1957 annual general meeting in North Hertfordshire. J. S.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Annual Meeting at Overseale

SITUATED on the southern border of the Diocese of Derby, and on the edge of Leicestershire (of which it once formed a part), lies the parish of Seale. It is composed of two distinct parts, called Nether and Over, each having its own Church of St. Peter and St. Matthew respectively. Both possess a fine ring of eight bells.

The tenth annual meeting of the Guild was held on January 14th at St. Matthew's, Overseale, which stands picturesquely on the Burton to Watling Street main road. It was to this church that the late W. W. Worthington gave three bells to complete the octave as a thankoffering for the 1914–18 victory.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., followed by a short service, conducted by the recently appointed Rector, the Rev. N. K. Brownsell, who gave a short but inspiring address and extended a welcome to the ringers.

Following tea in the Church Hall, the annual meeting was held, at which the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson), in the unavoidable absence of the president, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert, presided.

In his remarks the chairman spoke of the apathy that existed apart from a few and appealed to the members to give their support to the meetings.

The statement of accounts read by the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) showed that receipts again balanced payments.

In presenting the yearly report, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the deaths of the Rev. C. O. Haden (hon. member) and Mr. J. W. F. Trotman, of Nuneaton, and said that 1955 had not been one of the Guild's successful years. Average attendance at meetings was lower than in previous years and only 21 peals were rung, this being the lowest total but one since the Guild was formed in 1946.

Guild membership was now 26 honorary and 98 ringing members. Nine conductors shared the calling of the peals, viz., Messrs. R. Beniston (4), D. P. Jones (3), B. G. Key, J. E. Cawser, W. Thornley and C. Glenn (two each), D. R. Carlisle, P. J. Staniforth, J. R. Mayne, G. E. Oliver and D. Beresford (one each). Peals of Lincolnshire, Southwell and Wye Surprise Major were rung for the Guild for the first time.

The Hon. Secretary was the Guild's leading peal ringer with 18 to his credit. Personal 'milestones' were: W. G. Soar (Ringing Master) 100 and J. W. Cotton 400 peals.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for 1956 were elected as follows: President, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert: Chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson: Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Soar: Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan: Secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton: Auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; Committee, Messrs. B. G. Key, S. H. Jones, W. F. Woodward and T. J. Marriott.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for use of the bells and to the secretary for his hospitality.

It is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out 1956 meetings as follows: March 3rd, Winshill: April 14th, Burton (St. Paul's & St. Modwen's): May 26th, Measham: July 7th, Hoar Cross: August 25th, Repton; October 6th, Ashby or Ticknall; and November 17th, Netherseale.

Towers represented during afternoon or evening were Burton (St. Modwen's and St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Repton, Seales, Etwall, Lullington, Winshill, Hoar Cross, Newchurch, King's Bromley, Kingsbury, Castle Bromwich.



ST. MATTHEW'S, OVERSEALE,

before the accident in April, 1954. The top of the tower has now been reconstructed and the coping stones removed, giving a different view.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION—Cont.

After tea in the schoolroom members stood in silence for Messrs. Geoffrey Ashman and Wyndham Roberts, of Leigh, and James Perkins, of Midsomer Norton. An apology for absence was received from Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, of Binegar, who had been in a road accident.

The chairman, secretary, ringing master and press representative were all re-elected, and also nine new members and probationers from High Littleton (1), Binegar (1), Radstock (3), Paulton (2), Frome (1), Midsomer Norton (1), and eight probationers from Midsomer Norton became full members. Four tower elections were also ratified.

The quarterly meetings were arranged for April 14th, Whatley (the newest tower to join the Association): July 14th, Compton Dando: October 13th, Mells: and the annual meeting, January 12th, 1957, at Shepton Mallet. A Corporate Communion was arranged at Kilmersdon for June 17th (service 8 a.m.), and a practice meeting at Kilmersdon on February 4th, including service and tea—all these arrangements subject to the necessary permissions.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir, and the Mothers' Union and friends who provided the tea, to which about 70 members and guests sat down.

E. D. O.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Is New Year Ringing the Right Use of Bells?

The chairman of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch, Mr. J. T. Dyke, suggested at the annual meeting at Midsomer Norton on January 14th that the New Year, being of no particular Christian significance, was not a suitable occasion for the ringing of bells.

He said: 'We ring for Sunday services, for necessary practice and sometimes we ring peals in order to perfect our art. All this is right and proper. But when I read in the local Press that the ringers rang out the old year and the new year in, and when I read that a crowd of revellers gathered in the market place on Dec. 31st and on the first stroke of twelve cheered, sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' popular songs and carols, I feel that the Christian significance of the bells is lost to a sentimental custom which has grown out of tradition.

'It was usual all over the country to ring half-muffled for Holy Innocents' Day, and here and there the tradition still persists. At Wedmore the bells are rung at six o'clock in the morning and again in the evening and so on each day until Dec. 31st. Then the muffles are removed and at midnight the bells ring out joyfully, not, I trust, for Jan. 1st, but for the Feast of the Circumcision. It behoves ringers to foster traditional ringing and to take care that those who follow them will have due appreciation of the Christian reasons for ringing.'

The chairman reported with pleasure on the increasingly close alliance in the country between the ringers and the Church and in this branch the inter-tower visiting which had enabled, for instance, a band to be trained at Midsomer Norton Church within a year, and the bells to be rung regularly for service before the new band became proficient, and all without hindering the ringing at the helpers' own churches.

He also remarked on the growth in membership in the last five years under the present secretary, so that now it was likely to top the eleven branches of the Association, as it did in the middle twenties.

The secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers, reported a total membership of 181 and an average attendance of 37 at quarterly meetings. Two new towers had joined the Association during the year, Binegar and Hinton Blewett. A number of members had rung first peals in new methods and David Hoare, of Radstock, was to be congratulated both on his own peal record and on conducting so many peals which were 'firsts' for the other ringers. New bands were being trained at Midsomer Norton and Ashwick by Mr. J. T. Dyke. In conclusion, the secretary thanked tower captains, secretaries and incumbents for their co-operation.

The meeting was preceded by a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. C. Scott, in which the address was given by the Master of the Association, the Rev. M. Hurst Bannister, of Pilton. A collection was taken for the restoration of Pilton bells, and the Master later reported that it had now just topped £400 since last October.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'THE QUICKEST TOWER BELL PEAL YET RUNG'

Dear Sir,—Thus runs a footnote to a peal of 5,024 Plain Bob Major, rung at the Loughborough Foundry Campanile, December 7th, 1955, as reported in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th, 1956, on p. 18. The peal took 1 hr. 45 mins. Then on p. 26 there is some more about it. Here we read that there was no enjoyment in ringing at that speed because the sound of the bells merged into a hum.

Well then, I say, why do it?

A year or two ago you kindly published a letter of mine about fast ringing, and in that letter I stressed that, in my opinion, the *sound* of the bells, outside, is No. 1 priority in ringing. I still hold that opinion and think that everything else comes after that.

If we increase on the claimed record of Dec. 7th, the hum will get to a whine, then a scream and—who knows?—in the end it may go off bang! Poor bells! Not one had a chance to be heard and admired.

The achievement of the ringers in this case is wonderful—oh yes!—I don't know how they do it. But, if they want to try their skill in that direction, I suggest they lash the clappers.

It makes me think of some of the very high-brow—and some of the very low-brow—music: to compose it must be wonderful, to play it must be marvellous—but, after all, what is it when it comes forth, and why did I go to hear it?

The foundry ring is very light and so the speed is greater, but on an eight with a ton tenor I think that 13 whole pulls per minute is ideal. If the bells are then well struck each one stands out and can be appreciated.

Some of my friends will say that I am very elementary. Quite so, sir, but I am a good listener—and I also read carefully. Come on, somebody, let me have it—but not too fast!—Yours very truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. Peter Wright in your issue of January 20th re the above is interesting, and the variations he gives are ingenious, but I think there are a few points in connection with them which are worth mentioning.

From a conductor's point of view, in a peal of Grandsire Triples with 180 calls, including a good number of singles, it is an advantage to have clear cut part ends in order to check the true coursing order of the bells as the peal proceeds. So that in the variation with the 3rd as observation bell it is not a good plan to have 6 and 7 in the front and the 2nd in 67 at the part ends.

In the variation with 5 as observation he has 2 and 3 alternating on the front at part ends of 4, 6 and 7 falling into musical positions behind which is good. Of course, in the second half of the peal these musical properties would occur at handstroke instead of the backstroke.

The variation with the 4th as observation is perhaps the best of the three with 6 and 7 behind at all part ends and unaffected by the half way single.

We may be sure that an able composer like the late J. J. Parker would have explored all possible fields for the production of his 'masterpiece' and the well-known one with the 6th as observation bell is no doubt the best that could be produced on that plan. The two well-known variations, viz., by 2 and 7, are both good with perhaps the latter as the better of the two.—Yours truly,

W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham, Berks.

A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD?

Dear Sir,—In answer to the suggestion of a Railwaymen's peal attempt, I have received 16 replies offering to 'stand in,' which does not include at least six ringers from Crewe. Arising from the letter, I have had many requests for a Railwaymen's Guild or Association of Change-Ringers. Why not, indeed?

I have written to Mr. J. W. Watkins, general manager, British Railways, London Midland Region, asking for his official blessing.

When the date for the proposed peal is fixed the occasion might provide a good opportunity for the inaugural meeting. The replies are from as far apart as Wadhurst (Sussex), Leeds (Yorks), Ditton (Kent), Swansea (Glam.), Bath (Somerset), Chester, Chelmsford, Melton Mowbray (Leics), Chorley (Lancs), Wellington (Shropshire), Newport (Mon.), Liverpool and Bedford.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON,
(Retired) Initial Inspector, C.M.E.,
Progress Office, Crewe.

AN ANNIVERSARY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Later this year, on the 60th anniversary of a first peal, it is proposed to ring an identical peal. The original peal included 'Violet Treble Bob Minor' and 'Duke of York Treble Bob Minor,' and as neither of these methods are included in the C.C.C. would you or the Methods Committee tell me what has happened to them. Are they known under another name or have they been rejected?—Yours truly,

STANLEY SHIPP.

Sutton, Ely.

Note.—Both Violet and Duke of York Treble Bob Minor are irregular methods, and have for that reason never been included in the collection of Minor methods. However, as a result of the revision of the Central Council's decisions at Bristol last year, a peal which includes extents of these methods would be recognised provided it otherwise satisfied the Council's requirements as regards truth, etc.—Ed.

COLLECTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITIONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the 5,088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major, published on p. 416 of your issue for July 1st, 1955, is simply an inferior variation of the three-part peal usually ascribed to W. Barton, and cannot be credited to H. Poyner as an original composition.

The courses incorporated in this composition by a Q-set at the Wrong of the course 42356 may equally well be included by a Q-set at the Home of the course 43526, or its equivalent in parts 2 and 3. Begin this at the course 54326, to avoid 32s, and the result is, I fear, the well-known peal referred to above, by Mr. Barton.

Any others who are interested in the composition of Lincolnshire are well advised to read the letters in the 'R. W.'s' of November 28th and December 5th, 1952 on this subject before claiming their early attempts in this strictly limited field of composition.

Also, while I have pen to paper, in view of the popularity achieved by the easier Surprise Major methods over the last few years, it would appear highly advantageous to compile an inclusive and, as far as possible, exhaustive collection of compositions in these methods, as was attempted in the case of Double Norwich and Plain Bob nearly half a century ago. Would the appropriate committees back such an enterprise? Perhaps your readers will have something to suggest on this subject.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I was asked to take part in a peal attempt at my home tower. The band met and the peal was duly rung and published. Much to my amazement I read that the peal had been rung to compliment the ringers of the 5th and tenor on their respective wedding anniversaries. Normally this would not have surprised me as I would have known this already, but this was my first intimation in this case. I did not wish to detract from these good wishes so I kept my peace.

However, the really unfortunate omission from the footnote was the *real* reason for the ringing of the peal, namely, the reason for which permission had been granted. It was rung on Holy Saturday after the Morning Office, which in the Catholic Church, and I believe in some Anglican churches, is the first service of Easter. Thus we had the ironical situation of the clergy, parishioners, and at least one of the ringers under the impression that we were ringing for the Glory of God, to celebrate the Resurrection of His Son, while seven of the ringers were congratulating their friends on having completed a number of years of nuptial bliss.

Mr. Barron will have a long time to wait before he hears of me criticising the ringing of anniversary peals, providing they are rung primarily for that purpose; but I hope that Mr. Morton will never again have to take pen in the case of the 'Vienna State Opera peal.' I wonder if someone will suggest that we greet M. Bulganin and M. Kruschev with three courses of Stedman Cinques from St. Paul's as they tour London.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. HUTCHINGS.

Tulse Hill, S.W.2.

'MR. A. BEVERLEY RINGER'

Dear Sir,—Referring to your notes in Belfry Gossip, 'The Ringing World,' p. 40, of Jan. 20th, I can confirm that Mr. A. Beverley Ringer lives at Seething, near Norwich, and has done for several years. He is well known in 'The Poultry World' and specialises in show birds, the Indian game variety being his pets, and has met with considerable success.

Even with such a name he is not to my knowledge a ringer in the sense that we use it. His name very often crops up around here as Beverley Surprise Minor is one of the methods practised, and it is not uncommon to hear 'Let's have a touch of Beverley Ringer.'—Yours faithfully,

H. W. BARRETT.

Loddon, Norfolk.

Grandsire Major

Eight previous arrangements had been made for the peal of Grandsire Major rung at Hungerford on January 17th, but each came to nothing for various reasons, including miscalling, shift coursing, illness, meeting short and having the lights switched off. The successful attempt was accomplished with the aid of a hurricane lamp.

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LETTERS—Continued

ANCIENT BELLS IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—I hasten to thank J. G. M. S. for the solution of the Marwood enigma. It seems clear that he has climbed the tower and has seen where Ellacombe was wrong. As tower hunters, we had no time for such athletic endeavour and I, for one, relied on what has been printed. I notice that he used the name John Byrdall in connection with the Exeter firm of Penningtons. Does he mean John Byrdan, who cast the fourth of the Cathedral ring in 1616? If so, the guide to 'Church Bells of Devon' of 1927 is wrong.

My notes in 'Tower Hunting in Devon' were gathered and written to stimulate interest and to answer queries on the question of bell-founders, and I purposely omitted some of them, as Bryant of Hereford, who cast the back six of Barnstaple Parish Church in 1803, Llewellyn and James of Bristol, and Abbott of Bideford, as we had not recently visited towers in which their bells hang. Nor have we visited the three- and four-bell towers where many mediæval bells still do service, e.g., two at Hittesleigh, all three at Abbots Bickington, two at Meeth (4), the three at Huish (in original frame, I believe), tenor and second of the three at Newton St. Petrock, the three at Newton Tracey—to mention a few in N. Devon.

There are puzzles, as he says, and one of these, so far as I am concerned, is that of the fifth and tenor of Marland St. Peter's (N. Devon). The inscriptions are: Tenor—*Protege virgo pia quos convozo sancta Maria*, in equally spaced Lombardic capitals; fifth—Stop. Stop. *Marim Anna Petero Dia Johanni* Stop *mimim iacim iculeat hoc via Johannie*, in black lettering with m's of Lombardic type. This is a copy of my own rubbing, and from the weathered state of the bell may not be quite correct. I am puzzled at the translation of the second part and I wonder why two such ancient bells are found in a tower probably dating from the 16th century, and why they are so much weathered on the outside. The first of the stops is square and the circle within contains a bell; the single stop is also square, within which is a circle containing four impressions roughly similar to a fleur-de-lis. I may also say that the church was a chapelry worked from the priory of Frithelstock.

As a suggestion, may I say that where ancient bells do service, a piece of cartridge paper and some heel-ball in the hands of some young ringers might help to check some of the work done by Mr. Ellacombe.

Both the bells referred to above are quite good—perhaps the tenor is the better; but each has a saddish 'panny' effect, and personally I cannot distinguish the 'tierce' nor the 'quint' as can be done with modern bells. I have observed this in other ancient bells, so it is I have another puzzle. How were ancient bells tuned? or were they tuned at all so long as the 'strike note' was about correct.

F. S. SMALE.

Okehampton.

5,040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

23456	M	W	H
54326		2	2
53246		1	2
52436		1	2
23564	2	2	
32465	2		2

Repeated.

Mr. D. Knox asks if the above composition is original. He called it for the peal at Luton on December 26th, 1955.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Straight Words to Tower Captains

In his report as secretary, Mr. S. S. Woodburn criticised the support of tower captains at the annual meeting of the Bath Branch on January 14th at Bath.

Pointing out that there had been an average attendance of 50 at meetings, he said: 'The attendance of the Tower Masters makes very disappointing reading. With the exception of the annual meeting the most there have been at any other meeting have been four out of 18 towers in the Branch. To say the least it does not show very much enthusiasm.'

The report also recorded that after just over 50 years of service at Swainswick there was a difference of opinion between the Rector and the Tower Master, the outcome being the resignation of the latter. 'It is not for us to hold any views one way or the other, but this sort of thing is unsavoury to us all, and one would have thought that if the liaison between Rector and Tower Master was in the right perspective this matter could have been settled more amicably to all concerned.'

The Rev. E. J. Rowe presided at the meeting and welcomed visitors from Ebbw Vale, Bournemouth, Corsham, Southampton, Ilminster, Broadsall (Derbyshire), Reading, Bristol, Trowbridge, Newport, Pelsall (Staffordshire) and Chepstow

Officers elected for 1956 were:—Chairman, the Rev. E. J. Rowe; vice-chairman, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargent; secretary, Mr. S. S. Woodburn; treasurer, Mr. T. J. Hayward; Ringing Master, Mr. S. S. Woodburn; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. O. Fry; representative on General Committee, Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

Ringing took place at Bath Abbey prior to the service at St. Michael's-with-St. Paul's, conducted by the Rev E. H. G. Sargent (Rector). The lesson was read by the hon. secretary.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Teignmouth

There was a good attendance of members and friends at the annual meeting of Mid-Devon Branch at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on Jan. 14th. The bells were well utilised throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Crisford (assistant priest). The Rev. J. G. M. Scott gave the address and the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge acted as organist.

After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, he being supported by the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president), Messrs. E. J. Taylor (general secretary) and A. L. Bennett (branch secretary).

The secretary's report gave details of many new members having been elected and the number of peals and quarter peals rung during the year. The treasurer's report showed a small balance in hand. Both reports were adopted.

Three new members were elected, and certificates of full membership were presented by the president to Miss Patricia Mills and Mr. Dennis Cross, both of St. Michael's, Teignmouth.

The following officers were elected: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; three members to serve on the General Committee, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, Messrs. E. M. Atkins and H. W. Simmonds.

The next meeting will be at Townstal with Stoke-Fleming on April 28th.

The chairman, in proposing the usual votes of thanks to those who contributed to the success of the meeting, extended a welcome to the visitors, and the Rev. Preb. Cox suitably replied.

Further ringing took place until about 8 o'clock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty-eight ringers and friends met at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on January 21st for the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch.

The eight bells of St. Peter's and the six of St. George's, Fordington, were available. The Guild service was conducted by the Branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, who also gave the address, in which he spoke of the R.A.F. taking over the church of St Clement Danes in the Strand, and gave the translation of the inscriptions on some of the new bells.

Tea was served at the Wessex Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting, conducted by the chairman.

The hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, in his report for 1955 stated that the membership of the Branch had dropped from 186 to 178. Two peals were rung—Plain Bob Minor at Abbotsbury, and two Doubles methods at Martinstown, both conducted by Mr. H. J. Ford. Seven conductors shared 12 quarter peals—three at Wyke Regis, two at Buckland Newton, two at Upwey, and one each at Abbotsbury, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Piddlehinton and Preston.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £24, and was adopted together with the report.

Canon Markby was re-elected chairman; the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury) vice-chairman; Mr. F. Precey Ringing Master; Messrs. H. J. Ford and J. W. Rose deputy Ringing Masters (Mr. Rose follows his captain, Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, who resigned because of advancing years); Mr. J. H. Hayne hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. H. Duke assistant hon. secretary.

Meetings were suggested for 1956: Upwey in April; Milton Abbey, June; Maiden Newton, August; and Litton Cheney, October, subject to confirmation.

New ringing members elected were Miss T. A. Barnett and Comm. R. C. Bucknall (Charminster), and Miss A. Kemp and Major R. F. Browning (St. Peter's, Dorchester) Mrs. and Miss Browning were elected associate members.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET

Attention is drawn to Broadwindsor, West Dorset, bells by the fact that they are to be rehung, and hung with new headstocks and fittings.

Three of these are pre-Reformation bells, and were cast at the time the tower was built, more than 100 years before the Reformation. No. 5, the oldest, bears in clear Lombardic lettering a dedication to St. Gabriel (Sancte Gabriel, ora pro nobis), and was cast by Robert Norton, of Exeter. No. 4 was probably cast by the same foundry, and No. 3, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, came from Salisbury. Nos. 1 and 2, dated 1806 and 1790, were from the Bilbie foundry at Cullompton. The tenor was recast in 1897, but there is no record of its predecessor.

The headstocks, which are split in places, have been extensively attacked by worm, and are to be replaced by cast-iron ones. New gudgeons, stay sliders and ropes are necessary. By voluntary labour parishioners are to construct a new and more convenient ringing chamber. An appeal for £600 has been launched and contributions, however small, will be welcomed by the hon. treasurer of the Parochial Church Council.

Stoke D'Abernon bells are to be dedicated on Sunday, February 5th, at 3 p.m., and not on February 4th as stated last week. This is a ring of five, and the first peal attempt will be on February 12th by The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. W. Ford (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, A. J. Slade 4, J. H. Hayne 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Countess of Ilchester, interred at Melbury this day.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): T. Collings (first quarter) 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, N. Ward (first quarter 'inside,' aged 15) 4, G. Lewis 5, M. Roberts 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. Thomas, a respected ringer of St. May's, interred this day.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 576 Cambridge and 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. E. Goodchild 1, S. Russell 2, S. Sherwood 3, P. Sherwood 4, E. Sherwood 5, A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Masters (first quarter) 1, R. C. Ingram 2, J. Anderson (first 'inside') 3, W. Pettigrew 4, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 5, J. L. Gray 6. For Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Reeves (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, D. Lamb 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12-part): J. Davies 1, J. Taylor 2, S. J. Ivin 3, G. Amor 4, J. B. Long 5, R. A. Lennard (cond.) 6, B. Pattison 7, D. Thompson. Rung for Evensong.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, T. H. Bird (cond.) 2, W. Dunn (first quarter) 3, G. Olliver 4, J. Weeks 5, A. Streeter 6, M. Johnson 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Wren and Mr. E. Coppard, both ringers at this church for many years, also Mr. Barry, church councillor.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. R. H. Easton (first quarter) 1, R. G. Hooper 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, D. J. Hunt (first of Triples) 4, F. Skidmore 5, V. E. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker (cond.) 7, G. M. Nichols 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Easton, a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Curtis, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pedler; also a fourth birthday compliment to Victoria Davey, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bennett.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,280 Bob Major: B. Taylor 1, W. Birmingham 2, F. Scott 3, Miss J. Adamson (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. Lister 5, G. W. Limmer 6, C. A. Burgess 7, Geo. Gilbert (cond.) 8. For 11.30 p.m. service.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings 6. Rung for morning service.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Modwen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Cochrane 1, Jill Cochrane 2, G. C. Smith 3, T. Pryce (cond.) 4, A. W. Skelton 5, J. H. Brittan 6. Rung for the induction of the Ven. E. Aldington-Hunt as Vicar of Holy Trinity in plurality with St. Modwen's.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Jan 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, I. Harris 4, B. Pratley (cond.) 5, B. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. R. Male, churchwarden of St. James' Church, Sarsden; also for Mr. W. C. Hoverd, sexton of All Saints' Church, Churchill, and father of Molly, Reg and Horace Hoverd, ringers at this church; and for Harry Hoverd, of Crayford, Kent, interred that day.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Monica Fray 2, M. Horseman 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, D. Yeo 6. First 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor by all the band.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Kilby (first of Doubles) 1, D. Bray 2, G. Dudley (first quarter) 3, Margaret A. Elsey 4, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 5, D. Bamford 6. Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. H. Gilliver, churchwarden, who passed away December 31st.

CUBITT TOWN, E.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, L. W. Battley 4, P. Hutchings 5, J. Hales 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Reeves 1, W. Ivings 2, J. Roper 3, J. H. Gregory 4, C. H. Pearson 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Parsons 1, J. Roper (first of Triples 'inside') 2, R. A. Reeves 3, J. H. Gregory 4, W. Ivings 5, C. H. Pearson 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. L. Roper 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Jemmett 1, C. Eades 2, E. Barton 3, G. Kenward 4, Miss E. S. Wyles 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, L. Dobbie 8. Rung prior to Evensong attended by Oddfellows from the Canterbury district.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): G. P. Cairns 1, T. W. Crowe 2, C. D. Mann 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, T. Sewell 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6. Rung following the baptism of Jane and Anne, twin daughters of Mrs. R. W. Smith, member of this tower.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin 1, D. Brazier 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. Olney 4, T. Harris 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; Mrs. J. H. Hall (first quarter) 1, E. J. Harding 2, J. H. Harding (cond.) 3, S. J. Harding 4, C. H. Turner 5, R. Tee 6. Rung for morning service, and also in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Tribe and Miss K. M. Harding.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. J. M. Day (first quarter) 1, Miss J. A. Bennett (first quarter) 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, L. C. Willday 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, A. M. Stubbs 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Mayes 1, C. M. Orme (100th quarter peal) 2, R. J. Coppage 3, P. Mehew 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. First quarter on the back five bells. Rung for Christmas. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mayes 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, L. S. Griffiths (Llandudno) 3, Miss F. Welch 4, R. M. Dixon 5, R. Lennard 6, P. Mehew 7, J. Welch 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Nolder 1, W. D. Grainger 2, J. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ranson 5, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, Miss E. Palmer 8. For Evensong. Congratulations to John Hales on gaining an open scholarship at Christ's College, Cambridge.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan 8th, 1,280 Bedford Surprise Major: F. A. Sedgewick 1, Ann Barr 2, G. E. Oliver 3, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 4, Joan Beresford 5, J. B. Webb 6, D. Beresford 7, P. Beresford 8.

LONDON, E.C.—On Jan. 8th, at the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. A. Muirhead 1, Miss M. L. Hawksley 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, W. T. Cook 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. Armstrong 6, A. R. Agg 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, W. H. Poole 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. In memoriam Cecil Charles Mayne.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 240 New Bob, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 120 Winchendon Place Bob, 120 St. Nicholas', 240 St. Simon's, 120 St. Martin's, 240 Plain Bob): K. Garner 1, Miss L. Farmer 2, M. Hooton 3, Rev. C. E. Wigg 4, A. Butcher (first as cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Sidney Giles and Miss Sylvia Beal, married this day.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Newman 1, F. Pritchard (first in method) 2, F. Canter 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, F. Simmonds 5, E. Cribley (first quarter) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to treble ringer.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At the Watch Tower, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. N. Harrison 1, C. McGuiness 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, G. S. Deas 4, K. Arthur 5, K. W. Cheeseman 6, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 7, N. I. Wright (first quarter) 8.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Cook 1, J. Thornley 2, G. Rushton 3, A. Lomas 4, O. Davies 5, B. Rothwell 6, R. Tompkins (cond.) 7, F. Jones 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Cook.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cowlin 1, Miss R. Morgan 2, S. Wright 3, H. Goakes 4, J. Haw 5, W. Rose 6, G. Bush (first as cond.) 7, F. Boyall 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Ruth Morgan to James Haw, also the 69th birthday of S. Wright.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. C. Timbury 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, P. Mehew 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, S. Ivin 5. Rung on the back five after meeting short for a peal of Minor owing to fog, as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Courtenay) on his departure for Canterbury.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob): H. King 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Pierce 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5. Ringers of 1 and 2 have now 'circled the tower' with quarter peals.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Faulkner (first quarter) 1, Jane Cotterill 2, Samela R. P. Thomas 3, J. H. Allen 4, Stella Hughes (cond.) 5, D. G. Woolley 6.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Moody 1, H. Long 2, A. R. Ward 3, H. James 4, F. S. Taylor (cond.) 5, I. Jackson 6, C. A. Drake 7, A. Jackson 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: P. Ketteridge 1, G. K. Chaddock 2, J. Seager 3, F. Ward 4, Mrs. E. Mattby 5, R. S. Long 6, D. Holland 7, D. Armstrong 8, I. Holland 9, Denis Holland 10, B. Holland 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. First on 12 for 1, 3, 7 and 9. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the late Archbishop of York.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Jan. 8th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mabel Prockson 1, Audrey Bailey 2, Ruth Jackson 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, W. Prockson 5, A. R. Ling (cond.) 6, M. Harbott (first of Stedman) 7, A. Cave 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, P. Border 10.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Crowley (first quarter away from tenor) 1, L. J. Fox 2, T. G. Fox 3, A. H. Lewry (cond.) 4, H. G. Weedon 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 22nd, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, M. Linden (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, J. Euston 3, S. Howard 4, G. Parsons 5, M. Oakshett 6, R. Story 7, E. Talbot 8. To honour the birth of Edward, first great-grandchild for Joe Hawkins.

THEALE, BERKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. James 1, Miss O. M. Tayler 2, L. Vince 3, M. Wise 4, R. Abery (cond.) 5. A. Tayler 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Felix Pole.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. H. White (first quarter) 1, P. W. M. Jones 2, M. V. White (first as cond.) 3, T. K. Price 4, D. C. Jackson 5, Marion J. Hawkings (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss B. Philpot (first 'inside') 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, D. Staples 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 4th, 1,320 Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): M. Sage 1, J. Wheadon 2, A. Rhodes 3, I. Jenkins 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. Lomas (cond.) 6. To celebrate the 84th birthday of the ringer of the second.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Baker 2, F. Eggleton 3, F. Casely 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, A. E. Turner 7, F. Salter (first quarter) 8.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Forrester (first quarter) 1, G. J. W. Abbott 2, F. Symonds 3, F. Crudge 4, J. Hart 5, J. W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, John W. Rose 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving for Derby.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES CARTER

Ashton-under-Lyne Society of Change Ringers have lost their president, conductor and tower-keeper by the sudden death, without illness, on January 12th, of Mr. James Carter, at the age of 52 years. The Sunday preceding his death he had conducted a quarter peal in which there were several learners. Although it came round true, he would not count it as good enough for publication, and jokingly remarked that it had been good practice for the next attempt.

The last ringing member of the famous pre-war Ashton team, under Sam Wood and Ben Thorpe, Mr. Carter had been a ringer for 33 years. The majority of his 60 to 70 peals were on 10 or 12 bells and included all the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise. In the six peals he had conducted, practically all the ringers had been trained by him.

After serving in the Armed Forces during the war, he taught an entirely new band of ringers at Ashton and conducted his first peal as conductor and the first peal for the other members of the band. This was Grandsire Doubles, and it was quickly followed by peals of Grandsire Trinles and Caters. Due to his endless patience and enthusiasm, the ringing position as Ashton is now very strong.

Many friends attended the funeral service on January 17th, conducted by the Rector, Canon Colin Lamont, as Mr. Carter was a member of both the Lancashire Association and Chester Diocesan Guild. The 12 bells were rung fully muffled. As the procession left the church handbells were rung, and again at the crematorium as the coffin moved out of sight. The ringers were Miss Joan Carter, Mr. W. Harrison, Mr. F. Ronan and Mr. L. Hill. Mr. Carter will be sadly missed by his many friends.

MR. F. GOODWIN

For over 50 years a ringer and choirman, and until recently churchwarden at St. John-the-Evangelist, Havering-atte-Bower, Essex, Mr. F. Goodwin died on January 15th. He was an honorary member of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association.

A memorial service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, January 22nd, and before the service some of his fellow ringers rang an in memoriam quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. The band was: Mrs. H. Roome 1, B. Branch 2, T. G. Fox 3, J. Brice 4, G. W. Cecil (conductor) 5, H. Roome 6.

We regret to report the deaths of Mr. Henry George Thompson, of Parkstone, Dorset, and Mr. Stephen Read, of Asfordby, Leics.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch

The annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held on January 7th at the Cathedral. About fifty ringers attended from Rishton, Church Kirk, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Burnley, Clitheroe, Ribchester, Blackburn Cathedral, Preston, Chorley, Brindle, Whittle-le-Woods, Haslingden, Bacup, Farnworth, Manchester and Halifax.

A satisfactory tea was provided, and a quiet, brief service held in the Cathedral crypt.

Mr. Ernest Gower, of Clitheroe, was elected branch president and Association committee member for a period of two years. Three new members were enrolled.

Sufficient experts were present to ring London Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal, and there were many opportunities for the less expert. Mr. Harry Entwistle, of Burnley, who joined the Association in 1904 and still rings for service, was warmly welcomed.

Miss Patricia Bourn moved a vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells.

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WYATT.—On Jan. 26th, 1956, Alfred John, Wilton, Taunton, aged 74 years. 7757

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting at Kilmersdon, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7726

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Histon, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 7.30 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7683

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting, Chobham, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. 7638

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Hereford District.—Joint annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 4th. Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6) available 3–5 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30. Service, Cathedral, 5.15 p.m. 7714

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, at Aberavon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Sylvia Cockwell, 2, St. Mary Street, Port Talbot, Glam.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 7685

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Feb. 4th. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3 to 4.30. Southwark Cathedral, 3 to 4.45. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. Practice 7.15, Monday, Feb. 6th.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 7662

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. 7695

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea available; bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 7708

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Crawley, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, Newport and Carisbrooke. Bells 2.30. Service, St. Thomas's, 4.30. Tea, Mission Hall, 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 7689

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, Feb. 6th, at 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 7720

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Good attendance please. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7724

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8th. 7716

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, All Saints', Poplar, 3.30, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 7743

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, Feb. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, not later than Feb. 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7752

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.25. Tea at the Golden Lion 5. Rounds to Surprise. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 7715

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Annual general meeting, Beverley Minster, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Minster bells (10) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Parish Room 4.30 p.m., price 3s., followed by annual business meeeting. St. Mary's bells (10) available after tea. Names for tea by Thursday to Mr. A. E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Champney Road, Beverley. 7746

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourth annual dinner and social evening will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11th (eleventh), at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at the Cathedral and St. Peter's, Derby (2.30 to 5.30 p.m.). Tickets 11s. (eleven shillings) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 7751

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 9th to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James Williams Street, Sunderland. Method—Yorkshire. 7721

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), Feb. 11th. Names for tea to Mrs. Barton, Anchor Hotel, by 9th. Method for practice—Surfleet Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 7736

ELY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin and R. Housden, Dis. Secs. 7730

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8) Feb. 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936 7732

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, and usual business. Numbers for tea to reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by previous Thursday.—A. H. Smith. 7681

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Feb. 11th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 8th, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7727

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual district meeting at Watford (10), Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, by Feb. 8th, please.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec 7690

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Feb. 11th, Redbourn (6). Names for tea to Mr. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, by the 9th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 7756

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at East Malling. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send numbers for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7693

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting will be held at Heversham (6) on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe.—N. M. Newby and R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 7753

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at the Church of Emmanuel, Everton. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5, followed by business meeting. There will be no charge for tea but members and visitors who intend to be present are earnestly requested to send in their names before Wednesday, 8th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Tuebrook, Liverpool, 6. The main business of the meeting will be the election of a new branch secretary.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 7744

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland, St. James', Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Light refreshments provided 5 p.m. Direct buses from Preston, Fox Street, half-hourly: 1.13, 1.43. Frequent buses from Fox Street, 162 from Tithebarn Street, and from Wigan to Leyland Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 7740

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 7734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Syston on Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Red Cross Hall Chapel Street, followed by meeting. Names for tea to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, near Leicester, by Feb. 8th. General committee meet in tea room at 3.30.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30, p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 7th to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 7747

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Bonvilston, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. — R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 7680

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business in Vestry 6.15 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station. —T. J. Lock. 7719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 11th, at Reading. Ringing, St. Giles', 3 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Laurence's and Caversham, after meeting. Names for tea to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading, by Thursday, 9th.—Burton. 7725

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Nancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting, Oakham (8), on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, near Oakham, Rutland. 7697

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 68th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets, 15s. 6d.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 7659

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Dunblane Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 11th, when the bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 7741

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Elveden (8), Feb. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 7709

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 7696

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge). Names to Mr. R. Ingram, Eastrington, near Goole, on or before Feb. 9th. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7737

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral (8), on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Business meeting in bell tower 4. Evensong in Cathedral 5.15. Tea 6 at Assembly Rooms. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7739

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Feb. 11th, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 2.30, St. James', Clerkenwell (8); 4.30 St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10). Service 6 p.m., Stepney. Tickets, 14s., from D. Priestley, Bentham Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1. 7729

WINDSOR, BERKS. — Surprise practice, Windsor Parish Church (8), Saturday, Feb. 11th, 1956, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. Scott. 7745

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—At Witheridge, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Annual meeting, N. Devon Branch, by-meeting, N.E. Devon Branch. Bells available 3. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by Feb. 14th.—B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 7722

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 2 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Owen Hall. Social evening with refreshments after tea. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, by previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7733

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's bells available after tea. Names for tea to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th, please. All ringers and friends welcome. 7718

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MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Marden (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Barbara Brooks, Newlyn, West End, Marden, by Monday, Feb. 13th. Non-members, please come and help with ringing.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 7742

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, by Wednesday, Feb. 15th, certain, please—if no names, regret no tea.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Buckland (6), Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 15th to C. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey.

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INTO PRINT

TO anyone who has indulged in the pastime of writing, and has ventured for his amusement into the realm of authorship, the remark must often have been made: 'That's very good, you know. You ought to publish that.' Or it may be an admirer has said: 'That ought to be in book form; it would sell like hot cakes, a thing like that would.' Alas! Well-meaning as some of these good friends are, little do they know the trials, tribulations and disappointments attendant upon getting a book into print, and little knowledge do they have of the difficulties of selling it when it is in print.

The compiling and the writing of the thesis is almost invariably the part of the task that gives the greatest pleasure. For the student there is real joy in the visits to the Reference Library, the searching of this and that authority, the interviewing of some person possessing relevant information, the gathering of scraps from here and there and the piecing of them together in support of a theory or statement. Then the planning of the chapters, the sections, and even the paragraphs, followed by the actual writing, wherein passages scribbled upon old envelopes and in tattered note books, worked at, maybe, in the train, in the bus, in the smoke room at the club, or even in bed, are knit together and built up into the final edifice we call the book. And after much revision, much correction, and much heart searching the author sits back and in his heart fondly believes (even if he does not say it): 'Exegi monumentum aere perennius!'

But this monument he has erected more lasting than brass, as he may believe, has yet to be brought before the world, and how shall this be done? There are two chief ways in which a man may publish a book. The first is, of course, to interest some publisher sufficiently that the man of business offers to buy the book outright and publish it or publish it at his expense and pay the author a royalty on copies sold. This a publisher will do if he is convinced he can make money out of the book. But publishers are hard men of the world and always give the impression of having suffered a whole life of cruel disappointment; and they are very hard to move sentimentally and financially. And so the 'monumentum aere perennius' may make many weary journeys backwards and forwards to and from publishers, returning, as one writer expressed it, 'with the uncanny certainty of a homing pigeon.' For the literary world presents to us this extraordinary paradox: it is not prepared to print and publish an author until he has made his name with the reading public; which, when we come to think of it, has some quaint affinity with the dictum of the fond mother who stated that her son should not go bathing until he could swim well.

It is true, of course, that some books catch the publisher's eye straight away and that some authors spring immediately to popularity. But such things are not common, and it is in this connection interesting to reflect that Barrie could not get 'Peter Pan' on the stage without agreeing to write at the same time what has proved to be a play of much less significance. And one would recall too, that as soon as Conan Doyle was famous he was able, without any difficulty, to get his publisher to print 'The Firm of Girdlestone,' a book of little merit and one that had previously gone the round of the publishers in vain.

All this, of course, brings us to the question of specialised publications like change ringing text books. Here the chance of securing the aid of an ordinary publisher is very small, for the demand for such books is small. The writer is, therefore, brought in most cases to the problem of printing and publishing at his own expense, and this is a matter that calls for much thought and consideration. It can be done without too much trouble, of course, and a very interesting procedure it is found to be; but it involves expense, and most ordinary ringers will wish to be assured of an adequate sale of the work before embarking on this enterprise. There are so many thousands of ringers in the land that one is tempted to assume that the selling of three or four hundred booklets, enough to cover cost of publication, is a simple task. This is not so, as many have found. In order to sell, one must advertise continually, and to advertise continually is to incur a running expense that may not be reimbursed by current sales. So the fact has to be faced that the author-publisher must consider himself fortunate if he covers his expenses over a small specialised publication.

We in the Ringing Exercise are, of course, fortunate in that we have the columns of 'The Ringing World' available for the publication of anything we have that we believe to be of value to our fellows, and we must not lose sight of this privilege. But after all it is the book, the booklet, the pamphlet, that give the most satisfaction to the author and provide the most satisfying reward for his labours. It

may not therefore be considered importunate to suggest that all ringers should consider carefully what support and help they can give to the ringing books and booklets; nor may we, perhaps, think it vain to hope that in more prosperous days our ringing journal will be able to give more direct help in furthering the sale of books and pamphlets devoted to the maintenance and expansion of the art of change ringing. E. C. S.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956 *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Anne B. Speed	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
*John R. Mayne	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
*Stephen H. Ivin	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal of eight spliced.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5152 STECHFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

William J. V. Conduct	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	John Pinfold	6
Evelyn M. Fletcher	3	Peter Border	7
Muriel Reay	4	*George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.
* 100th peal in different Surprise Major methods.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Michael A. Mills	*Treble*	George N. Orman	5
Arthur G. Button	2	Urban W. Wildney	6
Roy Duesbury	3	*Felix H. Erith	7
Edward E. Davey	4	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Alex Gammon	*Treble*	‡Frank Barrett	5
*Clive Holloway	2	*Malcolm Journeaux	6
†Christine M. Woodward	3	Peter R. Sanders	7
*Vernon Green	4	Walter F. Judge	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in method away from the treble. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 HEYTHROP SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Cyril H. Kinch	*Treble*	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
Marie R. Cross	2	George F. Burton	6
Edmund E. Pearson	3	George W. Holland	7
Donald H. Niblett	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. L. James. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Thomas J. Lock	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Richard E. Price	6
Alick Cutler	3	John Chilcott	7
*Frank Bishop	4	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of London on the bells.

STECHFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
38, 16, 56, 16, 34, 58, 14, 7.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, 19th January, 1956.

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LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and with all the work of the six methods for each bell. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ..	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	5
*ROBERT COLLINS	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. ..	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ..	4	MARK W. MARSHALL ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of six Spliced Surprise.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anne E. Boulden, a local ringer.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST GEORGE, JESMOND.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*JOYCE L. HAGAN	*Treble*	E. ALAN RAWLINSON.. ..	5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	2	PETER G. WILLIAMS	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE..	7
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY ..	4	A. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ..	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
*JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	4	MARK W. MARSHALL.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	DENIS A. FRITH	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER ..	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HEENE, WORTHING.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*ALAN MECHIN	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
DONALD SMITH..	2	RICHARD WILSON	6
HENRY WEAVER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	7
†DOROTHY SAUNDERS ..	4	JUNE CLEMENTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 2,688 London, 992 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 672 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

DENIS A. FRITH..	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	5
*JOHN R. MAYNE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

DENNIS HEAPY	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY	6
HAROLD C. LONYON	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Susan Jane) to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Corbishley.

CARRICKFERGUS, COUNTY ANTRIM.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*RODNEY STRINGER	*Treble*	‡REV. JOHN J. FIELDING ..	5
†HARRY BROWN	2	‡WILLIAM HALL..	6
‡JEAN STEWART	3	‡THOMAS E. SMELTZER ..	7
*FRANK E. FAGG	4	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Major in the method in Ireland.
Rung in memoriam W. Young, J.P., first chairman, Northern Branch, and Miss W. Auliffe, founder members of the Branch and life members of the Association.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*BRIAN S. MARTIN	*Treble*	‡ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ..	5
JOHN ARMSTRONG	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY ..	6
JOAN E. HILLS	3	F. ROGER SCHOLEFIELD ..	7
†MRS. R. L. ARMSTRONG..	4	LIONEL S. WOODS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 'Circled the tower' twice. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the completion of the redecoration of the church.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS.. ..	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ALBERT GREENHALGH ..	3	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ..	7
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ..	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. Canon T. W. Taylor, a great friend to all ringers, who has left Eccles for the Isle of Man.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	5
JOHN W. BLYTHE	2	E. JACK THURLOW	6
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	3	REGINALD J. DARCH	7
C. JACK GIBSON..	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Cyril Rusby	*Treble*	John J. L. Gilbert	5
*Mrs. N. Chaddock	2	Herbert O. Chaddock	6
Milton Fowler	3	Rev. G. Gordon Graham	7
John E. Turley	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal in the method.
A farewell to Gordon K. Chaddock, of Sheffield Cathedral, on joining the R.A.F.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

Richard J. Bowden	*Treble*	Brian Bladon	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Malcolm S. Cloke	6
Elisabeth Grime	3	Philip Mehew	7
George E. Fearn	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
This composition was rung for the first time.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

Mrs. B. C. Castle	*Treble*	Stanley G. Day	5
Walter Hunt	2	William J. Paice	6
Harold Smith	3	William J. Brooks	7
*Mary Cole	4	John Prince	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Paice.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.
This peal was Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans', using Brook's Variation as the standard calling throughout.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Doris E. Colgate	*Treble*	Kevin S. Hohl	5
Bernard V. Collison	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	6
William R. Manser	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Ralph Bird	4	Robert Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
75th peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

John R. Smith	*Treble*	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
Betty Syrett	2	Wilfred G. Saunders	5
C. Frank W. Phillippo	3	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Winifred,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 19 240's and four 120's. Tenor 14 cwt.

William Sparks	*Treble*	*Horace Netherway	4
Christopher Webb	2	William Webb	5
*Edward Summers	3	John Real	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Webb.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings) and four Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Robin S. M. Stubbs	*Treble*	†Terence T. Jones	4
Ernest E. Bray	2	Eric Naylor	5
S. Arthur Read	3	Elisabeth A. G. Grime	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. Arthur Read.
* First peal. † First peal on six. First peal as conductor.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.
(R.A.F. Station.)
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Eval,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

*T. Brian Eplett	*Treble*	A. Hubert Eplett	4
†Donald Docking	2	Robert A. Southwood	5
†John Roberts	3	Clarence Stephens	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ADVENT, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Adwena,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Grandsire, ten of April Day and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*P. Ruth Hosken	*Treble*	Rev. A. S. Roberts	3
A. Hubert Eplett	2	Robert A. Southwood	4
Alan Carveth	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Seven 720's, one each of Lightfoot, Beverley, York, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Albert E. Scott	*Treble*	Leonard C. Blanchard	4
Frederick W. French	2	James H. Musson	5
Cecil Wade	3	James W. Haw	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
Rung in honour of the engagement of James W. Haw, of Peterborough, to Miss Ruth Morgan, of Swanage, Dorset.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

James E. Dickinson	*Treble*	Alan Capstick	4
*John C. Ford	2	Raymond Suart	5
James E. Burles	3	Nicholas M. Newby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in six methods by all

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob and four of St. Simon's. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

D. Kay Adkins	*Treble*	*Geoffrey W. Seaman	3
*†Dennis Laud	2	William Wenban	4
*Kenneth R. Dunstan	*Tenor*		

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Kent Treble Bob, four Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER P. MORRIS *Treble*	*PERCY M. PETCH 4
*JOHN CUTTS 2	*GRAHAM SMITH 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
* First peal.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 24 extents of Grandsire Doubles (five callings) and 18 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARWOOD .. .. *Treble*	FRED PAYNE 3
*MAURICE WILLOUGHBY .. 2	†RICHARD SEABROOK .. 4
*ROBERT TRUIN .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by FRED PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehung in 1953.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*FRANCIS A. ENGLAND .. *Treble*	*ALAN C. BEST 4
SIDNEY W. WHITE 2	*ALAN W. ROBINSON.. .. 5
WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 3	HERBERT W. PEARCE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal at first attempt.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

*FRANK WHITEMORE .. .. *Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIAR 4
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5
RONALD W. TREASURE .. 3	TUDOR EDWARDS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGFORD.
* First peal.
Rung for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the 60th birthday of the treble ringer.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN .. .. *Treble*	RONALD C. NOON 4
MAURICE BENNETT 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT.. .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. B. Davis.

BURMARSH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

MAISIE VANTOM .. .. *Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 4
DAVID STAPLES 2	JOHN R. COOPER.. 5
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.



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SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 16 methods with 113 changes of method, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob and Fulbeck, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*William L. Gilks .. .. *Treble*	*Donald H. Niblett .. 4
Douglas O. Wilks .. 2	Harry P. Floyd 5
*Malcolm S. Cloke 3	Alan R. Pink .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in more than 14 Minor methods. The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on these bells.

COMBE-FLOREY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur H. Reed .. .. *Treble*	Gordon Walford 4
*Reginald Beale 2	William Slocombe 5
Geoffrey J. Gammon .. 3	William G. Gigg. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William G. Gigg.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

NUNNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Adrian P. Beck .. .. .. *Treble*	W. John Phippen 4
Eunice D. Overend 2	Ernest E. Bray 5
Ronald G. Beck 3	David Hoare .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by David Hoare.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Roy Thurman .. .. .. *Treble*	John A. Underwood .. 4
James A. Lord 2	Jack Beniston 5
*Reginald Upton 3	Roland Beniston .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal of Bob Minor.
Specially arranged for the treble ringer, home on leave from Germany.

NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in B.

Patricia H. Jones .. .. *Treble*	Cyril Savage 4
Jacqueline S. Evans .. 2	William E. Thompsett .. 5
*Donald G. Clarke 3	David J. King .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by David J. King.

* 50th peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. Cyril Savage, who is returning to East Budleigh, Devon.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*David J. Jeeves .. .. *Treble*	Alan S. Smith 4
C. Henry Harding .. 2	Malcolm G. Hooton .. 5
Bryan F. Sims 3	Bryan Pattison .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

* First peal. This is the fastest peal to be rung for the Association on tower bells.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*Peter L. Westerman .. *Treble*	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 4
Dawn V. Elson 2	Ernest G. Orland 5
John Kinchin 3	Robin Wilson .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Robin Wilson.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Dr. Spencer Leeson, late Bishop of Peterborough.

WOOTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (62 singles and 70 bobs). Tenor 17 cwt.

Keith Wakefield .. .. *Treble*	Roy A. Ward 4
Phyllis M. Gray 2	Malcolm G. Hooton .. 5
John B. Long 3	Bryan Pattison .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

HANDBELL PEALS

CROMER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At Woodnook, East Grove,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Raymond W. Balls .. 1—2	John R. Smith .. .. .. 3—4
	Cyril Pooley .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by John R. Smith.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Jan. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At 23, Southdale Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*David Hodgson .. .. 1—2	Donald H. Niblett .. 5—6
William H. Jackson .. 3—4	*Robin A. Hodgson .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by William H. Jackson.

* First peal on eight 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
At Stedman, 128, Sketchley Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation.

Alfred Ballard .. .. 1—2	*Hubert E. Ashley .. .. 5—6
Walter P. Whitehead .. 3—4	Hector A. Knights .. 7—8

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

* First peal of Triples in the method with an 'inside' pair.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At 68, Bushey Mill Crescent,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different methods. Tenor size 14 in D.

Walter G. Paul .. .. 1—2	Geoffrey W. Seaman .. 3—4
	D. Kay Adkins .. .. 5—6

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

5,184 Donisthorpe Surprise Major
By RICHARD F. B. SPEED
In H 23456

— 5 35426
— 4 23564

Repeat twice.
First rung on November 9th. 1955, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, conducted by B. G. Warwick.
Method is Wye with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District's annual general meeting was held at Hertford on January 7th at 3 p.m. St. Andrew's Church bells were rung until 4.30 p.m. to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob and other methods up to Yorkshire Surprise.

A service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Gill) preceded tea, attended by some 33 ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. H. V. Frost was voted to the chair. The secretary (Mr. T. J. Southam) read his annual report, which was carried. He stated that the district had a balance of £18 10s. 6d., which would be handed to the treasurer. The secretary was re-elected and Mr. A. S. Carter was asked to continue in the post of ringing master. The district committee will consist of Messrs. G. Ditton, W. Newnham, E. Rochester, R. Hayden and A. Walsh, with the first two members also serving on the Association general committee. Mr. C. Hayter was re-elected 'Ringing World' representative.

The district's February meeting will probably be at Little Munden. Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents of the Hertford churches for the use of the bells and also the ladies who prepared tea.

Ringing then followed on the ten bells at All Saints' Church until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung there included Stedman, Grandsire and Erin Caters, Plain Bob, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and London Surprise Major. C. E. H.

DERITEND SURPRISE MAJOR

38-16-56-36-14-58-12-18.

2nds place. L.E. 7856342. F.C.E.'s 24365, 46253, 32546, 53624, 65432.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held their annual meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford, E., on January 21st. Ringing was under the direction of the District Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes.

At the business meeting, held in the choir vestry, the officers elected for 1956 were Messrs. C. A. Hughes Master, L. W. Bullock secretary, M. Hayes treasurer, S. Nelson steward. New members elected were: B. Weaver (Loughton), C. McMurray (Ilford), D. Hewitt (London, E.).

Among the items on the agenda was special ringing for the 45th anniversary of the District. Details will appear later in 'The Ringing World.'

The Master, in his report, stated that the District was in a very healthy position, and 15 new members had been elected during the year. The balance in hand was a record and he hoped members would support the officers in 1956 as they had done in 1955. L. W. B.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

The East Devon Branch held their quarterly meeting at Cotleigh on January 21st. About 25 ringers and friends attended. A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Carey Pike, followed by tea and meeting.

The chair was taken by Mr. G. C. Woodley (Sidmouth). The president, Preb. E. V. Cox, presented certificates to Margaret Snell (Cotleigh), Sylvia Goldstein and Geoffrey Broadhurst (Buckerell). Touches were rung on the bells before and after the service.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Salisbury Branch held their annual meeting on January 21st, when 64 members and visitors sat down to tea in the Assembly Rooms, several more coming in time for the business meeting.

The secretary had no outstanding events to report; membership had remained almost stationary at 117. A message of good wishes was sent to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards on his recovery.

The Branch officers were all re-elected for another year: H. A. Roles, chairman; W. Chalk, vice-chairman; Miss Y. L. Eloie, secretary and treasurer; H. H. Abrahams, A. Haines and J. Maidment, Ringing Masters; with J. Lewis and J. Sutton on the committee. On the secretary's proposition, Miss M. Page was elected hon. auditor. Eighteen new members were proposed for election, and two certificates of proficiency presented to Toni Morgan and Jane Skelton, of St. Martin's, Salisbury. After discussion, it was decided that in future a collection should be taken at the quarterly service, to be halved between the church where the meeting was held and a Branch fund for bell repairs and restorations.

The service in the afternoon was at St. Paul's, conducted by the newly-instituted Rector, the Rev. T. E. Dobson. Having recently returned from ten years' work in Uganda, he had grown accustomed to drums, beating in an ever-changing rhythm, as the call to worship on Sunday mornings.

During the afternoon and evening, all enjoyed ringing according to their abilities at St. Martin's, St. Paul's and St. Thomas', Salisbury, and Wilton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The fastest peal to be rung for the Bedfordshire Association took place at Willington on January 27th. The time was 2 hours and 15 minutes. The conductor, Mr. Bryan Pattison, writes that the band had no ideas of breaking the record. The bells wanted to go at that speed and none of the band suffered any discomfiture. Indeed, the striking was of a fairly high order.

Mr. P. W. Cave is breaking his long association with St. Nicholas', Liverpool, which dates from January, 1924 (with a break of six years). He is going to live in the London area.

Wilfred Pickles has been taken to task by more than one ringer for his comment in 'Illustrated': 'Many women and young people are bell ringers, so it can't be too difficult. But I can't understand anyone wanting to do it: I find the sound of church bells so depressing.'

The peal at Kettering on January 7th was arranged for Mr. Charles W. Bird, who rang his first peal at Kelmarsh, Northants, on December 30th, 1905. Unfortunately, through last-minute difficulties, Mr. Bird could not attend. The band wish this Kettering veteran good health and many more peals in the future.

The peal rung at Wootton, Beds, on January 28th was a farewell compliment to Bryan Pattison, who is leaving for National Service in the R.A.F. He will be greatly missed both as an able conductor in the District and as tower captain of St. Mary's, Cardington.

Thirteen employees of Leyland Motors, Ltd., took part in the half-muffled ringing on the ten bells of Leyland Parish Church for the memorial service to Mr. John Ambler, a director of the company. The arrangements for ringing were made by Mr. Lawrence Walmsley, the secretary of the Preston Branch.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Wm. S. Theobald is in the Hampshire Ward, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, following a leg operation.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Charles Arthur Manning (53), at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, on January 27th.

Fourteen-year-old Arthur Foxall, who stood in at short notice for a peal of Stedman Triples at Hughenden on January 7th, rang very well to score a peal at his first attempt. (See p. 51.)

It is hoped that Warmley, Bristol, bells will be ringing again for Easter, after being rehung by John Taylor and Co. Nearly £200 out of the £300 required has been raised, and an all-out effort is being made to clear this off.

Heythrop Surprise Major, first rung at Chipping Norton on January 21st, has the same relationship to Fordham Surprise Major as New Cambridge bears to Cambridge, writes the conductor of the first peal in the method, Mr. Alan R. Pink.

Today a memorial service to the late Bishop of Peterborough will be held at Peterborough Cathedral. Mr. B. P. Morris, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, appeals to ringers throughout the diocese to pay tribute to a great Christian leader by muffled ringing during the coming week. We hope to publish next week a selection of the many tributes received to the memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson.

Mr. Mark Lancefield conducted peals of six spliced and five spliced on successive days during a week-end spent by Mr. Alan Ainsworth, at Ashford. After the peal at Lydd the band were invited to a high supper by Mr. and Mrs. S. Boulden, and the 21st birthday cake was cut a day earlier for the occasion. Alan has now finished his military service and has returned to Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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PEAL RINGERS OF 1955

Only One Centenarian

Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, rang the most peals in 1955. He was the only ringer to accomplish 100 peals, and the story of his reaching his 100th with a peal 'in hand' of Plain Bob Minor on New Year's Eve was told in our issue of January 13th. In the last four years he has rung 307 peals. He was also the leading conductor with 56 peals to his credit, and a number of these were first peals in the method.

Closely behind him was Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, with 95 peals. Since 1948 Mr. Fearn has rung 853 peals, an average of 106.6 peals a year, which is the highest consistency of peal ringing yet recorded, beating the late Mr. Harold J. Poole's average of 106.3 per year for a six-year period.

In view of the interest in these records we have extended the record to 25 peals and over. We regret that a number of prominent ringers have not responded to our invitation to make the list as complete as possible.

The figures in parentheses denote number of peals conducted.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Peter Border	98 (54)	2 (2)	100
George E. Fearn	95		95
Ernest Morris	54 (10)	13	67
Muriel Reay	67		67
Brian G. Warwick	50 (38)	12 (11)	62
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	50	8	58
D. P. Jones	52 (20)	1 (1)	53
John Pinfold	52		52
Clifford A. Barron	50 (17)		50
W. J. Ridgman	47 (36)	3	50
C. W. Barrett	48 (1)	1	49
J. W. Cotton	48 (1)		48
John R. Mayne	47 (31)		47
W. T. Cook	37 (13)	9 (7)	46
John M. Jelley	44	2	46
Nolan Golden	44 (40)	1 (1)	45
Ernest J. Jelley	45		45
Arthur V. Pearson	43 (11)		43
A. Patrick Cannon	42 (22)		42
John A. Acres	28	13	41
Basil Jones	41 (1)		41
Edgar C. Shepherd	40		40
Brian S. Chapman	38		38
John Worth	38 (18)		38
George Sayer	33		33
Thomas Cullingworth	32 (1)		32
L. Boumphrey	28	3	31
Trevor A. Cross	29 (1)	2	31
T. R. Dennis	31		31
John L. Morris	30 (1)		30
J. Bray	23 (18)	7	30
Malcolm S. Cloke	30 (13)		30
Arthur G. Mason	30		30
Rodney B. Meadows	30 (2)		30
P. Mehew	29	1	30
J. A. Ainsworth	28 (5)	1	29
John R. Cooper	29		29
Margaret E. L. Beamish	27 (1)	2	29
Cyril S. Jarrett	27 (4)	2	29
P. Laflin	29		29
J. Michael Lakin	28 (19)	1 (1)	29
J. Henry Fielden	23 (1)	5	28
T. J. Lock	28 (4)		28
Patrick I. Chapman	26	1	27
Ralph G. Edwards	27		27
J. E. G. Roast	27 (18)		27
R. Kenrick	26 (1)		26
P. Nash	25	1	26
J. Ridyard	26 (23)		26
H. T. Rooke	26 (12)		26
A. R. Pink	25 (22)		25
D. H. Rooke	25 (13)		25
John W. Sinfield	25		25
T. E. Sone	25 (7)		25

The bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, will be heard before the evening service on February 12th at 7.45 p.m. on the West Region programme.

DEDICATION

ST. MARY'S, BURWELL

The restored ring of five bells and three new treble bells at St. Mary's Church, Burwell, Cambs, were dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Gordon Walsh, assistant Bishop of Ely, on December 21st. They are now a pleasant ring of eight with a tenor of approximately 13 cwt., the work having been carried out by John Taylor and Co.

The old five bells were retuned, quarter turned and rehung in new headstocks and ball bearing fittings complete, the massive frame being in good condition; the three new bells, new framework and fittings complete were given by Mr. Arthur G. Mason, of Lewisham, in memory of his parents who were regular worshippers in St. Mary's Church. Mr. Mason first learned to handle a bell here, and has now gratified a secret ambition to see eight bells in his own tower.

There was a large congregation for the beautiful service of praise and thanksgiving, which was conducted by the Vicar of Burwell; the lessons were read by the churchwardens and the sermon preached by the Assistant Bishop of Ely.

After the dedication a plain course of Stedman Triples was rung by the general secretary, district secretary, the Cambridge ringers and Mr. Mason, while the procession returned to the chancel singing 'Ye holy angels bright.' The service concluded with a glorious 'Te Deum.'

Ringers were present from Herts, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, and touches of Stedman and Double Norwich Major were brought round until 9 o'clock, when all adjourned to the Gardiner Memorial Hall for light refreshments. Mr. Mason was then thanked by the Vicar, Parochial Church Council and churchwardens for his magnanimous gift; Mr. Mason suitably replied.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District's Favourable Report

The ninth annual general meeting of the Newark District was held at Sutton-on-Trent on January 21st, and was well attended despite a cold, bleak day with heavy rain.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Keal). Tea was provided in the church hall by the ladies, and ample justice was done to the well-laden tables.

The business meeting was presided over by the Guild chairman, the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson. A minute's silence was observed for three departed members—Mrs. L. L East (N. Collingham), Rev. E. A. Rigden (N. Muskham) and Mr. Clement Glenn—and two old friends of the Guild, the Rev. O. G. O. Larr (N. Collingham) and the Rev. G. Anderson (Harby). Members heard with regret that the retiring hon. secretary, Mr. S. L. Barley, had been admitted to hospital. Orston was confirmed as the place of the next meeting and East Bridgford was chosen for May.

Seven new members were elected, namely: Mr. C. Reed, Miss Thelma Williams, Miss Marion Noble and Miss Helen de Vos (all of Balderton), Mr. J. W. Wilson (Sutton-on-Trent), Miss Betty Buxton and Miss Joan Buxton (Whatton-in-the-Vale).

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Reed; two committeemen—Mr. D. Clarke and Mr. G. E. Foster.

The chairman gave a brief résumé of the prospects of the Guild, with particular reference to the restorations completed and pending, and warmly congratulated the Newark District on its progress.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Mr. F. W. Midwinter. The meeting was then declared closed and a mass return to the tower followed. W. L. E.

LICHFIELD'S TRIBUTE TO MR. WALTER J. COPE

Lichfield and Alrewas ringers honoured Mr. Walter J. Cope at their dinner at the King's Head Hotel, Lichfield, on January 18th, by presenting him with a chiming clock in recognition of his service of over 60 years to ringing. Mr. Cope is shortly leaving for Fakenham, Norfolk.

In making the presentation, the Dean (the Very Rev. S. Macpherson) said Mr. Cope started his ringing career over 60 years ago, being introduced by his father, who afterwards became captain of the Cathedral ringers. That day they were happy to wish him many happy returns on his 72nd birthday.

During that time Mr. Cope has taken part in the ringing for all the royal events from the reign of Queen Victoria to the ringing for the birth of the present Duke of Cornwall. He took part in the first peal on the Cathedral bells after they were recast in 1947, which was for the wedding of the present Queen; also the first peal to be rung by a regular Sunday service band at the Cathedral, and several other notable peals.

In his young days very little encouragement was given to probationers, the belfry being nearly a 'closed shop.' Therefore advancement in the art became a very slow process.

At the time of the ban on church bells during the last war, change ringing at the Cathedral had become non-existent, and the revival which had taken place since the recasting of the bells had been due, in no small measure, to the efforts of Mr. Cope in teaching youngsters and generally setting a wonderful example, being most conscientious and regular in his attendance for service ringing.

He showed great vitality and keenness when, three years ago, he went to reside in Alrewas, and immediately set about the task of converting the Alrewas ringers from 'Stoney' to change ringing, and considerable progress has been made as a result. Finally, the Dean said, he hoped that when Mr. Cope took up his new residence at Fakenham, in Norfolk, he would find time to visit Lichfield occasionally. Mr. Cope thanked the ringers for their gift, which he said he would always treasure.

Preb. H. S. Cresswell (Vicar of St. Mary's) added his tribute to Mr. Cope, and thanked him for the fine work he had done. He said that he had been closely associated with his family for nearly fifty years.

The clock has Westminster chimes and is inscribed: 'Presented to Walter J. Cope, as a mark of esteem by his colleagues at Lichfield Cathedral and Alrewas, to commemorate his 60 years' service as bellringer.'

Mr. C. Malin proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for taking the chair, which was carried unanimously. The rest of the evening was taken up with handbell ringing and reminiscing.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Mr. H. E. Audsley the New Master

Mr. H. E. Audsley was unanimously elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the annual meeting in the vestry hall of St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 21st. He succeeds Mr. T. H. Francis, who said he did not wish to stand again.

Other officers elected were Mr. P. N. Bond hon secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne hon treasurer, Mr. R. Ling senior steward, Mr. J. R. Leeming junior steward, Mr. A. Butler and Mr. A. Harding trustees, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mrs. T. H. Francis auditors.

The secretary, in his annual report, said the year had not been a good one for the Society as there had been far too much apathy and lack of support for the officers.

Peals numbered six and ranged from Grandsire Doubles at Bosham, to Stedman and Erie Cinques at St. Martin's. Thirty-one new members had been elected. The secretary appealed for more support for the officers and asked that local members should make a special effort to attend meetings in their area. During the year the Society sent a band to ring at the re-opening of the bells of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, after a long period of disuse.

During the year the Society had lost through death Mrs. K. Matthews (St. Martin's), Mr. W. J. Nudds (Edgware), Mr. T. Goodchild (Boyne Hill) and Mr. W. J. Walker (Rainham).

The accounts, presented in the absence of Mr. W. R. Winterton (hon. treasurer) by Mrs. R. F. Deal, showed a balance in hand of £118 16s. 5d. There was a loss of £10 13s. 4d. on the dinner.

The secretary then proposed an addition to the rules, as follows: 'That no person shall be proposed as a member of this Society until he or she has rung at least a 720 in a recognised method.' This brought some discussion, and finally it was proposed as an amendment that the words '. . . at least a 720 . . .' should be deleted, so that the rule should read '. . . until he or she can ring changes in a recognised method . . .' This amendment was passed by a majority, and the amended rule accepted. Mrs. R. F. Deal asked for a record to be made in the minutes to the effect that proposers should give a verbal guarantee as to the ringing capabilities of their nominees.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. M. Rouse, G. R. Parker (Nettleham), D. Beresford (Lichfield), S. F. Ford (Loughton), F. G. Barron and D. W. Nuttall (Alverstoke), N. Steere (Croydon), S. Richardson (Whitehaven), G. Tembey (Cleator), J. R. Mossop (Moor Row), Miss V. Tumber (Bishopstoke), Miss R. Hide (Farnham), Miss C. Ford (Loughton), Miss D. M. Ward (Bexley), Miss J. Clements (Worthing), Miss S. A. Parvin (Alverstoke), Mrs. R. Armstrong, Miss J. Midgley, Miss J. Cox (Bexley), Miss C. McNeil Love (London), Rev. Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, hon. member.

Meetings for the coming year were proposed as follows: Croydon, April 17th; Chelmsford, July 7th; Pinner and Ruislip, September 15th; and a joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, December 1st.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne gave a brief report on the C.C. meeting at Bristol at Whitsun, 1955, and announced that the Roll of Honour is on display in the Library Gallery of St. Paul's Cathedral.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner on Saturday, October 6th, at the Old Bell, Holborn, and the Master asked for members to give this function their fullest support.

Under the heading of any other business, it was agreed that the Society should contribute the sum of £5 5s. to the fund for a presentation to the retiring Vicar of St. Martin's, Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles Edwards, on his elevation to the See of Worcester. The secretary was asked to write to the Bishop on behalf of the Society, congratulating him on his preferment.

Finally, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the following was proposed by Mr. T. H. Francis and passed with acclamation: The Vicars of St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Bartholomew-the-Great and St. Martin's, for the use of their bells during the afternoon; to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Martin's, for the use of the vestry hall for the meeting; and to the ladies of the canteen, for an excellent tea.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

An interesting point rose from the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Warwick on January 21st, with the Master, Mr. R. J. Eden, in the chair. A discussion took place regarding the desirability of making application for a grant from the education authorities so that a course in campanology might be included in the autumn syllabus for Further Education. A subcommittee, consisting of the Master, the general secretary and two district secretaries, was appointed to go into the matter fully and take such action as they decided. The meeting is to be held at Coventry on February 10th.

Stratford-on-Avon was selected for the annual meeting.

New members elected were: S. A. Dawson (Warwick), S. J. Merry (Clifton) and Miss M. Woodward (Kenilworth) as resident members, and R. G. Morris (Stroud), B. Jones (Knowle), F. Amos (Long Buckby) and Miss D. V. Elson (Yelvertoft) as non-resident life members.

Since the previous meeting of the Guild a great loss had been sustained by the death of the Bishop of the Diocese, who had been a most encouraging patron, and also by the loss of Mr. Oswald J. Hunt, a Guild member since 1912 and a staunch supporter of ringing in Coventry. A few moments' silence was observed in their memory.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Marsden on January 14th. Despite adverse weather conditions, the attendance was up to expectations, nearly 30, including visitors, attending. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Facey, and an excellent tea provided by local ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. J. Pearson was elected to the chair. In a letter regretting his absence, the Archdeacon thanked the members for the help given in training the new team at Halifax Parish Church.

The secretary and treasurer, in his annual report, stated that the six meetings had been fairly well attended. Membership had been steadily maintained. A peal board had been dedicated, but fewer peals had been rung. Progress was being made in creating a new team at Halifax Parish Church. The Guild was sound financially with a nett gain of £2 12s. 7d. on the year.

The secretary and treasurer, Ringing Master and auditors were re-elected. The three new committee members are Messrs. W. Sykes, H. Renshaw and C. F. Sutcliffe. The local company were heartily thanked for making the Guild so welcome, and Mr. D. B. Cater suitably replied. Three new members were elected.

Further ringing on tower- and handbells continued until nearly 9.30. A. W. B.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton District's New Chairman

Custom demands that the annual meeting of the Melton District shall be held at Melton in January, and on January 21st a goodly gathering assembled. Harry Clayton had the bells in readiness and touches were arranged to suit all tastes, culminating in a course of Cambridge Royal as a service touch. The band for this included six members of the local band, of whom two, plus the treble man, were ringing their first course of Surprise Royal.

Canon C. M. S. Clarke conducted the service and the Rev. W. W. Evans gave the address.

Some 50 persons sat down to tea in the Colles Hall. The good things to eat had been prepared by members of the Mothers' Union and the meal was much enjoyed.

The business commenced with the retiring chairman, Mr. F. J. Williams, presiding. The chairman's resignation, due to his removal from the district, was accepted with great regret. The secretary (Mr. J. H. Cook) announced that having completed ten years' service he was unable to stand for re-election, but before he could recover breath he found he had been elected chairman. Mrs. P. A. Corby was elected to the vacant secretaryship and Messrs. T. Templeton (Melton Mowbray) and A. E. Hinman (Kirby Bellars) were re-elected as the District committee. The District 'Ringing World' correspondent, Mr. P. A. Corby, was re-elected.

Various nominations were put forward for general officers of the Guild, including the name of Mr. Shirley Burton as peal secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Burton were present at the meeting and the opportunity was taken to pay a well-deserved tribute to the prodigious amount of work which Mr. Burton does so efficiently for the Guild.

An invitation was received to hold the next District meeting at Bottesford on March 10th. The District secretary is to arrange a bus if at all possible.

It was agreed that the District outing which normally takes place on Whit Monday should instead be held on Easter Monday this year in view of the Central Council visit to Leicester. The former chairman, Mr. Williams, is arranging a tour of the towers in his new neighbourhood around Blyth, Nottinghamshire.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and in particular the chairman expressed the thanks of the members to Mr. Evans for his address in church.

More ringing took place in the evening and visitors from Rutland, Nottingham, Grantham, Rugby and other places were made very welcome, not forgetting a very faithful friend, Mr. Redvers F. Elkington, and his henchmen from Anstey.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of Wellingborough Branch at Irthlingborough on January 21st was well supported.

A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. V. Rogers), who also gave the address. Mr. L. George was organist. A collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £2 5s. 9d.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. C. Knight (Branch president) presided, and members stood in memory of Mr. Horace Plowman (Wellingborough).

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. A. Bigley (secretary), showed an increased balance. The officers, with the exception of one committee member, were all re-elected.

It was decided to visit Bozeat for the next quarterly meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FAST PEALS ON HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter on this subject from Mr. W. Williams, I agree for the most part with his comments. Regarding Doulting, however, I think the time of 2 hours and 57 minutes quite possible. The first peal of Minor on the bells, in 1923, was rung in 3 hours and 3 minutes with Mr. J. T. Dyke ringing the tenor. The tenor is a 51 inch bell and very close to 24 cwt. The belfry is a small one, which always makes for fast ringing, if the band are so minded.

In the case of Chewton Mendip, these are a peal which can be rung at any speed. Previous peals of Major have varied from 3 hours and 8 minutes to 3 hours and 40 minutes. But in view of the particular tuning, I agree that a speed of about 3 hours and 15 minutes to be ideal for these. I've no doubt that the time of 2 hours and 50 minutes was correct (in view of the calibre of the band), but this was much too fast and would not allow these magnificent bells to be heard at their best.

I have many times deliberately set out to ring the 'fastest on the bells,' but in all cases these have been on light rings of bells with tenors under 18 cwt. And always the bells were 'old style' tuning and sounded better rung fast. If the tenor man is prepared to work quite a large number of minutes can be 'knocked off' existing times and still a good peal can be rung.

But keep a reasonably steady pace on 'Simpson tuned' rings and heavy metal. I would add that, in addition, I have also rung several times the 'slowest peal on the bells,' including the four slowest peals of Major yet rung. There is merit in both kinds of performances, providing the striking is perfect.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

AN OFFER TO MR. W. WILLIAMS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. W. Williams with regard to the peals at Chewton Mendip and Doulting: As conductor of both of these peals. I would like to point out to Mr. Williams that firstly, both of these peals were perfectly true and complete, and that the stated number of changes were rung in each case. Secondly, the times were as published.

I have always been given to understand that Doulting tenor is 24 cwt., and having rung the bell, I have no reason to disbelieve this.

If Mr. Williams is still in doubt as to the truth of either of these peals, I would suggest that he comes to Somerset, when I shall be delighted, with the permission of the two incumbents, to repeat at both towers with the same band a quarter peal which he may time. This should dispel any doubt which he has.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID HOARE.

Radstock.

A LISTENER-IN REPORTS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. W. Williams' query about the ringing of a peal of Bob Major at Chewton Mendip on December 17th in 2 hours and 55 minutes, I had the pleasure of listening to it for half-an-hour; it was very fast ringing for a ring with a tenor 24¼ cwt., but the striking was excellent.

I timed the ringing very carefully, which was 28 changes to the minute. D. Hoare rang the tenor as though it was a handbell.

There were five other conductors in the band who knew the composition, so I do not see how any omission could have been made.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. PRESCOTT.

Bath.

'GOOD—BUT SOMEWHAT UNPOLISHED'

Dear Sir,—In regard to Mr. W. Williams's letter, would you be good enough to allow me through your columns to assure him of four things?

(i.) The peal at Chewton Mendip was true and complete.

(ii.) The time was as printed, and was plainly shown to most of those who rang by the interior dial operated by the church clock There was no 'chancy' wrist-watch timing.

(iii.) The time of the Doulting peal was probably as given in your pages. I heard some 50 minutes of it, and when I left I felt sure that it would be completed in under three hours.

(iv.) The weight of Doulting tenor is very close to 24 cwt.

The Chewton peal was good, albeit somewhat unpolished, and what I heard of the Doulting peal was really good, in view of the general 'go' of the bells.

We in this part of Somerset believe in ringing at a brisk pace, with the tenors ringing off balance, and for two reasons. First, we find that we can achieve a better rhythm, and second, the tone of the bells is heard to better advantage. Of course, the backenders have to work hard, but that is what they're there for, and from that point of view only I would have been glad of another ten minutes on the peal at Chewton.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton.

RINGERS AND OLYMPIC GAMES

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter re ringers visiting Australia during the coming Games, I feel it might help some to make up their minds if I gave approximate costs, times, and the various methods of travel.

To travel by air both ways would cost in fares £448; time required at least three weeks.

To do the outward journey by air and return by sea, or vice-versa, would cost from £330 to £382, according to class of travel, or even less if you share a cabin on the sea route. Time: eight weeks.

To travel by sea both ways would cost from £188 to £290, again according to class of travel. Time: twelve weeks.

The times quoted would give at least 14 days in Australia. We need not all travel by the same route, but must arrive at the same time. I feel that half the pleasure would be taken away if we did not go together.

If the outward journey is made by air, ringing would start at Sydney, but if by sea it would commence in Melbourne. The fares quoted are to Melbourne in all cases, and at least another £50 would be required to cover all other costs, including accommodation, etc., while in Australia. All would require passports suitably endorsed for the journey. So far I have had five replies.—Yours faithfully,

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

P.S.—The Games are on from November 22nd to December 8th, 1956.—J. L. G.-H.

RULES FOR METHOD NAMING

Dear Sir,—Whilst applauding Miss Daphne Castell for her desire to learn more of the whys and wherefores of method naming—would that more ringers took an intelligent interest in such matters—may I point out that all the information she seeks was published in 'The Ringing World' not 'many years ago,' but as recently as July 1st last year. In that issue appeared the discussion at the last Council meeting on the report of the committee on Regular Methods and the report on Method Classification, as amended at the meeting.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

A NEW USE FOR HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Your leader of the issue of Jan. 27th under the above title calls to mind my own experience. Some years ago Dr. Davidson, of the Leicester Towers (Mental) Hospital, asked me to get a set of 12 handbells for the inmates' use. He explained that they had there one of the finest musicians in Leicester, who would teach other inmates, and who (when in the mood) wrote all the music played and sung at their concerts.

With the assistance of Mr. Sidney Harrison and his boys, I went there and gave demonstrations of double-handed tune ringing, playing from the table, tapping tunes with bells suspended, and so on.

Within a few months a band was formed of several mental patients, and they have since given performances at a number of concerts.

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE

Dear Sir,—Your editorial remarks on the subject of Bow Bells differ from the information which I have had from old ringers who knew Bow, Cheapside, in the days of the old 12.

I have always understood that in 1930 the eleventh became cracked and Mr. Gordon Selfridge donated the cost of completely renovating the ring. This work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and several bells were recast, including the tenor, and the weight reduced from 54 cwt. to 53 cwt. The decision to recast this bell, often described as being a band of music in itself, was, I understand, a subject of great controversy in the Exercise, particularly in London.

It is interesting to note that during the period 1933-39 only one band was successful in ringing a peal of Maximus on the new 12, this being one of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender, and rung for the London County Association.

Let us hope, Mr. Editor, that the new ring will prove a handier ring than the last, although I deprecate the decision to recast them with a 42 cwt. tenor. This must surely mean that an awful amount of the old 17th century bell metal will be left out. Perhaps sufficient funds could be made available to use this metal to provide two or maybe three semitones, thus putting London on a par with many provincial 12's. Is there a lead here for the Exercise?—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. HUTCHINGS.

Tulse Hill, S.W.2.

PEAL RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's excellent article calls for comment on several points.

Escrick was a 5-bell tower in 1918 and the two peals rung there were Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Ernest Morris.

The 1888 peal at St. Martin's, York, was the last but not the first on the bells. Peals of Grandsire Triples were rung in 1830, 1849, 1850 and 1852; these were followed by Kent T.B. Major in 1862, 1868 and 1888, the last being rung by members of the York Minster Society for the Yorkshire Association (see 'R.W.' of April 23rd, 1954, p. 269).

The bells at Baldersby (tenor 24 cwt.) are not now ringable. The six at Whitwell-on-the-Hill are ringable but not pealable.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Sheffield Catholics' Generosity

The winter general meeting of the Association was held at Sheffield on January 21st when, notwithstanding the inclement weather, the attendance was extremely good. The outstandingly bright star on the bleak winter horizon was the most willing co-operation of the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie and the Cathedral in combining so readily to ensure the comfort of the visitors.

For the first time in many years the Cathedral authorities found themselves without facilities for providing a room for the tea and meeting, but when the local ringers—always renowned for their inexhaustible resources—made approach to Monsignor John Dinn, of St. Marie's, he immediately not only placed a room at their disposal for tea and meeting, but extended the Association a most cordial welcome and expressed his delight in being able to be their host.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). A hearty vote of thanks to the authorities of St. Marie's and the Cathedral for the use of their bells and providing facilities for the meeting was moved by Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. J. Gibson, and carried with acclamation.

Monsignor Dinn, in acknowledgment, said that he was most glad to receive the Association and to place the room at their disposal. The work, however, had been done by the local ringers of both St. Marie's and the Cathedral, and he had never seen the room looking so nice or enjoyed a better meal in it. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies was ably moved by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley, and carried with applause. In reply, Mr. H. O. Chaddock said that he never remembered an instance in his career when the members had met in that room.

The president reported that in the absence of any specific invitation the committee had considered the place and date of the next meeting, which would be the annual meeting, and had reached agreement to recommend that it be held at York on May 12th. There being no alternative proposition, Mr. H. Walker moved and Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded that the committee's recommendation be endorsed. This was carried.

Mr. A. E. Marsh gave a brief report of the Snowdon Dinner held in Leeds on October 15th last, which showed increased support and that the venture had proved a financial success. The president reported that the committee had unanimously decided to recommend acceptance of an invitation from the York Minster Society to hold the dinner at York on October 20th next, and asked members to note the date and ensure its success by loyally supporting it.

An application on behalf of Mr. W. Robinson, of Sandal Magna, to be transferred to the list of honorary members under the provisions of Rule 10 was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. J. Seager. The president reported that the committee had approved two grants of £5 each from the belfry repair fund in response to applications received from Sherburn-in-Elmet and the York Institute of Architectural Study, where an ancient city ring of six had now been installed.

The president next reported that the general secretary was due to retire by rota, and that the committee were unanimous in recommending the re-election of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who had agreed to continue for the next triennial period, which if completed would bring the score to 21 years' tenure of office, and so, the secretary hoped, qualify him for a walking stick! Under the provisions of Rule IV, however, nominations could be received until the 31st of the month duly proposed and seconded, and the same rule stated that the election should take place at the annual general meeting.

Miss Valerie Flint, of the Vicarage, Cawthorne, Miss Judith Rodber, of Richmond, Miss Margaret Taylor, of Thrybergh, Miss Margaret Cutts and Geoffrey Robinson, of Whiston, were elected members on the motion of Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock. This concluded the business and further ringing was enjoyed at the Cathedral until 9 p.m.

THE LADIES' GUILD

N.E. District Want Annual in April

In spite of the weather, the third annual meeting of the North Eastern District at Houghton-le-Spring on January 14th was very successful. It was, however, felt that there would be a better attendance if the annual meeting was held in April. A resolution to this effect will be submitted to the April meeting.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mrs. McGuiness vice-president, Mrs. N. I. Lea hon. secretary, Miss E. Softley Ringing Master, Mrs. Park and Mrs. Lawson general committee. Mrs. Bayles and the Misses D. Killingley, J. B. Softley and K. Softley, District committee.

A vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Gwilliams) for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, was proposed by Miss D. Killingley, and Miss E. Softley thanked the ladies who had prepared the excellent tea.

FIRST PEAL ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—It was John Hales who rang his first peal on 12 at Southwark, not your humble. Although not to be compared with Jack Nash's performance, it was the first method ringing on 12 that Jack had taken part in.—Yours truly,

J. A. HALES.

London, E.5.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

It was a cold afternoon with driving rain on the occasion of the Society's winter meeting at Bloxwich on January 21st, after ten years. Despite these conditions, the meeting attracted an attendance of 70, which was most satisfactory. The pleasing ring of eight bells was put to good use, ringing being under the direction of Mr. George Hughes (Ringing Master).

In his address at the service, the Vicar of Bloxwich, Rev. W. J. Walton, gave some interesting details relating to the history of the Parish Church of All Saints and its bells. Mr. Walton said how much he appreciated the services of ringers and how the sound of the bells was a constant reminder of the Church and all that it stood for.

A very nice tea was served in the Parish Hall by the wives and lady friends of the local band. After tea Mr. Fred Bennett thanked the Rev. W. J. Walton, Mr. L. E. Gill and the members of the local band, and the ladies for all they had done to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Shareshill on March 24th. A joint Festival of the Society, the North Staffs Association, Midland Counties Guild and Shropshire Association will take place at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th.

A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

A Step Nearer

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, who has suggested the formation of a Railwaymen's Guild of Ringers, has received the following letter from Lieut.-Col. J. W. Watkins, general manager of the London Midland Region of British Railways:—

'I have your letter of 21st January enclosing copies of "The Ringing World" for December 23rd, 1955, and January 13th, 1956, which I have read in conjunction with your letter.

'I am interested in the art you have so much at heart and, indeed, have had some practical knowledge of it. I have requested that consideration should be given to the suggestion you make in conjunction with the objects of our newly-formed Staff Association to which you refer.

'Each Region has, of course, a Staff Association, and the matter will also be looked at from an Inter-Regional point of view, and you will be communicated with further in due course.

'I return the two copies of the periodical which you sent me. [Then, in his own handwriting] I was a ringer at our village church in 1908. [I wonder if "the Chief" was too modest to ask for a rope in the peal.]

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J. W. WATKINS.'

Incidentally, by the same post Mr. Stenson received a letter from the Crewe works manager, Mr. I. C. Forsyth, in which he stated: 'I was very interested to read about the Railwaymen's peal and perhaps you will let me know if anything comes of this proposal.'

The replies Mr. Stenson has received are from as far apart as Wadhurst (Sussex), Leeds (Yorks), Ditton and Maidstone (Kent), Swansea (Glam.), Bath, Chester, Chelmsford, Chorley, Melton Mowbray, Wellington (Salop), Newport (Mons), Bedford, Liverpool and Crewe—pretty scattered representation.

The date for the peal has been provisionally fixed for June 23rd.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District

The annual meeting was held at Huntingdon on January 21st and, for a change, arctic conditions did not prevail. Ringing commenced at Godmanchester at 3 p.m. and All Saints' 4 p.m. The short service was at All Saints', conducted by the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, after which tea, followed by the meeting.

At the meeting members stood in silence to the memory of two late members—Mr. F. Warrington (St. Ives) and Mr. T. H Townsend (Gt. Staughton). Many members spoke tributes to the memory of these two members.

In the election of district officers the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley was elected president, in succession to Canon B. F. Sheppard, who has left the District, and to whom a vote of thanks was proposed. Mr. H. S. Peacock was re-elected secretary, Mr. F. W. Lack Ringing Master, and Mr. W. Ransome Deputy Ringing Master. The remainder of the officers were re-elected with thanks to past services. The February meeting will be held at Buckden.

For the annual tour it was agreed that a visit to the Midlands be entertained, arrangements being left to the secretary. Three new members were welcomed to the Association from the Winwick tower. Votes of thanks to all who helped, especially the ladies who served tea, concluded the proceedings.

Further ringing took place on the St. Mary's (8) and All Saints' (6) bells until 9 p.m.

H. S. P.

BENSON, OXON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Douglas 1, T. Selwood 2, R. D. Wells 3, J. E. Godman (cond.) 4, J. Cherrill 5, S. Pether 6. First quarter on the bells by all service ringing band. Rung as a prelude to a children's Nativity play.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,792 Plain Bob Major: H. Wells 1, H. Aldridge 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Corderoy 4, J. Berry 5, W. Gilks 6, M. Cloke 7, R. Blond (cond.) 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 15th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. M. Edwards 1, Anne P. Brown 2, Stella P. Wain 3, Ruth M. Jackson 4, A. N. Brown 5, A. J. Brown 6, Jean C. Brown 7, P. Border (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 1, 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Miss S. P. Wain.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. Walters 1, E. Whitlock (cond.) 2, A. May 3, F. Mynard 4, A. Coley 5, A. Lathall 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. T. Walters, ringer of the treble.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, W. Dixon, sen., 2, J. Westmacott 3, B. Hall 4, J. Benfield 5, W. Dixon, jun., 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. W. Tompkins 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower before Evensong, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Wm. Stannard 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, C. Stannard (cond.) 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Jennings (first quarter) 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Clark 1, S. H. Hoare 2, J. E. Rootes 3, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 4, R. Rowley 5, N. Jenkins 6, G. W. Seaman 7, J. Axtell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Cecil Mayne.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Jan. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Lott 1, Miss J. M. Weddell 2, Miss V. E. Dupré (first in method) 3, F. P. Mead 4, A. F. Udall 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, C. M. Meyer 7, C. H. Wood (first in method as cond.) 8.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On Jan. 1st, a quarter peal of Bob Major: S. Scattergood 1, Miss P. Holborn 2, E. A. Rawlinson 3, F. H. Peacock 4, R. Holmes 5, F. Pearson 6, D. H. Niblett 7, W. Robinson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. W. Thynge and Mr. B. A. Knights, both of whom were past members of this tower.

CULMSTOCK, DEVON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Clarke 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, Pamela M. Stevens 5, R. D. Short 6, M. Stone (first of Triples) 7, W. J. Nurcombe 8.

DERBY.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Taylor 1, Miss P. A. M. Forster 2, M. J. Barker 3, G. A. Halls 4, S. Walklate 5, J. B. Stennitt 6, P. J. Skinner 7, Miss V. M. Horton 8. R. G. Turner 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 2 and 8. For evening service, and a tribute and farewell to the verger (Mr. Fred French), who is leaving to become custos of Worcester Cathedral.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Harrison 1, Betty Syrett 2, A. G. Harrison 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, C. F. W. Phillippo 6. For morning service.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Beale 1, R. Hector 2, W. G. Gigg 3, A. H. Reed (cond.) 4, S. N. Bristow 5, F. Slocombe 6, G. Walford 7, T. Locke 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 3,120 Doubles (2,400 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, L. Sharpe 3, A. Ballam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. C. J. N. Gates, B.A.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. North (first in method) 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Miss M. Wells 3, Miss R. Hide 4, B. Hale 5, S. Meadows 6, C. J. Beadle (first as cond.) 7, E. J. Wells 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, D. Pearson 2, B. Foster 3, C. Richardson 4, E. Chapman 5, M. King (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for morning service.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Cole 1, Mrs. F. Bull 2, Mrs. P. Johns 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, A. Gilbert 5, C. H. Baker 6, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 7, S. Keeping (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

QUARTER PEALS

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Clark 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Miss M. Goode 3, Mrs. K. E. Bowden 4, Miss M. Cox 5, Miss M. Bowden 6, H. Gauntlett 7, J. S. Sidebothom 8. For morning service. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Miles (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden 2, Miss M. Bowden 3, Miss E. Pearson 4, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 5, Miss M. Goode 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, J. E. Clark 8. For morning service.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—A quarter peal of Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor: B. Lister 1, G. J. Berry 2, F. Scott 3, W. Birmingham 4, H. Oglesby (first of Minor) 5, G. Gilbert 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss A. Lowing 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, R. Brown 5, J. Fowler 6, A. Salisbury (cond.) 7, F. Gant 8.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everett 5, G. Jennings 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. Rung before morning service.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,380 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 480 Little Bob, 180 Plain Bob): L. Melton 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Sharpe 3, H. King 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: V. Bowen 1, H. Crome 2, L. Houghton 3, T. Bush 4, W. Rose 5, L. Bush 6, M. R. Reed 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tarr 1, Mrs. P. Moore 2, P. Moore 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, H. Comins 5, F. Burton 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. W. Pike, a former ringer at this church, who was buried the previous day.

LEIGH-UPON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. King 1, J. Hillard 2, D. Robertson (15) 3, E. Trim 4, D. J. Withers (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, R. Hardy 6. A 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, G. S. Morris 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to H. G. Keeley.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): E. Bawden (first in more than one method of Minor) 1, C. Clarke 2, F. Sweet 3, M. Stone 4, D. Miller 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in more than one method of Minor on the bells. For the fourth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. Griffin.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 7th, 2,160 Minor (720 each of (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight): B. Schofield 1, S. Hough, jun., 2, B. Woodruffe 3, A. Richardson 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Stella Croxall to Mr. Kevin Willet.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 300 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob): Miss M. A. Softley 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, S. Thompson 3, C. T. Lamb 4, E. N. Harrison 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor to be rung on the bells for over 20 years. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Clemens).

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Hayter 1, B. G. F. Pinnock 2, E. B. McKie (cond.) 3, W. D. N. Foote (first quarter) 4, A. J. Bull 5, N. Clark 6. For Evensong.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Sweet (first as cond.) 1, C. Clarke 2, D. K. Lane 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short 5, D. Miller 6. Arranged for D. K. Lane (R.A.F.), of Kingsbury, Warwicks.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Andrews 1, Molly Hayes 2, Alice Reed 3, N. Hayes (cond.) 4, C. Murphy 5, R. Payne 6, R. A. Reed 7, L. W. Stead 8. Rung in celebration of the christening at this church of the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Hayes.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Otter 1, J. Cruickshank 2, J. Hadfield 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith 5, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Forward (first quarter) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, J. Dart 3, G. Collett 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Donald Grant, who was killed in a flying accident.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: G. R. Payne 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, B. M. Buswell 3, J. Pailing 4, W. L. Exton 5, F. W. Midwinter 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Helen M. Brant (first of Treble Bob) 1, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 2, J. N. Diserens 3, B. C. Stirland 4, R. F. Diserens 5, A. Diserens 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Redwood 1, J. Turner 2, R. Hoare 3, Miss B. Hiscock 4, Miss S. Pursey 5, R. Marlow 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, L. Cobb 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. A. Brewin 2, P. Plowright 3, B. S. Payne (50th quarter as cond.) 4, G. M. Brewin 5, M. Westbury 6. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sutton (first quarter) 1, L. Melton (first 'inside') 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Nice (first of Minor) 4, L. Nice 5, R. Rose 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Secker (first quarter) 1, M. Rowe (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Perrin 3, M. Cubitt 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, F. Maybee 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. V. Rowe.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Leversuch 1, D. Ward (first of Treble Bob) 2, M. Mesley 3, J. Wilcockson 4, D. Hopwood 5, A. Wenban 6, L. North 7, W. Wenban (cond.) 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London and Wells, 576 Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge: Mrs. J. Brooks 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. J. Broyd 4, J. G. Newman 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gartside (first of Triples) 1, Grace Burchall (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Anne Read (first of Triples) 3, Katharine Burchnall 4, N. T. Moxon 5, J. Read (first of Triples 'inside') 6, A. W. Wilson 7, R. Mumford (first of Triples) 8. All are members of the local band.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 300 Grandsire): C. Sweet (first away from tenor 'behind') 1, F. Sweet (cond.) 2, D. K. Lane 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short 5.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Roome 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, W. Gammage 3, G. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Irene Margaret Bateman to Mr. Ernest Raymond Eastment, both of Weston Favell.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Hereward Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, R. J. Carlton 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: W. Kerrison 1, Mrs. J. W. Blythe 2, E. T. Chapman 3, R. J. Darch 4, C. J. Gibson 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Mr. T. H. Darch and Mr. F. Matravers.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and 300 of Stedman): G. Prescott 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Schofield 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, J. H. Oram 5.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. ALLEN

Mr. Frederick William Allen, who passed away on January 14th after a short illness, aged 77 years, served St. Andrew's Church, Boreham, Essex, in various capacities for over 60 years.

At the age of 18 he paid his shilling (the fee then demanded by the tutor) to be taught to handle a bell, and gradually became accepted as a member of the local band. In 1903, under the conductorship of the late Arthur Edwards, he rang the fifth to a peal in five methods, this being the first peal on the bells. In this same peal James Young rang the second to his first and only peal at the age of 81 years.

No complete record is available of his peals, but it is thought that all were rung at Boreham, the last of these being on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Early in World War I he became village constable, also sexton and clerk to the parish church, in which capacity he served until the end.

The funeral service took place in his beloved church on January 18th, when a large congregation representative of village organisations gathered to pay their last respect to one whom all knew so well. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. W. J. House.

After the interment in the churchyard the bells were rung half-muffled by the following members of the Essex Association: C. Smith 1, Mrs. S. Andrews 2, E. J. Runter 3, A. H. Everett 4, R. Thrift 5, G. Andrews 6. A short touch of Kent Treble Bob, his favourite method, was rung, followed by the whole pull and stand 77 times.

On January 22nd the local band rang 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor to the honoured memory of an old and faithful servant: K. Joslin 1, R. Joslin 2, A. H. Everett (conductor) 3, J. Sheppard 4, L. Joslin 5, A. H. Edwards 6.

MR. WILLIAM SHORT

With deep regret we report the death, early on January 26th, of Mr. William Short, of Hawarden, near Chester, in his 85th year. For some months he had suffered indifferent health.

Mr. Short was captain of the Hawarden ringers, and until recently was able to take his place in the tower. He will be greatly missed by his own ringers and by all the ringers and friends he made in Buckley.

Mr. Short was a ringer and captain of the Buckley company for many years, and it was he who conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells on September 24th, 1904. This was also the first peal of the Buckley band, which was formed in 1903 and trained by Mr. Harry Dew, with able assistance by other Chester ringers.

Mr. Short went on to conduct other peals in this tower during his service as a ringer, and throughout worked hard and conscientiously for church and tower. He was a foundation member of the North Wales Association of Bell-ringers.

The funeral took place at Hawarden Parish Church on January 28th. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by a band of ringers from his old tower at Buckley, assisted by Mr. L. S. Griffiths and Miss D. Lester, representing Llandudno, Mr. J. L. Evans, Rhyl, and Mr. W. Cathrall, representing the North Wales Association and Wrexham.

At St. Matthew's, Buckley, on Sunday evening, January 29th, an attempt was made for an in memoriam quarter peal of Stedman Triples, rung half-muffled. Unfortunately, after some excellent ringing, this came to grief half a course from home.

Thus passes to a greater service a much-respected and beloved ringer, gentleman and friend of all. R.I.P. D. H. B. M.

MR. STEPHEN READ

Mr. Stephen Read, a member of All Saints', Asfordby, ringers, passed peacefully away on January 23rd at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. Curtis, of Asfordby Hill. He was 82.

Mr. Read learned to ring at Easton, in Huntingdonshire, where there were only four bells. He came from Sheffield to Asfordby and joined the local band in 1904, and continued ringing up to about two years ago. Although not a great change-ringer, he was a very regular attender and was also a sidesman for many years.

At his funeral on January 26th four of his fellow ringers (including 82-year-old Mr. E. Littlewood) attended.

On January 28th a quarter peal of Doubles (360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire) was rung half-muffled on the bells as a token of respect. Those taking part were J. W. Day 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook 3, J. H. Cook (conductor) 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6.

MR. H. G. THOMPSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry G. ('Harry') Thompson, on January 20th at his home at Parkstone, Dorset, at the age of 73. He had been in failing health for some time and was obliged to give up ringing at St. James', Poole, where he was a most regular service ringer, a few weeks before Christmas.

Mr. Thompson came to Poole in 1915 from Waltham Abbey, with others to open a new ordnance factory at Halton Heath, near Poole. He joined Mr. F. W. Townsend's ringers at St. James', Poole, and remained an active service ringer until the time of his death.

He rang a few peals in his early days, and was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, as well as the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The funeral service was held on January 25th at St. James', Poole, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. W. Bevington. With the family mourners, his sister and two brothers, there was a representative congregation of ringers from the local towers, and members of the Poole Conservative Club. The interment was in the Branksome cemetery.

In the evening St. James' bells were rung half-muffled to his memory by the local company, with friends from St. John's, Bournemouth, and Wimborne. The Rector of Poole conducted a short service in the belfry before the ringing. A. R. M.

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BIRTH

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DEATH

MASSEY.—At 66, Vale Road, Claygate, on Monday, January 30th, 1956, Wilkins Massey, aged 62, dearly loved husband of Daisy E. Massey, and father of George. Memorial service at Esher Parish Church, 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, February 11th. 7777

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. J. H. Gilbert has removed from Lyndhurst, Hants, to Homeleigh, 14, Chestnut Road, Long Ashton, near Bristol. 7761

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MEETINGS

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin and R. Housden, Dis. Secs. 7730

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, and usual business.—A. H. Smith. 7681

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HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —Meeting, Feb. 11th, Little Munden, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss E. Lawrence, Green End, Dane End, Ware.—T. J. Southam. 7704

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Feb. 11th, Redbourn (6). —R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 7756

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at East Malling. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send numbers for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7693

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. 7747

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business in Vestry 6.15 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station. —T. J. Lock. 7719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 11th, at Reading. Ringing, St. Giles', 3 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Laurence's and Caversham, after meeting. 7725

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Business meeting in bell tower 4 p.m. Evensong in Cathedral 5.15. Tea 6 p.m. in Assembly Rooms.—W. L. Weller. 7766

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Feb. 11th, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 2.30, St. James', Clerkenwell (8); 4.30 St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10). Service 6 p.m., Stepney. Tickets, 14s., from D. Priestley, Bentham Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1. 7729

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunstable on Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7786

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 15th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7772

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Northwich. 7792

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by 15th Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7794

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7776

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 18th, Blackhill (St. Aidan's), also St. Mary's available. Names to Miss M. Sproat, 11, Gallacher Terrace, Blackhill. 7763

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Cups of tea provided—own food.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7780

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington, St. John's, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7773

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Coalpit Heath, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 14th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 7767

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting at Stone (6), Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Feb. 15th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7795

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Hatherop, Feb. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service, Coln St. Aldwyn, 6.30 p.m. Bells after service.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 7758

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—At Witheridge, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Annual meeting, N. Devon Branch, by-meeting, N.E. Devon Branch. Bells available 3. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by Feb. 14th.—B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 7722

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 2 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Owen Hall. Social evening with refreshments after tea. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, by previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7733

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 15th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7760

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster Branch.—Annual meeting at Leominster on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, Feb. 15th.—J. F. Fox, Stockton, Kimbolton, Leominster. 7778

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's bells available after tea. Names for tea to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th, please. All ringers and friends welcome. 7718

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwick, 3 p.m., Feb. 18th (not Miles Platting as previously arranged). Café nearby. Buses from Victoria Bridge Street.—R. Benson. 7791

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7775

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7765

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Barrow-upon-Soar, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, Church Room 5 p.m., to Mr. G. Lowe, 3, The Retreat, Barrow, by the 15th, please.—B. Stedman Payne. 7769

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social will be held in the Village Hall, Sapcote, Feb. 18th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. No names received after Wednesday, Feb. 15th. 7748

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at Norwood Green (6) from 3 to 4 p.m., and at Heston (8) at 4.15. Tea at Heston at 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss E. M. Ricketts, 133, Jersey Road, Osterley, Isleworth.—F. A. Finch. 7782

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, by Wednesday, Feb. 15th, certain, please—if no names, regret no tea.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and Bicester Deanery Branch.—Joint meeting at Bicester on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to Mr. C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec., City Branch. 7793

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Bridport, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—E. Russell, White Cross, Netherbury. 7759

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Buckland (6), Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 15th to C. Champion, 1 Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Feb. 15th.—K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7770

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 18th, at Petersfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Bolwell's Café. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Feb. 15th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 7779

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7762

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 25th, Hawthorn's Hotel, Woodland Road, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Bus service 20 from centre. St. Stephen's (10) available 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 9s. each, with remittance, before Feb. 22nd, from A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5. 7788

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Bampton, Saturday, Feb. 25th—all welcome. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at Aston 2 to 3 p.m., Clanfield 6 to 7.30 p.m. Please notify for tea.—Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 7771

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held at the Gardeners Arms, Sandhurst Road (off Ampthill Road), Bedford, on Saturday, March 3rd, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Kempston bells will be available 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 11s., from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 7783

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Committee meeting, Accrington, March 3rd, at 3.45 p.m. in St. James's School. Towers available: St. James's Church from 2 to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. onwards, Church Kirk from 2.15 to 4.15 p.m., also after tea. Tea 5 p.m. in St. James's School at 2s. per head; names to Mr. Roger Leigh, Newstead, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington, by Wednesday, Feb. 29th. Note—the church is in the centre of the town. Bus service: Accrington to Church Kirk, 2 p.m. and hourly; Church Kirk to Accrington, 2.15 p.m. and hourly.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 7764

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — General committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 3rd. Details later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7774

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Preliminary notice. The annual Branch meeting will be held at Thame on Saturday, April 21st. A good attendance is desired. —H. Badger, Branch Sec. 7768

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WHERE ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

WHEN browsing through reports of functions in 'The Ringing World,' one occasionally drops across words of wisdom or outspoken comments by speakers proposing or replying to toasts. At the Universities Association Reunion recently, Mr. E. A. Barnett focused attention on Sunday service ringing and urged the Association to do its best for Sunday service bands.

There is no doubt that his remarks fell upon fertile ground, for many young people from the University Association and various University Guilds have become stalwarts in the Exercise, and the process is likely to continue. Ringing activities of the University Guilds are of great value and are extending.

The yardstick of a good ringer is his (or her) effectiveness in Sunday service ringing. Peal ringing is an essential part of ringing activities, but its importance should not be exaggerated. Mr. Barnett, who, as secretary of the Central Council, is well qualified to speak, said that peal ringing bears no relation to the state of ringing in the country and that Sunday service ringing does not receive the support it should.

There is no doubt that many keen peal ringers are also most active workers for their own tower and guild, and the best of them will always put the latter before their peal ringing. But the state of Sunday service ringing leaves no room for complacency; far too many bells are silent or undermanned on Sundays. In many cases recruits are available; the greatest need is suitable tutors to see through the task of training bands where needed.

An improvement might be stimulated if somehow more interest and attention could be focused amongst ringers and in 'The Ringing World' on this branch of ringing activity. In Central Council reports, Association reports and 'The Ringing World,' peal ringing activities are analysed to the last detail—rightly so, but in most association reports the whole year's activities in other ringing spheres is dealt with in a few paragraphs. The Central Council reports and association reports do not disclose the true position regarding Sunday service ringing. If they did it might be easier to find means of bringing about an improvement.

Would it not be advantageous for the Central Council to appoint a committee to report annually on the state of Sunday service ringing? From such a report and discussion thereon, much helpful information might result and stimulus be given.

Naturally, the help of the Guilds, Associations and District Societies would be needed and the whole thing handled in a spirit of co-operation. As in other matters, the Central Council would depend upon its affiliated societies and the ringing fraternity in general for help in compiling such a report.

The important thing is to stir a terrific enthusiasm for local band progress — in recruitment, methods rung for service, ringing standards and, occasionally, local band peals. Perhaps most important of all is the need to produce more leaders and tutors from within our ranks and somehow create enthusiasm for this most important and really worth-while task. This returns us to the point where this article started—a speech at the U.A. Reunion.

The various University Guilds are in an advantageous position to help in the future provision of tutors. A good proportion of university students enter the teaching profession where they come in touch with likely sources from which future ringers may be recruited. There is an increasing interest in handbell ringing as an out-of-school activity. Change ringing and tune ringing on handbells compare favourably with other worth-while cultural out-of-school activities, and a little further expansion may lead to education authorities giving official help and encouragement.

Perhaps the day is not far distant when the Central Council may appoint an official to seek co-operation between the Council and education authorities and organisations. Such a scheme could be of great help to church bell ringing and at the same time provide education authorities with a worth-while truly British spare time activity to put before the youngsters of to-day.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	†DOREEN DUTTON	6
HAROLD MARCON	2	JOHN P. FIDLER	7
*CELIA COWLEY	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	8
COLIN HARRISON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
PAUL L. TAYLOR	5	‡RICHARD PRIME	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*CHRISTINE PEDDER	*Treble*	ALFRED ASHTON	6
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	†FRANK RAYMENT	7
†ALLAN WEAR	3	*E. MARTIN FIELDEN	8
†WILLIAM DIXON	4	JOHN PEARSON	9
†M. VIVIEN COPPING	5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal on ten. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal.
Rung to welcome Dr. F. D. Coggan on his enthronement as Bishop of Bradford. Also to mark the 86th birthday, on February 2nd, of Joe Hardcastle, member of the Cathedral company for over 60 years.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956 *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5000 BEDFORD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	6
*ANN BARR	2	†RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
*JOAN BERESFORD	3	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	8
*J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	*PETER BERESFORD	9
†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5	*GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal of Bedford Surprise Royal in the county and for the Society.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
ALAN F. THIRST	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	A. RONALD LING	8
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	9
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Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by A. RONALD LING.
First peal of Caters as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

*ANGELA M. BRIGGS	*Treble*	*TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY	2	PATRICIA M. BOURN	7
†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	*FRANK D. MACK	8
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Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED GREENOUGH	*Treble*	WILLIAM GILKS	5
JAMES BLOND	2	*PETER DAVIES	6
MALCOLM CLOKE	3	*ROBERT BLOND	7
DAPHNE CASTELL	4	CLAUDE CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First of Stedman Triples.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLENPARVA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Whitwick, with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	EDMUND MALIN	5
*ANN BARR	2	†JOAN BERESFORD	6
WALTER J. COPE	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Maior in the method. † 150th peal.
Rung to commemorate Mr. Walter J. Cope's 60 years' loyal service as a ringer at Lichfield Cathedral.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DEREK SANDERSON	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	5
STEPHEN L. PARRY	2	†GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	*THOMAS OGDEN	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
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On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
ALAN F. THIRST	2	†JOHN D. ROCK	6
*G. WILLIAM MORRIS	3	*FRANK C. PRICE	7
*SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.
Rung in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough, who died on January 27th, 1956.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
*GEOFFREY PAUL	2	*H. LESLIE PASK	6
*NORAH M. BIBBY	3	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods as conductor.
A birthday peal for Mr. H. L. Pask.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*PETER WILLIAMS	*Treble*	E. ALAN RAWLINSON	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	A. NEVILLE BROWN	7
ENID SOFTLEY	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
*AUDREY WHITE	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
HARRY POYNER	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rt. Rev. H. C. Montgomery Campbell, Bishop of Guildford, on his translation to the Diocese of London.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

RODNEY SMITH	*Treble*	DAVID T. PARKER	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	NEIL LOMAS	6
ANNE P. BROWN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
A 21st birthday compliment to Anne P. Brown.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods: 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, 119 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
PETER BORDER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of six spliced.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOYCE L. HAGAN	*Treble*	MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	5
E. ALAN RAWLINSON	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
MARION S. CAPEY	4	A. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of the composer.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BATHWICK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*ROBIN STUBBS	*Treble*	‡TERRENCE T. JONES	5
†GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
†MRS. DORA EVANS	3	DAVID HOARE	7
ERNEST E. BRAY	4	HERBERT J. MERRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Triples.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*J. WILLIAM T. DAVIS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Major.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
HAROLD E. RAXTER	3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	7
WALTER H. RAXTER	4	VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
In memoriam C. Arthur Manning.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 Superlative, 1,280 Bristol, 1,216 Cambridge and 1,088 London, with 107 changes of method. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble*	*FREDERICK A. FINCH	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F B. SPEED.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung to welcome the birth of Helen Dodds on February 1st.

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GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN C. S. BENSON	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
RALPH BIRD	2	PETER F. BORER	6
ALBERT DUNK	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
†FREDERICK W. ROGERS	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
*ROGER BALDWIN	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Bristol. † 50th peal of Bristol. 75th peal on the bells by the ringer of the treble.

SHORE, LITTLEBOROUGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	STEPHEN L. PARRY	5
ALLAN SMITH	2	†PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
†GEOFFREY S. MILLS	4	DEREK SANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
In memoriam Fred Hartley, a ringer at this church for nearly 50 years, who died the previous day.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST THOMAS
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MRS. B. G. WARWICK	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	*ROGER STRETTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the dedication of this church (February 2nd, 1893).

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST REMIGIUS
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	*MICHAEL J. DAY	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	6
*MIRIAM A. HIGDON	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method
A coming-of-age compliment to Miss Miriam Higdon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

PETER CLARKSON	*Treble*	IVOR GOULTER	4
VALERIE WILLARD	2	DAVID BEARD	5
SHIRLEY PARSONS	3	DAVID MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID BEARD.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise and Capel Treble Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Oxford Bob and Hereward, (4) Double Court and Single Court, (5) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (6) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	*REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 21 methods.

FORNCETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	*HENRY TOOKE	3
LEONARD G. TOOKE	2	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	4
		FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* 300th peal for the Association. Frank Arnold has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. C. F. Scott.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) York Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*JENNIFER STRATFORD	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. SMITH	4
RITA M. STRATFORD	2	‡JOHN VERNON	5
†MICHAEL VERNON	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal (age 13). † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together. 25th peal as conductor.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, consisting of 206 singles, every call a single. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM M. MANN	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	4
ROBERT C. BUTTON	2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER	5
*ELLIS R. SHINGFIELD	3	CHAS. E. G. BANHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.
* First peal 'inside." The conductor and ringer of the tenor become jointly the first people to 'circle the tower.'

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Netherseale, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

A slight trip after the last bob prevented this from being a silent and non-conducted peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lily Pike.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 34, 36, 39, 48, 50 and 29).
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	2	ALEC RICHARDSON	5
GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr., approx.

*SUSAN A. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
MARIE R. CROSS	2	ALAN R. PINK	5
ROBIN A. HODGSON	3	†FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal (aged 13 years). † First peal of Minor.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Janet Eason, a member of the local band, who was prevented by illness from ringing in the attempt.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL-RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 16 extents of Reverse Canterbury Bob (four callings), 16 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and ten extents of Grandsire (three callings).
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL LING (16)	*Treble*	GEOFFREY P. GREEN	4
CLIVE WIXEY (17)	2	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	5
PETER T. HURCOMBE (15)	3	SIDNEY J. PUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE (15).
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in three Doubles methods by all.

GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GREEVES	*Treble*	JOHN COUZENS	4
BERNARD G. MOORE	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to G. R. Drew (January 25th).

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 22 of Plain Bob, ten changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9¼ lb.

*ROSEMARY STRONG	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	4
MONICA E. FRAY	2	CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT	5
LEONARD DERRICK	3	HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., Jan. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of St. Simon's, London, Canterbury Pleasure, six extents of Grandsire, and eight extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Old Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR HENMAN	*Treble*	LESLIE BATTISON	3
RAYMOND HENMAN	2	*DAVID RINGROSE	4
ANTHONY FORD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LESLIE BATTISON.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson).

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*ANTONY D. SANSOM (11)	*Treble*	FRANK E. CROSIER (17)	4
†A. MOLLY CROSIER (13)	2	DAVID W. JAMES (16)	5
*LESLIE G. BERRIDGE (13)	3	*JOAN E. BAKER (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Bishop of Peterborough by the Sunday service band of Cranford. Believed to be the youngest band in the county to ring a peal; average age 14 years 10 months.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	BRIAN M. BARKER	4
GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	2	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 150th peal together.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

CHEDWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of April Day (three callings), 15 of Plain Bob (four callings), 15 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN S. CAREY	*Treble*	THOMAS F. STONE	4
MERVYN DAY	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	5
HUGH FALKNER	3	HARRY EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal away from tenor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) and six 240's (three Pitman's and three Morris'). Tenor 12 cwt.

*BERYL C. PHILPOT	*Treble*	†DAVID STAPLES	4
†PHYLLIS E. LOWES	2	LESLIE C. SMITH	5
†RAYMOND J. CARLTON	3	*WILLIAM J. GILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 14. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1—2	*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3—4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7—8
KATHLEEN FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Containing 3,424 of Plain Bob, 1,584 Little Bob, with 214 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	†JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
*ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	‡MRS. B. G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob 'in hand.' † 200th peal for the Guild. ‡ First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. First peal of Spliced Plain and Little as conductor.

PEAL RINGING IN YORKSHIRE (2)

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

(Continued from page 60)

WE come now to consider the peals rung in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Just over two-thirds of the rings of bells in Yorkshire are in this part, and it is, of course, the most thickly populated part. Its four 12's and ten 10's can only be rivalled by Middlesex, and the very few 5's in the whole county is also noteworthy. There are one or two points which make this county rather different from all the others, especially in the early days of the period about which I am writing. Firstly is (or was) the popularity of Treble Bob. Where Grandsire was the usual 'simple' method first rung in other parts, Kent Treble Bob seems to have been the norm in Yorkshire. This led to another fact—the large number of false peals rung in the early days. It is a good example of the liability to falseness of this method. Secondly, the county is distinguished by the number of 'unusual' methods practised and rung (I fear many would not conform to the rules!). Especially was this true of Calverley, where we find peals of Rose of England, Prince Albert and London Treble Bob Major (one of Prince Albert was rung as late as 1926). And of course, the 6-bell ringers have always loved their Woodbine and Duke of York, etc. (cf. the one rung at Cawthorne on November 26th last). Yes, we certainly find an individualistic character in the Yorkshire ringers.

But now for the peals. Several towers have had their greatest popularity in the past, and so it will perhaps be a surprise to some readers to see their names mentioned amongst those with the biggest totals. This is probably true of the tower with the most peals since 1881—Drighlington (8), with a score of 141. Of these, 100 were rung from 1881 to 1914, with 28 between the wars and 13 since 1945. Over 60 of the first 100 peals were of Treble Bob (43 of the first 50). Easily the most popular tower in the county between the wars, Handsworth (Sheffield) comes second on the list. The first peal here was not rung until 1921, but 89 were rung up to 1940. It has maintained its average since the war, for a further 44 peals have come since 1944, a grand total of 133. The first peal of Major by eight ladies was accomplished here in 1928.

The tower with the most peals since the last war comes third—Queensbury (8) with 130. Eleven were rung from 1908 to 1916, 55 from 1922 to 1939, and 64 since 1943, so it is doing well now. We turn to a 12-bell tower for the fourth centenarian—Sheffield Cathedral. This tower has had a long and distinguished ringing history, commencing nearly 200 years ago. Of the 117 peals, 65 came from 1881 to 1915, 41 from 1919 to 1939, and 11 since 1946, so the history has been consistent with a slightly better average early on than now. The last centenarian is Rothwell (8). More than half the 105 peals were rung prior to the first war (58), there were 35 between the wars and 12 since 1945, so we have a similar story to the Cathedral.

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL MOST 10-BELL PEALS

Bradford Cathedral is almost a centenarian in the period—it has now reached 99. The tower has the most of the 10-bell peals of the county. It is doing very well at the moment for just one-third of the peals have come since the last war in 11 years. Twenty-seven were rung from 1884 to 1905 (22 of these were Kent Treble Bob Royal), then there was a gap until 1922 when 39 peals were rung up to 1938, so it did well in that period. Four 8-bell towers follow. Guiseley has 98 in the period, 70 before 1914 and 15 since 1946. There were earlier peals, so it will also have passed the 100 mark. Shipley comes next with 96. This tower has not been heard since 1938. The peals were rung without any war years break from 1882 to 1938. Of the 57 peals, 51 rung at Pudsey between 1881 and 1913 were Treble Bob. There were 15 rung from 1916 to 1934, and then there was a silence until 1945 since when there have been ten. Total is 82. Wortley's golden age was from the first peal in 1893 to 1912, for 63 of the 81 peals were rung then. Between the wars there were 17, and there has only been a single peal since (in 1949).

Three towers have 77 peals since 1881. Rotherham (10) is the best known of them. The peals come regularly from 1881—between one and two per year on the average with the usual war years gaps. Mr. N. Chaddock wrote at length about this tower recently, so I would refer readers to that article for full information. Bolsterstone (8) is similar to Wortley in history. Forty of the 77 peals came from 1892 to 1914 and the remainder from 1919 to 1938. Thus the tower has not been heard of since the war. A striking feature here is that 26 of the peals are of College Single Major (the last peal rung there was of this method). The third 77-peal tower is Wath-on-Dearne. This was a famous 6-bell tower of old, but it had been silent for many years until a peal was rung in 1904. There were eight in all up to 1912 and after the war, 31 from 1917 to 1935. Then came augmentation and 21 peals were rung in the next four years. Since the war there have been 17.

All Saints', Pontefract (8), has 76—34 from 1899 to 1914, 37 from 1921 to 1937, and only five since 1947, so there is a diminution here. Liversedge (8) is another tower more famous 50 years ago. Fifty of the 75 peals were rung before 1914. Before our period commences, the tower achieved fame for the first peals in some of the methods mentioned above—Prince Albert T.B., Rose of England T.B., also Nightingale, Cumberland Exercise (longest length) and Albion Treble Bob. There have been nine since the war. Next is Conisborough (8) This tower is going strong now, for there have been 45 peals since 1944. The remaining 27 come from 1921 to 1937. Sheffield, St. Marie, had a lean time between the wars. There had been 40 from 1881 to 1910, but there were only eight in the 1920's and one in the 1930's (in 1937). There have been 14 since the war, so it is picking up again.

12-BELL TOWERS

Now we come to the second of the 12-bell towers. Wakefield Cathedral has 58 peals. From 1883 to 1914, 26 peals were rung on ten bells. There were only two between the wars (in 1931 and 1933), but there have been 30 on the 12 since 1947, so it is doing well now. The other two 12-bell towers, Halifax and Leeds, have 34 and 39 respectively. At Halifax, there were 24 from 1887 to 1914, and only two between the wars (in 1931 and 1932). The remaining eight have come since 1944. At Leeds the numbers are 16, 8 and 15 in the three periods. Two 10-bell towers follow Wakefield Cathedral in order of peals. They are Pontefract and Sheffield, Ranmoor. Both were 8-bell towers at first. The former had 25 peals on the eight from 1888 to 1912. After augmentation, 27 were rung from 1921 to 1939, and there have only been four since the war. Ranmoor's augmentation came later in the middle 1930's, although the first peal on the ten wasn't rung until 1944 due to several failures. As an 8-bell tower, 38 peals came from 1881 to 1915, including the first ever of Yorkshire Surprise Major in 1903 and Original Major in 1908. There were seven more from 1919 to 1924. Then came the long silence (not for want of trying in the '30's!) until 1944, and there have been 11 peals since the war. The other six 10-bell towers have not reached the 20 mark. They are Huddersfield (five peals), Mirfield (11), Ossett (17), Marsden (18)—lately augmented, Ripon Cathedral (16), and Selby (18). All have been heard since the war.

Calverley (8), mentioned above, also has 56 peals—most (34) before 1914. There have been ten since the war. Of the 34 pre-1914 peals, all but three were of Treble Bob (Kent 18, Oxford 3, London 7, Rose of England 2, Prince Albert 1). With 55 peals are Eastwood and Holbeck. The former was a new ring in 1910 and 24 peals came before the first war, there were 28 from 1919 to 1939 and only three since. Holbeck's heyday was in the last century. Forty-two peals were rung up to 1913, nine from 1931 to 1935 and four from 1945 to 1947, so it isn't heard much of now. Birstall and Northowram have 53. At the former the numbers are 19, 26 and 8 respectively in the three periods, and at the latter, 32 from 1913 to 1932 (all the war years), four in 1938 and 1939, and 17 since 1946. A 6-bell tower is the only other one which has passed the 50 mark—Felkirk, with 52. Forty-one came from the first peal in 1927 to 1940, and there have been 11 since 1945. The nearest to the 50 mark is Bolton (Bradford) with 49. The tower has been silent since 1921, and 42 of the peals were rung before 1913. All the 85 8-bell towers have been 'conquered,' the longest silent are Holbeck R.C. Church (since 1908) and Settle (since 1909).

As for 6-bell towers, only Tong has more than half the number of peals of Felkirk. This will probably surprise readers of the county, but 40 of the 46 peals were rung from 1883 to 1915. The other six have been in 1917, 1922 (2), 1923 and 1945 (2). Others with double figures are Thrybergh (25—all since 1947), Barnby-on-Don (22—19 since 1945), Cawthorne (21), Friezland (20—15 from 1884 to 1904), Woodlesford (19—17 from 1887 to 1910), Haworth and Hoylandswaine (15), Royston (14—13 since 1947), Silkstone (13), Bradfield (12—10 from 1885 to 1905), Sandal (11), and Carlton (Goole) (10—all since the war). There are 19 6-bell towers still to be 'conquered.'

Of the five 5-bell towers, two have had peals. Bentley has seven (three from 1935 to 1938 and four from 1945 to 1952). Bradshaw has three (from 1944 to 1950). Drax, Meanwood and Nidd remain virgin territory.

So much for this interesting county. Peal totals include those published to December 9th, 1955.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern Division

Twenty-seven members, with visitors from Surrey, attended the annual divisional meeting at Crawley on February 4th.

At the business meeting which followed tea, members decided not to adopt the proposal to introduce a meeting card giving details of towers to be visited during the whole year.

The secretary reported that he had received a request from the Southern District of the Surrey Association for consideration to be given to a joint meeting. Mr. George Oliver said that his district of the Surrey Association hoped that joint meetings could be arranged annually. It was agreed that a joint meeting be held at Crawley on October 6th and that Surrey should provide the venue for a meeting in 1957.

Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. E. King, who has recently passed on.

Officers elected for 1956 were: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Overy; secretary, Mr. I. Butcher; committee members, Mr. E. Knapp and Mr. A. E. Laker; auditor, Mr. G. Apps.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Retirement of Mr. C. R. Harding

Over 50 members attended the annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch, held at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol East, on January 28th.

The secretary and treasurer in his report stated that the Branch had had another successful year, and that it still maintained its lead over the other branches of the Association. Of a Branch membership of 226, only one member was in arrears with his subscription. Of 23 'live' towers in the Branch only two were unaffiliated.

The Branch chairman, Mr. C. R. Harding, also gave a good account of the Branch's activities during the year, and he intimated that he did not seek re-election to his office. A vote of thanks was extended to him for his 17 years' service to the Branch.

Officers for 1956 were elected as follows: Mr. T. T. Walters (Winterbourne) Branch chairman, Mr. W. F. Scudamore (Winterbourne) secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Baker (St. Ambrose's) representative on management committee, Mr. R. G. Hooper (St. Ambrose's) Ringing Master.

It was proposed that the next annual meeting be again held at St. Ambrose's, with monthly meetings at St. George's, Bristol, Marshfield and Almondsbury.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. M. Hocking, and wives of some of the local ringers prepared the tea.

MR. JOE HARDCASTLE'S FINE RECORD

Mr. Joe Hardcastle, of 70, Beechwood Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford, recently celebrated his 86th birthday and has a record of over 60 years as a bell-ringer at Bradford Cathedral.

Mr. Hardcastle rang his first peal at the age of 18 at Bradford Cathedral. In 1934 he was one of the Australian tourists, ringing for the Melbourne centenary celebrations. He returned home via the Pacific and Panama.

In 1950 he had the misfortune to break a thigh and he spent his 80th birthday in hospital. It was necessary to amputate his right leg and since then he has been unable to ring. Nevertheless, Mr. Hardcastle follows ringing closely through 'The Ringing World' and recently a letter from him appeared in our columns.

RINGING IN MID-DEVON

A number of ringers in the Mid-Devon area had another pleasant afternoon on a recent Saturday, when an hour's ringing was indulged in at Kingsteignton Parish Church. From here the party moved to Highweek Parish Church, where another hour was spent, after which a move was made to Derry Farm, Highweek, where a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed. The remainder of the time was spent with handbells, television and radiogram music. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley for their hospitality.

On January 21st a practice meeting was held at Buckfast Abbey, where some of the members of the Community are making rapid strides in half pull ringing. A. L. B.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

There was a record attendance at the annual meeting of the Northampton Branch, held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Representatives of 25 church towers were present.

As a tribute to the memory of the Patron of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson), the eight bells were rung half-muffled before the service.

The Guild service, at which the church choir was in attendance, was conducted by the Vicar of the Holy Sepulchre, the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson, who also gave the address. The organist was Miss E. M. Desponds. A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 8s.

Tea was served in the church rooms by lady bellringers to 113 ringers and friends.

Before the beginning of the business meeting, members stood in silence in memory of the Bishop and of the late Mr. H. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe.

Election of officers resulted: President, Mr. E. Nobles; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. F. Roome; committee—Messrs. P. Jones, B. O. Soden, B. E. Frost, J. G. Chapman, F. Burgess, S. Earl and W. A. Gammage.

New ringing members elected were: Messrs. J. Busby (Brafield), T. Bass (All Saints', Northampton), D. Powell and G. Burton (Holy Sepulchre, Northampton), C. Hill, E. Cave, J. Hammons, the Misses V. Stone and P. Tuckfield (St. Giles', Northampton), and the Misses S. Bateman, S. Tompkins and P. Neasham, of Roade.

A First Peal Certificate was presented to Miss D. Miller.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With regret, we learn that Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Tiverton, hon. secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, on February 4th (his birthday) fell from the loft in his house to the foot of the stairs. He has had a successful operation for a fractured spine and is now in the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital, Exeter, making slow but satisfactory progress.

Last year Birmingham Cathedral and the Loughborough Bell Foundry tied for most peals in the year, with 34 each.

The last peals at Crofton, Hartest, Nunney and Wootton (Beds) were rung in 1938, 1938, 1935 and 1922 respectively.

Mr. G. Evenden, of Bournemouth, is the new Master of the Society of Roving Ringers. He is a foundation member.

In answer to Mr. Blagrove, Mr. R. O. Fry informs us that the method rung at Swainswick in 1953 was Union Doubles, not Ninian as published (printer's error).

Mr. Herrick B. Bowley, of 108, Anstey Lane. Leicester, has been elected Ringing Master of Leicester Cathedral Society for 1956, and Mr. Peter J. Staniforth deputy Master. Mr. S. Anthony Jesson is the hon. secretary.

The librarian of the Central Council Library acknowledges with grateful thanks the gift, by Mr. B. Glenn, of 21, Joyce Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham, to the Central Council's library of copies of the 'Clavis Campanologia' and 'Shipway's Campanalogia.'

The visit of a number of schoolboys with their master to the Morpeth Watch Tower recently, gave Miss J. Armstrong an opportunity to explain many of the features of the tower and the bells. The visitors were particularly thrilled with the 44 handbells, and another visit has been arranged. Miss Armstrong has hopes of some potential recruits.

The 200th anniversary of the death of Benjamin Annable was noted in the Durham and Newcastle Association on February 2nd, when one of his compositions was rung at Gateshead, conducted by Mr. Robin G. Leale.

We regret to learn that Mr. George A. Wightman, brother of the late Mr. L. C. Wightman, is seriously ill in Chelmsford Hospital.

A period of 16 years has elapsed since Mr. H. Hamer, who conducted a peal to the memory of Mr. Fred Hartley, at Shore, Littleborough, Lancs, on Feb. 4th, last rang a peal.

Congratulations to 12-years-old Roger Stretton, of South Wigston, who, at two hours' notice, deputised for Ernest Jelley, who was ill, and rang the 14-cwt. tenor to Stedman Triples for his first peal on February 4th.

We have received many appreciative letters concerning 'Alice's Visit to the Belfry,' in the issue of February 3rd. Of the critics we would say, 'They only do it to annoy, because they know it teases.'

Mr. R. J. Fox, of Yeovil, who has been demobilised, would like to thank his ringing friends in the Winchester and Salisbury areas for their friendly help and co-operation whilst he was stationed at Middle Wallop.

Another step in the Ringing Crusade was taken recently at St. Mary's Hall, Portsea, where an interested audience enthusiastically received the demonstration lecture entitled 'Change Ringing—A Uniquely British Art.' Ringers from St. Mary's Parish Church and from Portsmouth Cathedral joined, under the Master of the Guild (Mr. Fred Rogers), in handbell demonstration movements and handbell ringing to demonstrate the talk given by Mr. York-Bramble. The lecturer employed lantern slides and a large model of a bell to exemplify his remarks.

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PEAL RINGING IN 1955

Drop of 168 Peals

The gradual decrease in peal ringing in recent years was continued in 1955 with a drop of 168 peals, according to records received up to this issue. The totals are:

Tower bells ..	2,127
Handbells ..	111
Total	2,238

This represents 156 tower bells less than in 1954, and a decrease of 12 handbell peals. The monthly analysis is as follows:

	Tower	Hand
January ..	181	9
February ..	156	11
March ..	153	8
April	201	9
May	170	8
June	163	7
July	129	6
August ..	198	11
September ..	145	13
October ..	153	6
November ..	194	9
December ..	284	14
	2,127	111

Split Analysis

	Tower	Hand
Maximus ..	17	—
Cinques ..	38	—
Royal	81	6
Caters ..	55	3
Major	828	32
Triples ..	226	19
Minor ..	663	28
Doubles ..	219	23

The leading Associations or Guilds are:

Leicester Diocesan Guild ..	172
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	124
Oxford Diocesan Guild	116
Kent County Association ..	109
Yorkshire Association	107
Norwich Diocesan Association..	97

The peal at Wendover on December 31st ('R.W.', p. 53), rung to welcome in the New Year, will be counted in the 1956 Analysis, as apparently it was not completed until then.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The first meeting of the year was held at the fine Wren brick-built Church of St. Thomas, Stockton-on-Tees, with its ten bells, the only ring of ten in the Southern District. It attracted ringers from Richmond, Bishop Auckland, Darlington and Hartlepool.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. T. Heselton and the tea was provided by the local ringers' wives. Thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. W. N. Park. Miss D. Killingly thanked the ladies.

Methods rung consisted of Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich.

SUFFOLK RINGER'S WEDDING

On January 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Barking, Suffolk, Mr. John Prentice, of the local company, was married to Miss Freda Clarke, of Needham Market. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, Canon S. H. De la Bere.

The bells were rung before and after the service by the local company, the bridegroom obliging for one touch. In the evening a complimentary quarter was rung with the best wishes of the band for the couple's future happiness.

R. E. L.

PASSING OF DR. SPENCER LEESON

The death of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough since 1949, at the age of 63, has been received with very deep regret by people of all walks of life in his diocese. The following messages from ringers of the district have been received:

MASTER, DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringers throughout the Diocese of Peterborough will share with others the great loss in the death of the Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Rev Spencer Leeson. Dr. Leeson came to Peterborough in 1949, and his work, not only in the Church but in other organisations, will long be remembered.

He was keenly interested in ringers, and only very recently did he appeal in the Diocesan Leaflet for young men and women to take up this noble art.

Whenever possible, he attended the Guild annual meeting, and I well recall the first annual meeting after his enthronement, when he made the journey to Wicken in the far end of the diocese to preach at our service. Little did we think when he came amongst us at our annual meeting at Peterborough on Whit Monday that it would be the last time we should have him with us.

Always keen on the welfare of youth he attended a number of school speech days, and the formation of the Kettering Grammar School Society of Changeringers was of special interest to him.

In many places there will be similar services and I appeal to ringers in the diocese through this journal to pay tribute to a great Christian leader in muffled ringing during the coming week. This appeal, I am sure, will not go unheeded. There are, of course, a number of towers without bands of ringers, and I hope that members will readily give assistance to such belfries.

B. P. MORRIS (Master),
Peterborough Guild.

AN INCUMBENT RINGER

As an incumbent in the Peterborough Diocese and a regular bellringer, I should like to pay tribute to the late Bishop for the great encouragement he gave to the Diocesan Guild of Ringers in his diocese.

He was interested in bellringing when Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton, and on most Sundays when he was there he would put in an appearance in the belfry, when the bells were being rung for service. If he could not be present himself he made it a rule that one of his curates should be there. I know that this interest was a great encouragement to the ringers. Incidentally, in order to reach the belfry, more than 80 steps had to be climbed!

When he came to Peterborough his interest in bellringing was retained, and indeed, I believe, increased. In a letter to the diocese a few months ago he stressed the importance of bellringing, and wrote that when he journeyed through his diocese on a Sunday evening in the summer and heard the bells ringing out calling people to church, he realised as never before what a tremendous inspiration they were to the dwellers of the countryside. I know that his personal interest and appreciation of the work of ringers was indeed an inspiration to many of them; and in our own belfry when we rang a quarter peal half-muffled in honour of his memory we felt we were honouring not only our Bishop but a personal friend.

G. J. HALES,
Rector of Green's Norton with Bradden.

A RINGER

The death of the Right Reverend Spencer Leeson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Patron of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, may perhaps have come as a shock to some who were unaware of the serious nature of his illness until a few days before his passing.

He himself did much to minimise his illness and endeavoured to continue his work in the diocese with that dogged determination so characteristic of him. For instance, the last address which he gave was to a gathering of men at a service of the C.E.M.S. at Thrapston on November 26th last year.

Although he was far from well, an obvious fact to everyone there, he said that having promised to give that address he intended to do so, and he went on to say: 'If I had been carried into this church on a stretcher I would not be denied the pleasure of shaking hands with each one of you as you leave the church.' This was a custom with him wherever he went.

His interest in ringers was very sincere and he never failed to wish them God speed in their ministry, as he termed it, which was indeed the theme of his address in the Cathedral last Whit Monday. As Bishop he had been in the diocese for little more than five years, but in that all-too-brief period he endeared himself to all in the area, and to many he became as well known as a parish priest. Ringers especially mourn the loss of a very great man and a dear friend.

ANOTHER RINGER

In the six years Dr. Spencer Leeson had been Bishop of Peterborough he had endeared himself to almost every member of the Church in nearly every village and town throughout Northamptonshire and Rutland. He was a great evangelist and there was hardly a church in his diocese which he had not visited and shook hands with every member of the congregation on leaving. Dr. Leeson was a true Father-in-God, a learned and lovable personality. Dr. Spencer Leeson did not enter the Ministry until 46 years of age, and within ten years rose to become a bishop—something almost unknown in previous episcopal history. In earlier life he had been a schoolmaster, and prior to that a barrister; but the Church proved his greatest call. It would be untrue for anyone to say they could not get on with Dr. Leeson, or that they did not like his preaching. One of his last acts of induction (which the writer attended) was that of the new Vicar of St. Matthew's, Northampton. He preached a great sermon, and a most cordial gathering followed, during which his Lordship talked with me upon the future of two bells from a derelict church being saved to history—Dr. Leeson was keenly interested in the preservation of old bells.

Ringers and their work had a warm place in his heart, and whenever time and occasion allowed, his presence was to be seen among them.

Everyone in the Peterborough Diocese feels they have lost a sincere friend. Half-muffled ringing took place in many churches.

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The University Of Bristol Annual Reunion & Dinner

THE Annual Dinner and Reunion of the Bristol University Society was held on January 28th. The day's ringing commenced with a peal attempt of Plain Bob Royal at Christ Church, but this unfortunately came to grief after an hour and a half's ringing owing to a miscall. Meanwhile other visitors and members were sampling the bells at St. John's-on-the-Wall, SS. Philip and Jacob's, and at the Lord Mayor's Chapel. In the afternoon, St. Stephen's and St. Mary Redcliffe were visited. Ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, London Minor, Cambridge Major, rounds on 12 bells, Stedman Cinques, and three leads of Kent Maximus.

The party then moved off to St. Michael's, where after an hour's ringing a short service took place, conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones). At the organ was Mr. Kenneth E. Pinney, and the lesson was read by Mr. Alan J. Smith. In his address, the Rector said how much he appreciated the work of the University Guild, and that his faith in the younger generation was very much restored when seeing a group of young men so ably ringing the bells.

In the evening, the Eighth Annual Dinner of the Society was held in the comfort of the Senior Common Room of the University Refectory, by the kind invitation of the president, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. Seventy-five persons, comprising guests, visitors and members, attended with the president in the chair. The guests included the Rector of St. Michael's and Dr. Hudson, Professor S. H. Piper (ex-president of the Society), and the masters of the Cambridge, London, Manchester and Oxford University Societies.

The president proposed the first two toasts—to 'The Queen' and to 'The Church.' He went on to say how pleased he was to see such a large gathering, which was a record for the Society. He congratulated Mr. J. R. Worrall on his recent engagement, before calling on Dr. C. T. Brown to propose the toast of 'The Exercise.'

Chris Brown was Master at the Society's first dinner, and in putting the question 'Is the Exercise healthy or unhealthy?' he said there were two kinds of dud towers. There were those which did not belong to an Association, and on visiting these towers on a Sunday morning one would find the bells being pulled up singly, and then half-a-dozen 'Gaffers' sitting puffing and blowing on a bench. The bell-frame would be rusty, and pigeons would be amongst the bells. Here indeed was ignorance.

The second type of tower was where one ascended to a spick-and-span ringing room. Here were pleasant men, all over 60 years of age, but some good touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major would be rung. However, this tower was still dud, as there were no young ringers to be seen. What would happen in ten years' time?—this was the complacent tower. The answer to these two towers was young ringers, and co-operation between church and ringers. He said that within this Society there was an ideal organisation. It had the ideal incumbent interested in the ringers and the ringers interested in his church and choir, and also as president it had Professor Brocklehurst, who besides being a ringer was an ideal church worker.

Mr. A. York-Bramble replied, remarking that he was deputising for his old friend, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who was unable to attend as he was just recovering from an attack of 'flu. In agreeing with Chris Brown's remarks he pointed out that the state of the Exercise was what we made it, and he considered that the Universities owed the Exercise a great duty.

In proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Clifford T. Blundell (hon. secretary) extended a special welcome to members of the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They always gave the Bristol University ringers a warm welcome at City towers during the week.

Mr. Blundell made apologies for absent friends—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and the deputy Master of Southampton University, Miss Audrey Gladwell (Master of Reading University), who had attended ringing during the day but had to return to Reading before the dinner, the Lord Bishop of Bristol, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. C. R. Harding, Mr. R. O. Fry, Mr. P. Cave and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bennett.

Mr. Philip Gray responded, and as he had only recently returned from Australia, he drew contrasts between ringing in that country and here. He asked the company to imagine ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe on a Sunday morning, having cycled 13 miles to get there. Their next nearest tower would be as far away as Oxford, and their nearest centre of ringing about in Inverness. There were no dinners, and one always saw the same faces week after week. Nevertheless, the ringers were very keen and conscientious. There were about 25 towers in Australia, and of these at least 90 per cent. were manned.

He said that before returning to this country he had had great pleasure in ringing with a past Master of the Society—Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. W. T. Cook (Master of Cambridge University). He pointed out that there was a high standard to be kept up in University ringing, and very important was the teaching of beginners, so that when they left University they could go and be of real use in their home towers. Ringers should aim at perfection, which was difficult to attain, and at the same time it must be remembered that ringing was to the glory of God.

Proceedings were at this point interrupted while Mr. Michael T. Sprackling presented a bouquet of daffodils and irises to the Master, Miss Patricia M. Bourn, on behalf of the Society.

The Master then replied to the toast. Starting on a solemn note, she mentioned the passing of Mr. Clement Glenn, a founder member of the Society, without whose help in the early days the Society would not have succeeded so well. She was pleased to announce, however, that last week they heard that he had left his set of handbells to the Society, and these would be in the lounge for use afterwards.

Miss Bourn then went on to outline the activities of the Society over the past year. Becoming engaged was one of their latest ideas, no less than five members doing so since the last dinner. As well as Mr. J. R. Worrall, already mentioned, she congratulated Messrs. G. Beynon, L. Watson, D. Marshall and D. Heighton on this achievement.

She also mentioned two letters of 'best wishes' she had received from 'Bell' Roberts in Australia and Bob Stokes in America. Peal ringing over the year had not been a major success, only five peals being scored (two of Bob Minor 'in hand,' one of Minor in four methods, one of Bob Minor and one of Plain Bob Major). On the other hand, the Society had had several successful tower grabs, and four members had reached their 'century' for the year. The Master said that Sunday ringing at St. Michael's had been maintained, and St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, was now visited once a term. It was hoped to give St. Thomas' (City) also a regular visit.

D. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Despite a wet afternoon, some 70 members and friends attended the Rochester District meeting at Bobbing on January 21st. Not only is there a handy six, but the Vicar (the Rev. L. F. Tabor), who took the service, is a ringer himself, and his address was suitable to the occasion. A former District hon. secretary, Mr. B. W. May, is one of the churchwardens, and with his fellow warden, Mr. R. J. Powell, kindly gave the tea.

At the business meeting members stood in respect to the late Mr. W. J. Walker, of Rainham, and several new members were elected. The Rev. J. Clifford, Vicar of Rainham, was elected an honorary member. A full report of the K.C.A. committee was given by Mr. G. A. Naylor, who was thanked by Mr. G. H. Spice. Appropriate votes of thanks were passed. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the guidance of Mr. W. A. J. Knight, District Ringing Master.

Canterbury District Gaining Members

An accession of strength resulted from the Canterbury District's quarterly meeting at Ash on January 21st. From towers in union 15 new members were elected, and as the result of missionary work the whole of the band (14) at Petham were welcomed as members. In addition, four honorary members were elected.

It was decided that the collection at the service, conducted by the Vicar, with Miss Attwood as organist, amounting to £1 6s., should be given to the R.A.F. appeal for St. Clement Danes'. The meeting turned down the suggestion for a ringers' tie. Best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Mrs. H. R. French (Sturry), who is in hospital, and Mrs. E. Gambrill (Ash), who after a spell in hospital has to go for further treatment.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northbourne, and Lynsted was chosen for the by-meeting.

KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. D. Knox's question concerning the originality of the composition of Treble Bob Royal called by him at Luton on December 26th, 1955, I find that this composition was rung at Manchester on March 13th, 1897, as the composition of Samuel Wood. The conductor on this occasion was Harry Chapman, and the report of the performance and the figures of the composition will be found in the Lancashire Association report for 1896–97, page 49.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

Dear Sir,—Re composition of Treble Bob Royal on page 76 of issue of 'The Ringing World,' February 3rd, this should be accredited to James Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, circa 1880.—Yours, etc.,

E. JENKINS.

Oldham.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal which Mr. D. Knox enquires about in 'The Ringing World' was composed by James Wood and was conducted by Samuel Wood at (I believe) Ashton-under-Lyne about 45 years ago. Others have claimed the same composition.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE ABOUT FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—Having been entertained by the recent correspondence on the subject of footnotes, I now find I am to be involved in a similar controversy.

The peal in question was at Stevenage and is on p. 51. I was asked to let the secretary of the C.U.G. send it up to you so that he could make the necessary arrangements in respect of peal cards. The result is an excellent example of the old saying about doing it oneself.

Firstly, of course, the treble ringer should have no footnote—he will deserve one when he rings it 'inside.'

Secondly, I am certain that the ringer of the sixth had not previously rung six spliced, and I suspect that the ringers of the fourth and fifth had not done so either. They should have the appropriate footnote.

Lastly, the peal was not rung to celebrate any one's engagement. While I am completely in sympathy with the footnote, the subject was not mentioned at all to me, and so it is just not true.

Personally, I cannot see that it matters very much what footnotes are published with a peal so long as they are relevant. However, I think they ought to be such as to show that progress has been made either by an individual or a Society, or to show for what occasion the peal was rung.

An excellent example of a footnote indicating a state of no-progress was that to a peal of 30 Doubles methods rung recently. It was claimed as the 'first peal in 30 individual plain course Doubles methods.' Some of the same band had previously rung a peal in a very much larger number of methods, and it is a matter for debate whether this is in any way superior to the peals of Doubles rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild some years ago. So what has been achieved?—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—A recent 'Ringing World' produced a very odd footnote—Denis Mottershead's first peal in an odd bell method. Mr. Mottershead must now have been ringing peals for about six years; I don't think I will be alone when I say that I hope he won't deny himself this pleasure so long in future.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN HARRIS,

Richmond, Yorks.

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The implication contained in Mr. P. J. Hutchings' letter, that the Church of England does not belong to the Catholic Church, may be unintentional, but it must not pass unchallenged.

When saying the Apostles' Creed we affirm our belief in 'The Holy Catholick Church.' This creed was used more than 1,000 years before the words 'Roman Catholic' came into use. 'Catholic' means now just what it meant when first used, and its use to-day is not the prerogative of one branch of the Church.

A second point. The anticipating of Easter Day by some 16 hours may, at one time, have been a convenience. Of course it does not really matter on which day we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, but since the Church does give us a special day for doing so, we ought to accept it and not juggle with time. A peal rung in honour of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday seems to be a convenience.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Normanton, Yorks.

A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD?

Dear Sir,—Is such a Guild really going to be of any practical use? Is it going to advance the cause of Sunday service ringing or is its object to be the meeting together of a few railwaymen ringers to ring an occasional peal?

Why has Mr. Stenson asked the general manager of the London Midland Region for his official blessing? That gentleman can only speak for his own region and not for British Railways as a whole. There are five other regions on British Railways and it has not been unknown for anything coming off the London Midland to be treated with a certain amount of suspicion.

I would suggest there is ample scope within the framework of the British Railways Staff Association for the formation, at the large railway centres, of local change ringing groups; such groups would automatically be affiliated to each other. At York there are some nine ringers of sorts who are railway employees, but I cannot say that any of these would wish to join such a group. It is difficult enough now for many to find time to attend practices and meetings, and so far as I am personally concerned there are never sufficient evenings in a week or Saturdays in a month.

To put the subject into its correct perspective, will someone please propose Ringing Guilds to represent the other nationalised industries—Docks and Inland Waterways, Road Services, Hotels, Coal, Electricity and Gas?—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER,
Assistant Carriage and Wagon Works Manager,
British Railways, York.

THE QUICKEST TOWER-BELL PEAL YET RUNG

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Claude Rush, while I do not propose to 'let him have it,' there is a comment I would like to make.

Although I like fast ringing on bells which are SUITED to this, AND consider the sound of the bells outside and inside the tower as No. 1 priority, I think that the Loughborough peal is a justified exception. The foundry campanile is one of the exceptionally few rings suitable for the above attempt. If Mr. Rush has had recent experience of the foundry bells he should know that the noise outside the tower is so slight as to be negligible.—Yours faithfully, BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield.

MR. BEVERLEY RINGER

Dear Sir,—Mr. Beverley Ringer, of Seething, Norfolk, does come of a ringing family.

Many years ago a member of his family farmed and was buried in my native village of Tharston and used to ring at Redenhall, Norfolk. Also I have known two other members of his family who were good ringers. — Yours faithfully, W. L. DUFFIELD.

Long Stratton, Norwich.

BURES' YOUNG RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett's letter on those who rang their first peals on twelve bells has aroused our interest. One of our pupils rang a peal of Maximus last year, being the first changes he had ever rung on twelve. He stood in at short notice and we were all proud of receiving congratulations on how well he rang his bell. Two more of our young pupils rang touches of Stedman Cinques when they were 12 and 14 years of age.

We are situated in an area which requires a good journey to get a ring on even a ten-bell tower.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS (Master),
Bures St. Mary's Society.

ORIGINALITY OF SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—We were interested to read Mr. C. K. Lewis' letter on page 59 of your recent issue with regard to the composition of Wembley in which he quite rightly points out that the composition claimed by us is merely a shortening of a 29 course round block used previously by other composers.

We, of course, were not aware that the 29 course block had been previously published, but are glad that an observation has been made about it because this raises the question of the originality of compositions. It so happened that the composition in question was one of several dozens of Wembley, which we had derived, all of different characteristics, and was selected for simplicity of conducting and on its musical merits.

The deriving of all these peals was part of an attempt by us to obtain a logical system in the composition of Surprise Major. It was obvious to us that several of our well-known composers use a logical system of composition, but when one of us wrote for information on this subject there was no adequate reply. The only ones to comment were Mr. York-Bramble and Mr. B. Price.

Our own efforts have shown that there is a logical system and we now know that it is a simple matter to derive the maximum extent from a given set of courses using complete bobbed Q-sets* in a few minutes. It is not even necessary to write out the composition to know that it is true and to know what the length is. An article by one of our leading composers might have saved us and others interested in the subject from going over the same ground.

Suppose we had submitted the following composition instead of the 5,152.

5,120 WEMBLEY

M	B	W	H	
3	x		3	35264
—	4x		—	34256
	x			45362
—	x			56342
3	2x		3	42635
	x	3	—	42356
	x			25463
—	4x		—	23456

This composition is a Q-set variation of the original 29 course block. Would this have been recognised as such? Must this be attributed to Mr. G. Lindoff or the Rev. H. Law James?

The majority of simple compositions of Wembley are variations and transpositions of the 29 course block or of one other 29 course block which is unique. By simple, we mean compositions containing only bobbed Q-sets.

Whether Q-set variations should be claimed as original or not depends on the definition of the term 'Q-set variation.'

If the term means bobbing or plaining whole Q-sets and retaining all the original courses or shortening by complete courses then there is little originality.

If the term also embraces shortening by a plurality of parts of courses then it would be unfair to say originality was not shown since in order to produce the required result a great deal of ingenuity may be required.

Whatever rules could be agreed on with regard to originality of composition would be difficult to apply because:—

(a) There is no comprehensive reference book of original compositions.
(b) Some Q-set variations of an original composition may be difficult to recognise.

Yours, etc.,

D. R. CARLISLE.
G. A. HALLS.

Risley, Derbys.

* If anyone requires this information we will gladly supply it.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

With regret, the resignation of Mr. C. J. Champion as hon. secretary was received at the annual meeting of the Southern District, held at Redhill on January 21st, with Mr. A. P. Cannon in the chair. The meeting expressed thanks to Colin for the work he had done during his four years as secretary. His many friends wish him and his future wife happiness in the years to come.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, Mr. D. J. Parr; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Messrs. G. Olliver, T. H. Bird and A. Streeter.

The meeting agreed that the District should arrange a programme of ten meetings for 1956, excluding the Association's annual meeting, and that combined practices be continued at Redhill, Nutfield, Merstham and Bletchingley, at about monthly intervals.

The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. Mr. Dyer) was thanked for conducting the service and use of the bells, and Mr. H. Comber for arranging tea. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 3s. 1d.

Northern District Has 267 Members

A slight increase in membership, bringing the total to 267, was reported at the annual meeting of the Northern District, held at Beddington on January 28th. Attending the meeting were 39 members from ten towers, and ten visitors.

The Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Collins) presided, and announced the deaths of Mr. Shuffell, of Streatham, and Mr. E. A. Reeve, of Battersea. The company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Only six peals had been rung in the District during the year. These included Stedman Cinques at Southwark, two of Cambridge Surprise Royal and one of Grandsire Royal at Beddington. Plain Bob Major at Wimbledon and seven Minor methods at Thames Ditton. A higher balance was shown on the financial report.

District officers elected were: Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Parrot; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; hon. auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. A. J. Weise; committee, Messrs. A. J. Adams, G. Peters and H. V. Young. Five new members were elected.

The committee announced the programme for 1956 as follows: April 7th, two towers at Epsom; July 14th, Hersham and Walton-on-Thames; August 6th, Leatherhead (joint with Guildford Guild); September 29th, West Hill, Wandsworth (subject to permission); October, joint meeting with Lewisham District of Kent County Association.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. F. D. Jennings for arranging the meeting, and to the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Jukes) for taking the service, and for the use of the bells. Ringing continued until 8 p.m. A. J. W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Senior Chaplain to the Forces at Bicester, the Rev. J. M. Pickering conducted the service at the Bicester Deanery Branch meeting at Islip on January 28th. The Guild's Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) presided at the business meeting. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Kirtlington on the last Saturday in April and an outing on the last Saturday in June. A joint meeting with the Oxford City Branch is to be held at Bicester on February 18th. Mr. John Hadland, of Brill, was elected a member of the Guild.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

Forty-three ringers were present at the annual meeting of the Guildford District, held at Guildford on January 21st. Mr. A. Harman, Master of the Guild, presided for the business meeting, which followed tea in S. Nicolas' Hall.

The officers elected for 1956 were: Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Munday; joint hon. secretaries, Miss M. E. Collins and Miss A. M. Cox; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horseman. Mr. R. C. Fincher was re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Eight new members were elected, viz.: Mrs. M. Cox, Misses J. Young, J. Beesley, Margaret and Maralyn Oliver, Messrs. S. Hobbs, M. Hobbs and J. Ward.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. S. F. O'Dwyer, who conducted the service, and to the ladies who provided tea.

Ringing took place at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Churches in the afternoon, and at S. Nicolas' Church in the evening.

Chertsey District

Less than half of Chertsey District's towers were represented at the annual meeting held at Chobham on February 4th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. D. A. Campbell, and the address given by the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Acworth. Mr. P. Readings was at the organ.

After tea in the Church Hall, the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting. The officers elected were the same as last year, viz.: Ringing Master, J. F. Dodson; hon. secretary, R. Collins; hon. auditor, W. Shepherd. Eight ringing and five junior ringing members were elected from Chobham and one ringing member from Horsell.

Last year the Guild's general secretary put forward a suggestion that the district be renamed Hersham district, as Chertsey was a dead-end as far as ringing was concerned. The secretary pointed out that it would be expensive to change the name, and that the same end could come to any other tower. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to remain Chertsey district.

Mr. Collins proposed and it was agreed that the name of Mr. William Shepherd be submitted as a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. Shepherd, a founder member who had been ringing since the 1890's, was well known for his articles in 'The Ringing World,' and was still an active ringing member, always ready to help the younger folk. Mr. G. Talbot seconded the proposal.

All present stood to the memory of Wilkins Massey, of Claygate, who passed away earlier in the week.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

E. A. H.

5,152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

BY SHIRLEY BURTON

M	W	H	23456
3	—		52436
—	—		34625
—	—		26543
—	—		45362
3	2		56342
2	2		64523
2	2	3	42635
2	2	3	23456

First rung on October 20th, 1955, at Loughborough Bell Foundry; called by B. G. Warwick.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The annual meeting of the South Wales District was held on February 4th at St. Mary's, Aberavon. The bitterly cold weather had its usual adverse effect upon the attendance, but this fine ring of bells was certainly appreciated by those who attended. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Pegler, who deputised for the Archdeacon of Margam, the Ven. Lawrence Thomas, who was prevented by illness from attending.

An excellent tea was provided by Miss Sylvia Cockwell and her helpers. Mr. Arthur Hoare expressed the thanks of the company. Miss Dilys Hulbert thanked the Rev. A. D. Pegler for his warm welcome to the Guild.

At the business meeting a successful year was reported by the secretary, who mentioned that 17 new members had been elected during the year. Mrs. R. E. Coles was elected vice-president and Miss Jacqueline Evans was re-elected secretary. Committee members were: Miss Lily Temlett, Miss Dilys Hulbert, Miss Jean Powell and Mrs. T. M. Roderick. General committee: Miss Dilys Hulbert and Miss Jean Powell.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Monmouthshire, if possible at Llanfrechfa.

J. S. E.

Central District

Although the afternoon was wet and muggy, 11 members and as many friends arrived at St. Mary's, Ealing, on January 28th for the Central District's annual meeting. The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Perman, conducted a short service and spoke on the correct interpretation and application of bellringing. The charming internal decoration of the church belies its grim exterior, and the rich bronze altar frontal contrasts well with the delicate pastel walls.

Tea, a varied home-made spread, was provided by the committee in the Church Hall. As there were not enough gentlemen present to ring the bells on their own, they kindly 'volunteered' to wash up.

At the business meeting, Mrs. T. J. Lock was re-elected vice-president, as were the rest of the committee, with Miss B. Marks in place of Miss J. Sandersen. The next meeting will be on June 30th at Beddington. Ringing continued until 8 o'clock, and included an all-ladies touch of Grandsire Triples.

Kent Branch

A total of 21 ladies and 18 gentlemen attended the annual meeting of the Kent Branch at St. John's, Erith, on January 21st. Mr. Fred Cullum, who kindly made all the local arrangements, welcomed the visitors. The Rev. Mr. Lea conducted a short service.

At the business meeting which followed tea, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president and Miss J. Haffenden secretary. The only change in the committee was the election of Mrs. P. Carter to replace Miss Mary Tapley, who has gone to Saffron Walden. The Branch wish her every success and happiness in her new venture. Five new members were elected. After the usual votes of thanks the ladies returned to the belfry to join the gentlemen, where ringing continued until 8 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Nearly 70 ringers, representing 17 towers in Cheshire, North Staffs and Shropshire, attended the meeting of the Crewe Branch at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 21st. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Gentry, chairman of the Branch.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Diana M. Gough 2, S. W. Brown 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, C. D. Linington 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung as a compliment to Pamela Law on her 17th birthday, and also to Diana Gough for her 16th birthday the following day.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. B. Harris (first quarter) 1, J. B. Long 2, P. J. Shipton 3, S. Foskett 4, S. J. Ivin 5, R. A. Lennard (first as cond.) 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, J. B. Pattison 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Watts 1, F. Goodeari 2, H. Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne (cond.) 5, H. Munday 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Paine 8. To celebrate the engagement of the ringing master, S. G. Waters, to Miss J. Haffenden, secretary of Marden.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire, 60 Stedman): A. Lathall 1, W. French 2, A. May 3, E. Whitlock (cond.) 4, M. Mynard 5, K. Lockwood (first quarter) 6.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashby 1, J. B. Ibbotson 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. W. T. Chew 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, H. H. Holland 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Edwards 1, Mrs. L. D. Mills 2, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, C. Bower 5, L. D. Mills 6, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 7, D. L. Mills 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 7. For the institution and induction to this parish of the Rev. Michael C. Brown, M.A. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: A. W. Cansdale 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, Miss J. M. Spurgin 3, Mrs. L. D. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, L. D. Mills 6, D. L. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. First of Spliced for all. For Matins.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Mullard (first quarter) 1, P. Barker 2, G. Bradbury (cond.) 3, A. Armstrong 4, H. Butler 5, E. Borley 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. F. Young (first quarter) 1, D. Chatfield 2, W. F. Jenkins 3, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 4, S. Walter 5, T. H. Holmes 6, B. J. Luck 7, R. T. F. Divers (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the fourth anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty the Queen; also as a birthday compliment to B. J. Luck.

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and 180 of New Grandsire): Miss W. Pennal 1, B. Angell 2, D. Pennal 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6. First quarter in 10 methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. T. Walters.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Hunter (first quarter) 1, R. C. Spittle 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Margaret Howard 4, D. Spittle (first 'inside') 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, J. E. Beams 7, G. Hill 8. Rung for Confirmation service, conducted by Bishop H. C. Montgomery Campbell.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. H. Waterfield 1, G. Greeve 2, G. Cooke 3, A. A. Cooke 4, G. R. Drew 5, T. Owen 6, D. Harrison 7, B. G. Moore (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Cooke 1, J. Thornley 2, N. Tompkins 3, A. Critchley 4, A. Lomas 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6, B. Cooper 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of the Rev. Canon John J. Robinson, of the daughter Church of All Saints', Farnworth.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Minor (180 Plain, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): S. J. White 1, E. E. S. Johnson 2, B. C. Mann 3, A. Appleton 4, W. J. S. White 5, H. R. A. Appleton (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Arthur Appleton, who has been a ringer at Goldhanger for 56 years.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Hamilton (first quarter) 1, T. Robinson (first 'inside') 2, G. I. Rusby 3, J. B. Budd 4, A. Pashley 5, F. Kennington 6, S. Bromfield (cond.) 7, D. Kennington (first quarter) 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th,. at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Cox 1, E. Etheridge 2, Miss E. A. Hiley 3, Miss M. E. Colling 4, Miss S. J. Corke 5, D. M. MacPherson 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, D. G. Wright 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. M. Goodhand and the Rev. H. A. Puntis, assistant priest at the above church.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Funnell (first quarter, 14) 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first 'inside,' 16) 2, Laura M. Beeney (16) 3, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond., 17) 4, G. Beeney 5, F. Beeney (17) 6. For Evensong.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor of Cambridge and Beverley (30 changes of method): C. Hinton and G. Shellard 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, W. A. Yates 4, E. Lines 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Cleaver 1, W. J. Chester (cond.) 2, M. Saunders 3, B. E. Saunders 4, C. Haynes 5, Kathleen Humphrey (first quarter) 6. In memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, late Bishop of Peterborough.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 29th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Taylor 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, E. A. J. Hilton 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, J. Scott 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. White 8. Rung on the heavy eight for Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,152 Plain Bob Minor: C. V. Hare 1, Miss J. Mayes 2, P. Mehew 3, R. J. Coppage 4, C. M. Orme 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6 Rung for Evensong on the back six.

HUNTINGDON.—On Jan. 22nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. S. Peacock 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Picken 1, F. Joyce 2, S. Earl (cond.) 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, E. Frost 5, D. Wright 6. Rung in memory of the late Bishop of Peterborough.

LONDON, S.E.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Borough, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Highley 1, J. H. Taffender 2, Miss J. Scrutton (first 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, C. W. Otley 5, P. Hutchings 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (384 Yorkshire and Superlative, 576 Cambridge, with 36 changes of method): M. G. Hooton 1, P. Mehew 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, B. F. Sims 4, R. J. Sharp 5, C. H. Harding 6, L. H. Bywaters 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Stedman, 120 each of Candlesby S.C., Rugby S.C., St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): Mrs. R. Quint 1, Monica Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6. First in 11 methods by all the band.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Owen 1, D. Emerson 2, F. Beales 3, J. Couzens 4, B. G. Moore 5, G. R. Drew (first of Minor and first as cond.) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Peacock (first quarter) 1, H. King (cond.) 2, J. McPhail 3, R. Bridges 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. For Confirmation service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, R. Morgan 2, H. Goakes 3, J. Haw 4, G. Bush 5, W. Barker ½, R. E. Price 7, G. Cowlan 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,956 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sheppard 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. W. Edwards 3, G. C. Durham 4, S. J. Gee 5, J. Michael Stephens (cond.) 6, R. S. Weekes 7 (covering). First 'date touch' and longest ring in the method by all except the conductor. Rung to mark the visit to St. Lawrence's College on January 28th by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and as a welcome to the Rev. Arthur J. G. Ellery, newly-appointed curate to this parish.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sutton 1, E. Nice 2, N. H. L. Round Turner 3, G. Hunt (first 'inside') 4, R. Rose 5, L. Nice (first as cond.) 6.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lilian Butler 1, G. Bradbury (cond.) 2, M. H. Butler (first 'inside') 3, H. Butler, jun., 4, A. Armstrong 5, H. Butler, sen., 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth, who is father of the ringer of the fourth and grandfather of the ringers of the treble and third.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Brooke 1, F. Ward 2, D. E. Mattli 3, R. Birch 4, J. S. Seager 5, R. S. Long 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, G. K. Chaddock 8, B. Holland (cond.) 9, P. J. Kitteridge 10. A farewell to G. K. Chaddock on joining H.M. Forces.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, A. Boyack 2, C. Smith 3, R. Chapman 4, E. Smith 5, J. Armstrong 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, C. Willmington 8.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, J. Rea (first on 10) 2, H. Belcher 3, James Phillips 4, B. K. Lunn 5, M. Moreton 6, J. Chilcott 7, P. Border 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, K. Cherrell (first quarter) 10. In memoriam Dr. C. F. Garbett, late Archbishop of York and formerly Bishop of Southwark.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Banwell 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, G. F. Bryant 3, T. K. Price 4, F. Parramore 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6.

UPPER GRAVENHURST, BEDS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): R. J. Sharp (cond.) 1, P. J. Lawton 2, A. L. Murphy 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, T. P. Harris 5. Rung as a welcome to Prebendary B. T. Guy, Archdeacon-designate of Bedford, and Mrs. Guy.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caers: L. Batley 1, C. Hughes 2, C. Smith 3, H. Rumens 4, A. Boyack 5, R. Chapman 6, E. Smith 7, J. Armstrong 8, J. Crampion (cond.) 9, C. Willmington 10.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity: 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Ellis 4, B. K. Lunn 5, W. Hibbert 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Fuller 1, P. Wilson 2, F. Smith 3, F. Goden 4, J. Godman 5, R. Tuckwell 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, D. Absolom 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Williams (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Sims 2, J. Warner 3, J. Parker (first quarter) 4, E. W. Bright (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. For Evensong.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Glanvill 1, L. K. Dawe 2, T. Gooding 3, H. P. Burton 4, G. Betts 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. For evening service.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Miller (aged 15, first quarter) 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, B. R. Allen 4, W. Vince 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor: C. Peddar (first quarter) 1, Avril Thackray (first 'inside') 2, W. Brew 3, C. Gilbert 4, H. Gilbert 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. E. Marks 1, A. C. Jeans 2, L. E. Parris 3, T. W. Look 4, R. J. Fox 5, J. Looker 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, G. Gaylard 8. Rung for Evensong and as a welcome home to the ringer of the fifth after completing his National Service.

OBITUARY

MR. WILKINS MASSEY

Mr. Wilkins Massey died on January 30th, aged 62, at his home at Claygate, Surrey, after a short illness.

Bill learned to ring at St. Peter's, Newdigate, in 1906, where he remained until the outbreak of war in 1914. He served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and after the war moved to the Kingston area, finally settling in Claygate in 1927.

Having no bells in his own parish, he had to go to the surrounding district for his ringing, and at various times he was a regular Sunday service ringer at Thames Ditton, Esher, Kingston-on-Thames and Christ Church, Epsom. He became widely known in Surrey and for many years was a committee member of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild. He was appointed captain of Esher belfry in 1949.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, he enjoyed those he rang. His duties as verger of Claygate Church restricted his ringing career for some years. His last peal was at Radstock during a visit to Somerset in October last year.

He was always enthusiastic in encouraging young ringers and assisting struggling bands. He spent much of his leisure time in teaching new recruits to the Exercise, and at the time of his death he had a large new band at Esher.

The funeral service was held at Esher Crematorium on February 2nd, conducted by the Rev. J. Huggins, Rector of Esher. A memorial service was held at Esher Parish Church on February 11th, attended by his ringing friends.

MR. C. A. MANNING

The death took place on January 27th at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, after an operation, of Mr. Charles Arthur Manning, at the age of 53 years.

Born at Naseby, Northamptonshire, he was better known in ringing circles as C. Arthur Manning. When Arthur was quite young his parents moved to Market Harborough, and here he joined the Parish Church choir and later learned to ring. He subsequently came under the expert guidance of Mr. Fred Dexter at the same time as the late Mr. Harold J. Poole was learning to ring. In 1937 he left Market Harborough to take a post as manager at Broom Flour Mills, near Evesham, where he was employed until his death.

Although he did not keep a record of his peals, the writer would think, from comments Arthur made, that he had rung about 200. He was an excellent striker and was not afraid to voice his opinion in the belfry when necessary.

Mr. Manning had a wide knowledge of music and had he taken up music in place of ringing there is no doubt that he would have been an excellent musician. His favourite musical work was Handel's 'The Messiah,' and he had heard many performances of it, often travelling considerable distances to hear choirs. He was also a great lover of architecture, and there were very few of our great cathedrals that he had not visited. To some people Arthur appeared to be a rugged and stern character, but underneath this exterior was a warmth and friendliness. A widow, four daughters and one son are left to mourn his passing.

The funeral took place at Bidford-on-Avon on January 31st, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by A. T. Shorey 1, W. J. Newman 2, G. C. Hemming (conductor) 3, R. C. Chapman 4, H. Huxley 5, F. C. Lyne 6, G. J. Hemming 7, J. Moore 8. The ring of ten at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, was also rung muffled in the evening. G. J. H.

MR. E. E. LOMAS

All Saints', Asfordby, has lost another of its veteran ringers by the death in Leicester Infirmary on February 1st of Mr. Ernest Edward Lomas, aged 81. On the previous Wednesday he slipped and fractured his thigh.

Mr. Lomas came to Asfordby as a youth, being apprenticed to the village blacksmith. Afterwards he worked at the Holwell Iron Works as a smith until he was 70. For 63 years he had been a member of Asfordby ringers and was captain for several years. In the early '30's he took part in many quarter peals of Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. He was a great Christian character—loved and respected by all.

Five of his fellow ringers attended the funeral service, and in the evening a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung to his memory. The band was: Mrs. Dorothy Day 1, Evander Littlewood 2, Roland H. Cook 3, A. E. Hurman 4, R. Looker 5, J. H. Cook (conductor) 6.

MR. LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN

The peal record of the late Mr. Leslie C. Wightman, who was 62 when he died, will be read with interest by his friends:—

Minor.—Five methods 1, seven methods 7, Cambridge 1, London 1.

Triples. — Grandsire 7, Stedman 23 (conducted 4), St. Clement's 1, Erin 1.

Major. — Plain Bob 9, Double Oxford 1, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 69, Kent Treble Bob 19, Oxford 20.

Surprise.—Cambridge 130 (29), Superlative 67 (8), New Cambridge 10, Yorkshire 21 (1), Norfolk 3, London 42 (6), Bristol 34 (10), Pudsey 2 (1), Lincolnshire 2, Kent 2, Premier 3 (1), one each of Southwell, Otley, Ipswich, Clarendon, Yoxford, Monewden, Clacton, Lavenham, Droitwich, Rochester (1), Camdon, Edinburgh, Edmundsbury (1), Helmingham, Daventry, Woodbridge, Bosmere (1), Waveney, Orwell, Deben (1), Silchester, Marina, Huntingdon, Lincoln (1), Dunwich, Suffolk, Chester (1), Double Dublin, Leeds, Minsmore (1), Cornwall, Devon (1), Loughborough, Gippeswyk (1), Belvedere (1), Spliced four methods 3 (1).

Caters.—Stedman 7.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 7, Oxford Treble Bob 3.

Surprise.—Cambridge 12, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 7.

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Kent 3, Oxford 2.

Surprise.—Cambridge 4, New Cambridge 2, Superlative 2.

Total 567 (conducted 71).

Rung in England, Wales and Ireland.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The usual congenial atmosphere prevailed at the annual meeting of the Gainsborough District at Gainsborough on January 21st. Ringing on the fine eight included the usual methods and Surprise.

Canon J. E. Roberts, the Vicar and District president, officiated at the service. The officers were re-elected at the business meeting and also a number of new members. Meetings for 1956, subject to confirmation, are: Corringham, April 21st; Haxey and Epworth, June 16th; Massingham, August 18th; Saxilby, October 27th; Blyton, November 17th.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. G. Mansfield 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, A. A. Booth 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

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DEATH

DRAYCOTT.—At 14, Chesterfield Road, Tibshelf, Derbyshire, on February 6th, 1956, in his 88th year, Harry Draycott, vice-president and founder member of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association. 7804

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Mayne and John would like to thank the many ringers who have sent both written and verbal messages of sympathy to them. They regret that they are unable to reply to each individually. 7800

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Spr. P. MINCHIN is now back in England from Korea (for compassionate reasons) and his address is: 15, Newburn Crescent, Swindon, Wilts. 7808

The address of Mr. N. M. NEWBY after Feb. 18th, 1956, will be 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. 7826

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington, St. John's, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7773

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Buckden (5) Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7789

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—At Witheridge, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Annual meeting, N. Devon Branch, by-meeting, N.E. Devon Branch. Bells available 3. Service 4.15.—B. M Boyle. Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 7722

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 2 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Owen Hall. Social evening with refreshments after tea.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7733

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th, 2.30 p.m. 7760

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's bells available after tea. All ringers and friends welcome. 7718

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at Norwood Green (6) from 3 to 4 p.m., and at Heston (8) at 4.15. Tea at Heston at 5 p.m., followed by further ringing.—F. A. Finch. 7782

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and Bicester Deanery Branch.—Joint meeting at Bicester on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec., City Branch. 7793

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Bridport, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—E. Russell, White Cross, Netherbury. 7759

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Buckland (6), Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7717

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7770

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Essentially for learners—practice at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. Please note the time. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 7796

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Feb. 23rd, St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham Common, 7.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 10th, S.-E. London. All welcome.—Hutchings, Brockwell School House, Tulse Hill, S.W.2. TUL 0800. 7815

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 25th, St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 7821

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Don on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Important business—good attendance, please.—F. J. Jackson. 7822

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, Feb. 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington. 7823

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7762

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 25th, Hawthorn's Hotel, Woodland Road, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Bus service 20 from centre. St. Stephen's (10) available 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 9s. each, with remittance, before Feb. 22nd, from A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5. 7788

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7816

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 7723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton (heavy eight, tenor 24 cwt), Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7820

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 7819

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, at 3 p.m. on Feb. 25th. (Tram route 1.) Tea for those notifying R. Bettley-Cooke, 35, Ash Road. Leeds, 6, by 21st.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7824

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Thurcaston (8) on Feb. 25th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Names for tea to reach me before Tuesday, Feb. 21st.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Sec., 117, Church Lane, Anstey, Leicester. 7812

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Swaffham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30. Please make your own arrangements for tea—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 7817

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Bampton, Saturday, Feb. 25th—all welcome. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at Aston 2 to 3 p.m., Clanfield 6 to 7.30 p.m. Please notify for tea.—Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 7771

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Farnham Royal, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 5.45 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 7809

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, East Bridgeford, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to M. I. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold. 7818

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Stradbroke (10), Saturday, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 7807

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me have names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7811

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Horsham, Feb. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Special methods, Ashtead and Lincolnshire. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Butcher. 7803

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held at the Gardeners Arms, Sandhurst Road (off Ampthill Road), Bedford, on Saturday, March 3rd, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Kempston bells will be available 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 11s., from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 7783

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Whimple, Saturday, March 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 27th to Miss E. Lomas, Sandfords, Whimple. 7797

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Springfield (6), Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7755

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. Annual meeting, Saturday, March 3rd. at Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcs. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) 5 o'clock at Messrs. Bullock's Cafe, High Street, followed by business meeting. Ringing later. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Buses, Midland Red 144, leave Station Street, Birmingham, every 15 minutes.—S. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 7805

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Easton Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Feb. 27th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7813

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, 3 p.m., at Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7806

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Old Bradwell, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7814

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, Basford (8), from 2.30 to 4.15. Tea at Bulwell, and ringing there from 6 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 7798

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual meeting at Lavenham on Saturday March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to M. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. 7810

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baglan, on March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7801

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ACID TEST OF A GOOD RINGER

IN the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated January 20th is given an account of the Universities Association Reunion, and under the sub-heading, 'Acid Test of a Good Ringer,' Mr. E. A. Barnett says it seemed to him that ringing was suffering from several diseases; one was unless a man could ring spliced Surprise within six weeks of handling a bell he was written off as a failure. It took some courage to say that and he certainly has some grounds for such a statement. His comments, coupled with the account of the passing away of Mr. Joshua Dean, of Norbury, which appeared in the previous week's issue, brings to mind the early struggles of the Norbury band and make me ask, 'What is the acid test of a good ringer?'

When Norbury Church was built in 1837, the old six bells of Disley were taken down and replaced by a new ring of six, and as there was a tower to Norbury Church, the old Disley bells were hung in it. Previous to 1896 nothing in the way of change ringing, other than Bob Doubles, had been attempted, and although the ringers then in office — Messrs. S. Fernley, J. Dean, G. D. Warburton, S. Rutter, A. Fernley, J. Shallcross and E. Bradbury—had served for a number of years, they had never been stirred by any ambition to become scientific change ringers. However, the Rev. H. Leigh-Mallory, then of Wilmslow, wrote to the secretary of the Norbury ringers informing him of the existence of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and as the hon. secretary of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch (in whose district Norbury tower was situate), he requested that the ringers should become members of the Guild, which they did in July, 1896. A practice night was arranged and all set to work in real earnest, valuable assistance being given by the late James S. Wilde, of Hyde, who later emigrated to Dunedin, New Zealand, and to this gentleman the ringers were mainly indebted for their rapid and satisfactory progress. Jim Wilde, as he was affectionately known, had to walk from Hyde and back each practice night—those who know the district know what that entailed.

The first Minor extent was rung for morning service on Sunday, September 13th, 1896, the method being Plain Bob. As this was the first Minor extent in which any of the band had taken part, and considering that they only had been in practice two months with the tenor as a working bell, it was a creditable performance.

Later their efforts were directed to learning Treble Bob methods, the first being in the Kent Variation, and it was on Sunday morning, February 7th, 1897, that their first extent of this method was successfully brought round.

The following extract from the old Norbury peal book relative to the ringing on that date speaks for itself:—

> 'Feb. 7th. This date will always be remembered by the band as being the date on which they accomplished their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The day was Sunday and ringing for morning service was commenced at 9.50. Of course, a peal was attempted as usual, but went wrong about 10.10. Another start was made and at 10.30 (the time to stop ringing) the peal was going strong and well. The conductor decided to go on to the end if possible, and the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was accomplished seven minutes after service had commenced, notwithstanding the fact that for the last five minutes the irate choirmaster had been pounding on the belfry door for ringing to cease. Positions as follows:— Treble J. Dean, 2 S. Fernley, 3 G. D. Warburton, 4 S. Rutter, 5 A. Fernley, Tenor J. Shallcross. Conductor J. Shallcross. Time 25 minutes.'

There is no record as to what happened or the reactions of the Vicar after this spot of 'overtime.'

More difficult methods were tackled with successful results and, in addition, they had been putting a new pupil through his paces; this was the late James Fernley, who later, under the guidance of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, made a name for himself as a conductor of Spliced Minor methods. He scored his first Minor extent in April, 1897.

As Mr. C. K. Lewis says in his memoir, with the passing of Mr. Joshua Dean goes the last link with the old Norbury band. There are, however, intermediary links; Mr. J. W. Hartley is one and he has done yeoman service at Norbury. When the present ring of eight was opened in October, 1925, the survivors of the old Norbury band were just as interested as they would have been had they been active ringers; they participated in the ringing which took place every night during the week following the dedication of the bells. We of the then 'younger end' had the pleasure of ringing with them. Even after years of ceasing to be active ringers they still could 'strike.' Sam Fernley was the oldest of the Fernley brothers and a traveller for a hat trimming firm. Albert and Jim were hatters—incidentally Jim Wilde was a hatter too. I do not remember the occupations of Joshua Dean or George D. Warburton.

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George D. was a short tubby chap and when the bells were installed at St. George's, Stockport, he became one of the ringers there; Jim Shallcross was the village shoemaker and at one time part-time postman. Jim was a bit of an eccentric, and if during ringing he suddenly remembered he had a job to do, would stand his bell and dash off to do it.

Jim Wilde and his pupils little realised when they were struggling to master method ringing that over fifty years later their efforts were still bearing fruit. Jim Wilde died a few years ago in New Zealand and until the last he took a great interest in the ringing at Norbury. When the first 'Thirty-five Method Peal' was rung on December 4th, 1923, his delight knew no bounds and he lost no time in writing to congratulate Jim Fernley. So great was his modesty he never made reference to the hard work he had done in preparing the foundations. On more than one occasion when ringing was not up to standard Jim Fernley would say, 'You want Jim Wilde at the back of you,' and that was enough to make bands pay more attention to their ringing.

And so again I ask, 'What is the acid test of a good ringer?' J. P. F.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	7
*FRANK A. BARRETT	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	8
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	3	FREDK. H. VICKERS	9
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	10
GERALD C. HEMMING	5	FRANCIS A. WHITE	11
*PETER R. SANDERS	6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal on 12 bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 14 years of age.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
JOAN GRAY	4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	9
IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5	ALBERT M. TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
60th peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	8
NORAH M. BIBBY	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
HILDA M. KINGCOTT	2	ROGER O. FRY	7
ARTHUR H. REED	3	DAVID HOARE	8
IAN H. ORAM	4	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	9
DAVID G. YEO	5	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
*WILLIAM LOVE	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	*†BERT GOGLE	7
*CHARLES H. MOORE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. † 250th peal for the Norwich Association. The 100th peal on the new (1938) bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, of Heston.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR CROWDER	5
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	6
*MICHAEL CROWDER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
NORMAN BELL	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First in the method.
A 70th birthday compliment to Martin Walker, of Ulceby.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

R. JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
C. HENRY HARDING	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
The first peal in the method by all, in the county and for the Association.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES F. W. EYRE	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	2	GRAEME A. HUGHES	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	STELLA HUGHES	7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	HARRY GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Major and of Plain Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8. 1956. in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*CECILIA COWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN P. FIDLER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	*†DAVID HOUGHTON	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	4	COLIN HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First 'touch' of Cambridge.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY ..	5
*JOHN HALL	2	HARRY HALL	6
MICHAEL CROWDER	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
JACK BRAY	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First in the method.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*ENID A. BOND..	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HARRIS.. ..	5
ROGER O. FRY	2	*TREVOR J. HAYWARD ..	6
RICHARD J. COUSINS ..	3	SEALY S. WOODBURN ..	7
*NELLIE LYE	4	*KENNETH C. BRAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on eight bells. The first peal upon the bells since restoration and augmentation by Messrs. John Taylor, in 1953.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER.. ..	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH ..	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	6
*BARRY SULLIVAN	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	7
†NORMAN SMITH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON.. ..	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	‡MAURICE G. STEWART ..	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	2	THOMAS M. COX	6
*CHRISTOPHER J. HERBERT	3	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	7
†MALCOLM P. HAMMOND..	4	THOMAS COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the tenor ringer.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH.. ..	5
TITUS BARLOW	2	JAMES HEWITSON	6
LESLIE PETERS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JOHN F. WOOD	4	MAJOR CROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
First peal on the new bells.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING	*Treble*	*WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ..	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	6
HARRY POYNER	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
*JAMES H. LILLEY	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Stedman.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. M. BOUMPHREY ..	*Treble*	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	5
FRANK BARRACLOUGH	2	FRANK REYNOLDS	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	ALAN J. BROWN..	7
HAROLD C. LONYON	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

NORTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ANTHONY J. BRAIZER.. ..	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
FREDK. C. LYNE	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN.. ..	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
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SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	*PETER NASH	5
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	§ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
‡A. YORK-BRAMBLE	3	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	*ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of spliced. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of spliced Major. § 25th peal. First peal of spliced on the bells. First time these methods have been rung 'spliced' to a peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS G. HAWKINS	*Treble*	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	5
*MARGARET THOMPSON	2	HAROLD W. ROGERS	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	*DAVID WIGHT	7
MRS. HAROLD W. ROGERS	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal.
Arranged for David Wight, who is joining H.M. Forces.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE	*Treble*	‡GEORGE E. FOSTER	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	HAROLD DENMAN	6
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	3	‡WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
†NATHANIEL T. MOXON	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung following the wedding of Mr. W. Allan Wilson to Miss Betty Castle. Both are local ringers and Mr. Wilson is also the vicar's warden.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	RONALD W. HAYWARD	5
RONALD D. SHORT	2	WILLIAM SLOCOMBE	6
REGINALD BEALE	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
*STANLEY N. BRISTOWE	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* 50th peal for Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 1,080 Clifford Pleasure, 960 Reverse Canterbury, 1,080 April Day, 960 Bob Doubles, 960 Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt.

MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	*Treble*	*DAVID WOODWARD	3
ALEC GAMMON	2	VERNON GREEN	4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
* First peal 'inside.' Alec Gammon is the first ringer to 'complete the circle' of the tower.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In 18 methods: (1) Skipton and Chepstow, (2) Balmoral and Fotheringay, (3) Knutsford and Rostherne, (4) Wilmslow and Bogedone, (5) Combermere, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville, (6) Crowland and Vale Royal, (7) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MARGARET HALL	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in 18 methods.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Catharine M. Trist and Mr. David Gallop, of Canada.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

ALEC RICHARDSON	*Treble*	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	4
GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	*RONALD G. DAWSON	5
WILLIAM A. SMITH	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Plain, and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

*SIDNEY J. WHITE	*Treble*	ARTHUR APPLETON	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	WILLIAM J. S. WHITE	5
HENRY R. A. APPLETON	3	BERNARD C. MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. MANN.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since restoration of bells and tower, rung by an entirely local band.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BRAMLEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

IRVIN SLACK	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	*C. DONALD MANN	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*WILLIAM WINTRIP	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
MRS. H. MOORE	2	ALAN SYDER	5
HAROLD MOORE	3	JOHN BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal on a working bell.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 840 Southrepps Pleasure, 840 Clifford Pleasure, 840 Bob Doubles, 840 Grandsire, 960 April Day, 720 Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 6 cwt.

VERNON GREEN	*Treble*	ROBIN TREBILICOCK	3
FRANK BARRETT	2	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	4
ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.
Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung within the octave of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and for the anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE HOWLETT	*Treble*	JOHN W. RAWSON	4
JAMES A. LORD	2	ROLAND BENISTON	5
JOHN HAWTIN	3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal on the treble.
Mr. J. A. Underwood has now 'circled' his home tower

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

STANLEY N. BRISTOWE	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	4
REGINALD BEALE	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
*WILLIAM H. TARR	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal in two methods.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRIAN MASON	*Treble*	WILLIAM CATCHPOLE	4
*IVAN SMITHSON	2	DOUGLAS RUST	5
†GEORGE SMITHSON	3	W. C. MEDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Catchpole.

BLEADON, SOMERSET.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	4
*GLYN F. JENKINS	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
†JOHN WATERS	3	‡JOHN SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal in the method. All the band are serving in the R.A.F. at Locking Camp, Somerset.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in B.

*DAVID BROWN	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. Rung on the front six.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED GARROD	*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. F. Easton and Miss C. J. G. Warren, married at this church earlier in the day.



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PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, Wells and London, and four extents of Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

John W. Rawson	*Treble*	Arthur E. Rowley	4
John A. Underwood	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
Derek P. Jones	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 26 methods: (1) Bogedene Delight, (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, and Newdigate Delight, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (5) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (6) Vale Royal, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight, (7) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	Hilda G. Snowden	4
Alan R. Syder	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gregory,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's (nine callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

Christopher Webb	*Treble*	Alan Hodge	4
*Charles Manley	2	William Webb	5
William Baker	3	Brian Tozer	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Webb.

* First peal.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

John A. Martin	*Treble*	†Dugald M. MacPherson	4
Eunice A. Hiley	2	David G. Wright	5
*Hazel L. Hancock	3	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John A. Martin, also as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Woodard, a vice-president of the Guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur E. Hoodless	*Treble*	Allan Simpson	4
Mrs. A. Simpson	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Frederick G. Hooper	3	Clarence F. Briggs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Mr. C. F. Briggs has now 'circled the tower.'

A birthday compliment to Simon L. Barley, C. F. Briggs and A. E. Hoodless

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 16 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick, Hexham, (3) Norfolk, Primrose, (4) Ipswich, (5) Cambridge, (6) York, Durham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

John Pollard	*Treble*	Leonard C. Blanchard	4
James W. Haw	2	Albert E. Scott	5
Cecil Wade	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

A second birthday compliment to Desmond W. Musson and a 70th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Single Oxford Bob, two Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and one Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Thomas Radford	*Treble*	Frank Bradley	4
Doreen Armstrong	2	Wilfred Riley	5
George E. Hancock	3	Albert E. Wheeler	*Tenor*

Conducted by Doreen Armstrong.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Draycott, aged 87, a ringer at Tibshelf for more than 60 years, who was interred on February 9th.

WROCKWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Josephine Dyas	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	4
Harold F. White	2	Robert B. Savage	5
Thomas Price	3	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

The first peal on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) St. Albans, Braintree, Humber, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (2) College Bob IV, Taxal, Marple, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double and Plain Bob, (5) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (6) Vale Royal, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight, (7) St Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	John Warner	4
Alan R. Syder	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

The most methods rung in a peal by the Essex Association and by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph D. Johnson	1—2	Mrs. J. Thomas	5—6
John Thomas	3—4	*David J. Marshall	7—8
		†Vivien Barnes	9—10

Composed by J. E. Graves. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At Tpentwood,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1—2	George E. Feirn	5—6
Frank Lord	3—4	Jack Bray	7—8

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Jack Bray.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At Hook Cottage,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being three extents of St. Osmund's Bob and Merton S.C., seven extents each of (1) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C., (2) Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough S.C., (3) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (4) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C., and 11 extents of St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C.; 262 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

George Francis	1—2	W. Leslie Weller	3—4
		J. Julian Pawley	5—6

Conducted by George Francis.

First handbell peal by all. The first peal of Spliced Doubles 'in hand.' The first peal of Spliced Doubles for the Association.

ST. JAMES', HULL

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated January 27th, page 60, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, in his very interesting review of peal ringing in Yorkshire East Riding, states that there has been a long silence at St. James', Hull, as the last peal was rung there in 1909.

If my memory serves me correctly, these bells were stopped in 1912, owing to the frame being in a dangerous condition. That will explain the long silence. Since that time they have only been chimed. This is one of the poorest parishes in the city, and it was impossible to raise the necessary money for the repairs. I understand that this church is to be demolished some time as this area is to be an industrial zone under the town planning scheme.

In the next parish (St. Luke's) the church was completely burnt out in the blitz of 1941 and these two parishes are now in the care of Holy Trinity Church. Some time ago I was informed that a new church is to be built and both parishes combined. I do not know whether the bells are to be saved and placed in the new church or not. I sincerely hope so.

There is another eight-bell tower in Hull (All Saints'). These bells were stopped about 1924 owing to the bad condition of the frame. I only know of three peals being rung there; there may have been more. A bell fund was opened, but I do not know what became of it. The bells are still silent.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. DALE.

Hessle, East Yorks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the New Year was held in Wakefield Cathedral on January 28th. Ringing took place in the standard methods on eight and ten bells until 8.45 p.m.

The president took the chair at the short business meeting. Two new members were elected and the Cathedral authorities, together with the local company, were thanked for the use of the bells.

The March meeting will be held a week earlier than usual this year, on March 24th, as the last Saturday in the month is Easter Saturday.

Fourteen local towers were represented. The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on February 25th.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In spite of the bad weather, about 30 members and friends met at Dronfield on February 4th for the monthly meeting of the Society. Altogether there were ten towers represented, one ringer having come all the way from Coventry.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued in a variety of methods until 5 p.m., when tea was provided at the Green Dragon. One much appreciated item was a roaring fire, around which everybody soon congregated.

No business meeting was held, but will members please note that the next meeting will be the annual to be held at Ranmoor on March 3rd.

After tea members returned to the tower for further ringing. D. J. S.

WEDDINGS

At Sutton-in-Holderness

There was a happy gathering of ringers at St. James' Church, Sutton-in-Holderness, on Saturday, February 11th, when the Vicar, the Rev. L. Reynolds, had the pleasure of marrying two young people who had learned to ring on his bells. The bride was Sylvia Iredale, of Sutton, and the bridegroom John Michael Harrop, of Howden. Another local ringer, Ron Ducker, was best man.

The bells were rung before the service and as the happy couple left the church; the local band was there in full strength, and were assisted by the bridegroom's sister and uncle from Howden. Later, at the bride's home, after the usual toasts and cutting of the cake, the bride, bridegroom and best man called on Mr. L. Rodmell to join them in a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

At Sutton-on-Trent

Two members of the Sutton-on-Trent tower, Mr. Allan Wilson and Miss Betty Castle, were married on February 11th by the Rev. R. T. Keal. The service was choral, with the bridegroom's brother acting as organist. The bride, who was dressed in white brocade, was attended by three bridesmaids—Miss Evelyn Wilson (bridegroom's sister) Miss Gillian Castle and Mrs. Dorothy Goddard. Mr. L. Wilson was best man to his brother. The honeymoon was in London, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's future home will be Home Farm, Ossington. After the ceremony a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The members of Reading University Society spent an interesting day in London on February 8th, which included a visit to the Whitechapel Bell-foundry and ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street, and at Stepney, where they joined the local practice. Ringing at Stepney included Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

Southampton University Society, formed just over a year ago, has now a membership of 15.

Congratulations to ringing members of the R.A.F. at Locking Camp, Somerset, on scoring a peal at Bleadon, Somerset, on February 8th.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Horsham on February 11th was the first on the bells for 32 years

Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, has conducted 100 peals of Grandsire Triples, the centenary being reached at Deane on February 11th.

Mr. Percy C. Sayer, who was 80 on New Year's Day, stood in at the last moment to ring in a quarter of Minor at Great Totham, Essex, on February 12th. He rang his favourite bell, the tenor, faultlessly.

Eighty-three years ago, on February 11th, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Benington, Herts. Unfortunately, an anniversary peal attempt failed, but a quarter in the method was rung, conducted by Mr. F. Croft.

Owing to snow and bad road conditions five ringers from the north, due to take part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary Redcliffe, were prevented from reaching Bristol on February 11th. Despite a 5 a.m. start they only succeeded in covering about 40 miles in four hours, when the journey had to be abandoned. The remainder of the band wish to express their thanks to the three ringers who agreed to stand in at the 11th hour and enable a peal of Stedman Caters to be rung.

Mr. H. A. Pratt informs us that the Rev. J. H. Ransom, of Great Bromley, is not the first Essex incumbent to ring a peal on his own bells. The Rev. John Southam rang three peals on the bells of Black Notley, Essex, where he was rector in 1944-45.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at Bleadon, Somerset, on February 8th, John Waters, of Paul, near Penzance, completes the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

The peal of Doubles at Bathampton on Jan. 17th consisted of 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and not as printed on page 84.

Christopher J. Herbert is to be congratulated for his performance in the peal at Darlington on February 11th. Not only was it his first peal and in a method in which he had little experience, but he had spent the whole of the previous night on 'guard duty' at Catterick Camp.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Farnham Royal, near Slough, on February 8th, was arranged to enable Dvr. Alan Hartley, of Leeds, now stationed at Farnborough, to ring at the tower made famous by the late Joseph J. Parker, composer of the famous 12-part of Grandsire Triples. One of Mr. Parker's compositions was rung, and afterwards Dvr. Hartley visited the graves of J. J. Parker and Wm. H. Fussell.

The peal on the recently-restored ring at Weston, Bath, was rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Rowe, who is the chairman of the Bath Branch of the Association. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe kindly entertained the band after the peal. Taking part in the peal was Mr. R. J. Cousins, who will be 75 years old next week. He last rang a peal, one of Cambridge Major, at Twerton in 1934.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY



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BOILING A BELL

'The Lincoln Diocesan Magazine' records an interesting experiment of boiling a bell (extracted from the 22nd annual report of the Friends of Durham Cathedral). The article states:

The Church of St. Mary, Monkhesleden, Co. Durham, is now permanently closed. One of its two ancient bells has been given to a neighbouring church and the other referred to below has been handed over to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. It is now in the Great Dormitory in the cloisters.

The original clapper-staple of the bell now in the Great Dormitory must have been broken off at some time or another, because a false staple has been fitted by boring two holes through the head of the bell itself. The inscription on the bell reads:—

IHESUS NAZARENUS REX IUDAEORUM.

When the bell reached the Cathedral workshop it was decided to remove the products of corrosion by the usual method of electrolysis. When this was done and the bell was washed down and dried, it was thought that little more remained to do but to brush off any encrusted dirt and to apply a coat of suitable preservative. This, however, turned out to be far from the truth of the matter, for, with the removal of the layer of corroded material, innumerable minute pinholes in the metal, resulting from the method of casting, started to exude a variety of crystalline substances. Scrub as one might, within a few days the bell again looked as though it had been out overnight in a hard frost.

As it seemed probable that the corrosion of the bell had been increased by salt brought over by the wind from the sea, which is only a mile-and-a-half away, it was decided to test the effect of boiling; so, with but an inch or two of the lip of the bell sticking out of a new dustbin, bought specially for the job, an experimental boiling for a few hours was tried.

Boiling proved to be the answer to the problem, and after a boiling marathon lasting for four days, the salt which had been accumulating for some six-and-a-half centuries was finally dissolved. Several weeks, however, were allowed to elapse to make sure that no further crystals formed, and then a coat of preservative was applied.

Mr. Ronald Clouston, who sends us the magazine, makes these interesting comments:—

(1) Bronze is not attacked by salt in sea air, but is by sulphurous gases as found in chimney gases. Monkhesleden is in the coal mining area of Co. Durham.

(2) The only other example of boiling a bell I had heard of is given in my 'Church Bells of Renfrewshire,' p. 172. The bell was cracked!

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Monmouth Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was successfully held at Ebbw Vale on January 28th and was attended by a large number of ringers.

Ringing on these lovely bells was jointly arranged by the Association Master, Mr. F. Bailey, and the Branch Master, Mr. J. Alsop.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Oliver Davies. A bounteous tea was afterwards provided in the church hall by the Vicar and the social committee. Mr. F. Hannington, general secretary, thanked the ladies concerned.

At the business meeting the Branch secretary gave a favourable report of the past year and was later re-elected. Mr. J. Alsop entered his second year as Branch Master. Various items of interest and progress were mentioned. Three young ladies from Ebbw Vale were elected new members.

BOW BELLS

Bow Bells are Silent

and have been ever since the blitz on the night of May 11th, 1941, when St. Mary-le-Bow Church caught fire from burning buildings next door. The steeple was gutted and the bells fell from the tower and were smashed.

Bow Bells will ring again

as soon as we have received enough money to restore and secure the fabric of our Crypt Church and steeple.

THIS WE ARE ASKING YOU TO HELP US TO DO.
IT WILL COST £150,000.

These are the opening paragraphs of an attractive brochure which has been circulated by an influential Appeals Committee. Many copies have been sent to officials of ringing organisations all over the country, and the Rector has promised that all moneys received from ringers will be separately accounted for.

At the recent business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths it was decided to support the appeal, and that a sum of money (to be decided later) should be donated by the Society, supplemented by amounts subscribed by individual College Youths.

It is felt that many ringers belonging to the various Diocesan and County Associations, being also College Youths, might on this special appeal desire to associate themselves with the Society's effort, and the secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey, has been authorised to receive the contributions made by members. Whilst it is hoped that the final sum donated by the Ancient Society shall be a substantial amount, it is not desired that efforts which will be made by other ringing organisations shall be in any way prejudiced—the main idea is that every ringer who can afford to do so shall make a contribution to the appeal for the restoration of these famous bells.

Prior to the destruction of the church and bells, the Society had always been closely associated with this famous church, and the familiar interval signal used by the B.B.C. was made and recorded by College Youths.

Dear Sir,—Many ringing guild officials have just received a copy of the Rector's appeal for the restoration of Bow Bells. These, thanks to the B.B.C., are of nationwide interest, especially to us ringers.

May I suggest that we ringers should support this fund by contributions from *all* our Guild and Association funds. I would further like to see this paid into and through our own Central Council. I hope to bring this before our own Guild at the A.G.M. What do other readers think of this proposition?—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR F. WELLINGTON.
East Grinstead and District Guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Despite the very cold weather, some 25 members attended the February meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Hilperton. The support of the young ringers from Holt was much appreciated; meetings would be of more value if other towers followed their example. A hearty welcome was given to the Rector, this being his first Guild meeting since his induction to the living. The next meeting will be held at Keevil. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and to the ladies for providing the tea. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

S. C.

A WEEK-END IN BRISTOL

A team from far and wide, including Birmingham, Bedford, Derby and Swindon, converged on Bristol on January 28th, at the invitation of Miss Elisabeth Grime, who had gone to some trouble to arrange an attractive ringing programme, including peal attempts at Long Ashton and on a certain notorious heavy eight in Bristol. There was also the added attraction of the Bristol University Society Dinner.

The fine eight at Long Ashton were rung to a very good peal of Yorkshire at a steady but good beat. Several of the party visited Twerton-on-Avon on the Sunday morning, where they met Mr. Roger Fry and admired his nice little ring and the progress made by his young band. He came to Bristol to hear the ringing at St. Thomas', Bedminster, where one of the very rare peal attempts was to be made. This had caused much local speculation, and dark hints about 'the slaughterhouse' and the like had been made.

The band bravely launched forth with Bob Major on this good old eight, where the tenor (29 cwt. in D) is very heavy going, and some of the others play tricks, and quickly mastered the difficulties so that the music rolled out across the sad ruins of this badly damaged part of Bristol at a measured 22 changes a minute, with an even beat that belied the battle that was going on above and the sweat that beaded the faces of the back-enders.

But the band were a little tired after the previous day's efforts, and St. Thomas' bells find out every weakness and, though no hint of tiredness came to the listeners outside, they were surprised to hear the bells run round after 1 hour 4 minutes. The conductor, knowing that a finish of good standard was unlikely owing to the onset of fatigue, deemed it wise to call the bells round while the ringing was going well, thus completing an excellent quarter peal, possibly the greatest length of Major on the bells.

Thus they earned a leisured tea and a ring at St. Mary Redcliffe, and, it is hoped, a chance to visit again this fine old eight at St. Thomas', when really fresh and fit. Thank you, Bristol, and Elisabeth, for a grand weekend. D. P. J.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The rain and fog on January 28th did not deter 70 members of the Northern District, assembled at Dunmow for the annual District meeting. During the afternoon the grand ring of eight was kept going in many methods.

The Vicar, Rev. D. Callum, conducted the service and welcomed the ringers to Dunmow. Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association, read the lesson, and Mrs. Coates was at the organ. Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers and their wives and friends.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided, and the District Master's and secretary's reports were adopted. These showed a decline in the number of peals rung, and that the attendance at the five meetings held during the year was greater than the year before. There were only three churches in the District where no Sunday service ringing took place. Five new members were elected, and the next meeting is to be held at Pebmarsh in March.

Miss H. G. Snowden was re-elected District Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt district secretary, and Messrs. J. Elliott and J. Warner were re-elected to the committee. After a discussion on the question of the alteration of the date of the annual general meeting of the Association, the meeting voted in favour of altering it from Whitsun Monday to a suitable Saturday. Afterwards the handbells were rung, whilst others returned to the church for ringing. H. A. P.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

The annual meeting of the Branch was held at Stockport St. George's Church on January 28th, when some 70 members and friends were present. A wedding delayed the start of the proceedings, but the bride was delighted to have the sound of the bells which she had not anticipated.

The usual Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Wilfred Garlick, well known for his broadcast and other activities, who gave the Branch a warm welcome to the church and delighted them with an excellent address delivered in his inimitable manner. Tea was served in the nearby Parish Room.

The business meeting was held under the able guidance of the Vicar. Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that so far only the New Mills meeting on April 28th had been definitely fixed. The deaths of Canon Winstanley, of Poynton, and of Mr. Joshua Dean, the last of the old band at Norbury, were reported, and the meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of two old friends and supporters of the Guild.

The statement of accounts for 1955 was presented by the secretary and adopted by the meeting. In his report for 1955 the secretary commented on the arrival of the new Bishop of Chester, who had demonstrated his interest in the Guild and Art by active participation in the ringing at churches he had visited. He appealed to the members to rally to the support of the Bishop as he tackled the tremendous tasks in the diocese. Membership of the Branch had increased and 35 peals had been rung within the confines of the Branch during the past year. The proportion of young ringers at meetings had been very encouraging, a good augury for the future prosperity of the Branch which, as the secretary remarked, has a tradition second to none.

The following officers were elected for 1956: President, Canon R. Simpson; chairman, Mr. Alan J. Brown; vice-chairman, Mr. M. J. Pryor; Ringing Master, Mr. B. Jones, secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. K. Lewis; committee—Messrs. Brown, Jones and A. R. Elkins. The following were elected members of the Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. Edmonds (Dunham Massey), Miss L. Bottomley, Miss M. Leech and P. N. Sprosen (Hyde), Miss K. Beswick, M. Booth and P. Hough (Knutsford), A. and F. Osbaldiston (Marple) Miss M. J. Hainsworth and C. Cameron Stuart (Stockport St. George's). The belfry election of G. D. Fearnehough, of Birch-in-Rusholme, was confirmed.

The meeting extended its congratulations to Mr. John Wheadon, aged 84, who had just rung his 99th peal of Stedman, and wished him luck with his 100th. Mr. S. Hough, sen., whom the meeting was glad to see looking so well after his recent illness, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their work, and this was seconded by another old and valued member, Mr. A. Barnes, whose name first appeared in 'Bell News' in 1886.

The meeting concluded with a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, the wardens, the organist, the local ringers and ladies, who had served tea. Further ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells until a very late hour, and many had their first ring on ten. It is fortunate that the ringing room at St. George's is large, otherwise many would have had to wait outside for their turn to ring. C. K. L.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Jan. 29th, at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Howard (first quarter) 1, Susan Jackson 2, P. Windley 3, G. Galley 4, B. Cookson 5, D. Painter (cond.) 6.

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

Presentation to Mr. L. T. Oliffe

The theme, in the Garden Room at the Fleece Hotel, Witney, throughout the evening of Thursday, February 9th, centred upon the mysteries of campanology; for here, the members of the newly-reconstituted Witney Ringing Society and their guests, were gathered together for the annual dinner. The company of 29 who attended was forewarned that it was likely to be a novel evening as it scanned the programmes, which began: 'On Thursday, February 9th, in two hours a True and Complete Dinner in several irregular methods.' 'Touches' from the menu included Berkshire Soup Bob, Tomato Juice Pleasure, Peach Flan Delight, Cheese and Biscuit Singles, all of which were brought round with Holt's Original Coffee!

The president of the Society, Canon R. F. Bale, took advantage of the treble handbell in calling attention to the youngest lady ringer, Miss Valerie Lewis (aged 15), who proposed the loyal toast. Congratulating the Society on its regular Sunday and practice ringing, Canon Bale said that he was gratified to find a growing membership of young people, particularly of the fairer sex. The ministry of the bells, he asserted, was of the greatest importance.

Miss Lottie Pimm, of Eynsham, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Society for its hospitality and said how much everyone enjoyed ringing at Witney.

Replying to the toast of 'The Witney Ringing Society,' the secretary, Mr. David J. Smith, pointed out that in reviving the custom of an annual dinner, the Society was carrying on a precedent which had started many years ago. The first record of a Witney Ringing Society dinner which he could find was in 1902, but there was little doubt that it had been a tradition for some years before. Describing himself as a 'new boy' to the belfry, Mr. Smith paid tribute to the services of the Master, Mr. L. T. Oliffe, 'who was ringing,' stated Mr. Smith, 'for more than ten years before I was born!' He went on to speak, on behalf of all the ringers, of their gratitude to Mr. Oliffe for his long service and hard work. He then asked the president to present Mr. Oliffe with an electric clock, as a token of the appreciation and respect felt for him by the band.

Thanking all those who had contributed towards the gift, Mr. Oliffe said that he hoped to serve as Master for several years to come.

The ten shining handbells had lain silent and tantalising throughout the meal, but when the speeches had ceased, the secretary called for a Grandsire band. As the bells hunted up and down systematically, their clear tone filled the room, fascinating members and visitors alike, with the result that before the cry of 'That is all . . . stand,' which terminated the programme, the bells had been passed from table to table for beginners' rounds and queens!

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

The annual meeting of the North and East District took place at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 11th. The afternoon's ringing was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rector and president of the Association, Rev. G. C. Taylor.

At the business meeting, with Mr. H. G. Hart, vice-president, in the chair, the secretary submitted his annual report, which indicated that nine District meetings and two joint meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 36 ringers. Harrow-on-the-Hill had been visited for a meeting after a period of very many years. Six resident members had been lost through death. Forty-nine new ringing and life members had been elected. Harrow Weald, with 25 quarter peals, headed the list, which totalled 92.

The statement of accounts revealed a balance of £31 3s. 6d., which was lower than last year and chiefly due to the lateness of payment of subscriptions. Fees for ringing peals had also dropped from last year's amount. Collections for the Bell Restoration Fund totalled £7 2s. 4d. and showed an increase.

Elections of officers were: Mr. A. Cutler Ringing Master, Mr. H. G. Hart assistant, Mr. T. J. Lock secretary, Mr. C. F. Neal assistant, Miss R. Foreman, Messrs. J. R. Mayne and G. A. Parsons representatives on the Central Committee; Mr. R. F. B. Speed was re-elected auditor.

New members elected were: Miss A. Tape, Kingsbury; J. Bacon, Edmonton; Rev. G. Buston and D. H. Oliver, Enfield; C. Aldridge, R. Motton, J. Perrett and Miss G. Iddins, Southgate; K. Hart and Miss P. Miller, Wood Green. The Misses S. Clayton, Pinner, and G. Newcombe, Edmonton, and E. H. Kilby, Willesden, and A. Warren, Finchley, will continue to act as 'Ringing World' representatives.

A list of proposed meetings for the coming year was agreed upon, and it was voted to hold the next District annual meeting at Clerkenwell.

The ringing which took place during the afternoon and evening was not above average, and for an annual occasion the meeting was poorly attended, one reason being, it was suggested, that no tea had been arranged.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Watford District

The annual District meeting was held at St. Mary's, Watford, on February 11th. The unfavourable weather did not prevent a good attendance and the ten bells were put to some useful ringing, which ranged from rounds to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the business meeting. All officers were re-elected, namely: Mr. K. R. Dunstan, secretary; Mr. S. H. Hoare, Ringing Master; Messrs. S. H. Hoare and G. W. Seaman, general committee; Mr. K. R. Dunstan, 'R.W.' representative; District committee—en bloc.

Discussion was made on the Bow Bells appeal, which had been received by the president, Mr. C. W. Woolley, and also on the Association's Voluntary Bell Fund, and annual general meeting arrangements in April at Bishop's Stortford.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. R. G. Bell and her band of helpers, who so ably provided the splendid tea arrangements.

It is desired to place on record of the visit to the belfry, and to tea and service, of two visitors from Sweden. They seemed most interested in the art and it is said that they are coming, at a later date, to view the bells. K. R. D.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELLS DEODAND

Dear Sir,—For a number of weeks during the latter part of the summer of 1955 the Rev. W. J. Bolt, B.A., LL.M., had articles published in 'The Justice of the Peace and Local Government Review.' These articles were compiled by him while studying the older volumes of the publication, which first appeared on January 28th, 1837, and picking out items of interest.

In the issue of September 24th, 1955, Mr. Bolt writes: 'A most bewildering article appears at 1839, page 37:—

"Church Bells. — The question whether church bells can become a deodand was mooted in the following two cases, both of which originated in a similar description of incident.

"Term Pasch, 16 Carl 2, Bowman v. Milbanke. Brocker in ringing was taken up by the bell rope and by it he was killed, and now the coroner took an inquisition upon his death and found the bell to be a deodand.

"Siderfin for the churchwardens moved that the bell is not to be a deodand, because a bell is already given to God and to the Church; and bells were invented about 400 A.D. by Paulinus, a bishop here; and the case of Fitzh. Corona 389, of a mill wheel, is not law, and it was adjourned.

"Trin. Term, 16 Carl 2, in BR. The King v. Cross and Dabbyn. It was moved last term to quash an inquisition taken before the coroner upon view of the body of John Brocas, who was killed by a bell in the church of Axminster in Devon. The bell being ringing, the said John Brocas was caught in the rope of the said bell and so bruised by reason of the violent motion that he incidentally died. And the inquest before the said coroner found that the bell and the whole of the rope were deodand.

"After a long argument, Hide C. J. and Windham, J., *feuront d'opinion que l bell icy n'est deodand quia fuit fix, sed les auters justices doubt mais ils agard que proces serra stay tangue sont auternont advise et ne fuit move arrere et issint ceux de Axminster enjoy leurs bells.*"

'Nothing further appears to have been done in either case.'

I have not succeeded in tracing the relevance of this entry to anything else which appears in the same issue.—Yours truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

Note.—Deodand in old English law is a personal chattel which had been the immediate accidental cause of the death of a human being, forfeited to the Crown for pious purposes.—Ed.

JOINT MEETING AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

Dear Sir,—I note from the report, in your issue of February 10th, of the January meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, that a joint Festival is to be held at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th; the report states furthermore that the North Staffs Association is one of the four sponsor organisations.

I should like through your columns to make it clear that the North Staffs Association has not been approached on the matter at all, and so is not directly concerned with the Festival.

This Association would be only too willing to consider such joint meetings or other functions of a similar nature, if it is approached through the proper channels in good time.

Some of our members, however, may be pleased to attend the Festival and I know they will be made welcome.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. EDGE,
Hon. Secretary, North Staffs Association.

A TIME-HONOURED CUSTOM

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Dyke's observations on the custom of midnight ringing for the New Year. He refers to this practice as 'a sentimental custom, which has grown out of tradition.' Admittedly, both sentiment and tradition have a prominent part in it, but the tradition is one that commands respect, for the usage of welcoming the New Year with the joyous music of church bells has not only been perpetuated in England for many generations, but is also a cherished observance in a number of European countries. It is at least probable that such a widespread custom rests on a definitely religious foundation, however much the 'Christian significance of the bells' may have faded into the background.

For my own part, I regard this time-honoured custom as an act of public thanksgiving for our safe preservation to the beginning of another year, while the sound of the bells at that moment represents to me the voice of the Church of Christ pronouncing a benediction on the new period of life thus begun.—Yours sincerely,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, Dorset.

FAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—Re the footnote to the peal of Plain Bob Major of 5,024 being the quickest peal on tower bells, I think it would have been better if it had been recorded as the shortest peal on tower bells. I think they must have cut across the fields and jumped a few hedges.

I have rung several peals on the same bells, and quick ones, too—2 hours and 35 minutes, but when it comes to 1 hour and 45 minutes, is it ringing, and what good is it? It is very easy for the caller to waken up and find course and coming up, say 52436. Oh, sir just called three homes. It's very easily done, and not to know about it. Going at that rate, it's a wonder the louvres did not burst open again. I think the best thing is to cross off the peal and ring a peal.

We all think we have done some clever things. I myself knocked all the skittles over on the table at one throw, but my friends did not know I had thrown two cheeses at first shot until I told them. Well, if ringers enjoy ringing at that rate, let them; I don't want to hear it. Give me a steady, well struck peal, and no cups of tea on the way, and no stamping. It reminds me of an old itching horse stamping its foot in the stable.—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

PEAL RINGING IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Felstead's article of April 15th, 1955, he states that three peals were rung at Boston between 1903 and 1913. After very careful search for this record I can only find the record of a peal of Stedman Triples rung in 1913 and conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James. I shall be very grateful to Mr. Felstead if he can supply me with the record of the other two peals.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. CLARKE.

99, Norfolk Street,
Boston, Lincs.

DOULTING TENOR

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent correspondence in your columns, it might be of interest for us to state that the weight of Doulting tenor is given in our records as 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.; although the bell is inscribed 'Taylor & Co. Oxford Fecerunt 1828,' it was actually cast at Buckland Brewer in Devon.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.

Loughborough.

A 27 COURSE BLOCK

Dear Sir,—The recent publication of a 29 course block true to methods with any or all of the false course heads 24365, 46253, 32546, 65432 and 53624 irrespective of incidence of falseness prompts me to enquire as to whether the enclosed 27 course block for the same false course heads has any history. It was rung, in a reversed and transposed form, to a peal of Braunstone Surprise in the latter part of last year, and on that occasion my name was attached to it. Its scope is rather limited by the use of bobs Before, and the leads must be connected in the Cambridge order.

5,184 for methods (seconds place) with F.C.H. 24365, 46253, 32546, 65432 and 53624 with 5738264 the first lead-head.

23456	B	W	H
34256		3	2
45362	x		
56423	x		
25463		—	
56234	x		
23564		—	—

Twice repeated.

Also, whilst in print, I must apologise to Mr. Barton for having claimed a variation of his three-part of Lincolnshire as my own, and must thank S. Ivin for pointing this out. If Lincolnshire had been considered one of the 'popular methods' when the C.C. Collection in the popular methods was compiled, then Mr. Barton's peal would almost certainly have been included and my mistake would not have been made. I have inspected all the standard books of reference, all the old reports of various associations which have come my way, and every copy of 'The Ringing World' back to mid-1948 without finding the figures.—Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER.

Blackdown, Hants.

'USURPING A PREROGATIVE'

Dear Sir,—The officers of the Guildford Guild and its Leatherhead District have read with amazement the paragraph about Stoke D'Abernon bells on page 76 of your issue of February 3rd.

We cannot think that the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, as a Society, would be interested in ringing the first peal on a humble five in our area.

We fear that the true explanation is that some plausible and unscrupulous tower grabbers have put a fast one over the authorities at Stoke D'Abernon and used the name of the Society in order to usurp the prerogative of the Guildford Guild.—Yours faithfully,

G. L. GROVER,
General Secretary,
Guildford and District Guild.

STECHFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal rung at Birmingham on January 19th, and published in 'The Ringing World' under the name of 'Stechford,' is in fact a peal of 'Zetland.' This method was first rung on February 4th, 1939, at Bushey, Herts. Good thing some of us keep filing systems!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow, Middlesex.

P.S.—Pity about George's 100th method!—J. R. M.

Note.—We thank other correspondents who have pointed out the duplication.—Ed.

LETTERS—Continued

A SURPRISE MAJOR COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Stephen Ivin for the claim he makes for me in his letter concerning Lincolnshire Surprise Major. The three-part peal in question was produced, along with a few one-part compositions, in the early 1930s. As Mr. Ivin states, the field of composition in Lincolnshire Surprise Major is very limited.

Mr. Ivin's suggestion that a collection of compositions in the easier Surprise Major methods would be highly advantageous is not without merit, but what a stupendous task for anyone to undertake! To mention but three composers, Arthur Knights, Arthur Craven and George Lewis—all now deceased—their collective compositions of Superlative Surprise alone will run into several hundreds.

Granted, most of those compositions will run true to Yorkshire, Pudsey, etc., but to print all the compositions by all the composers in all of what might be termed the easier Surprise methods would fill several books of no small size.

A greater task even than collecting and compiling would be the crediting of the various compositions to the rightful producers, so difficult is it to say where originality ends and where variation begins. Quite a number of compositions which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' during the past two years are variations of others produced many years ago.

However, such a collection would be of great benefit to conductors, but, is anyone prepared to undertake the task?—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorkshire.

'FIRSTS' ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—To the list of those who rang their first peal on 12 bells should be added the name of Mr. Albert M. Tyler, of Bristol. His performance was especially noteworthy on account of his youth. A few days before his 14th birthday he rang Tewkesbury treble faultlessly to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and followed this up a fortnight later with one at Cheltenham. As a matter of fact, I think his first three peals were all of Stedman Cinques.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON.

Evesham, Worcs.

GRESSENHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

The method: 38-14-56-16-34-18-14-78; l.h. 12; f.c.e. 24365.

5,184 by NOLAN GOLDEN

B	W	M	H	23456
	—		3	52436
	—		—	43526
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	—		—	46325
		—	—	53624
	—		3	25634
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		—		23645
	—		3	42635
	—		—	63425
—				32654
	—		2	36524
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Rung at Gressenhall, Norfolk, January 18th, 1956.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Resignation of South Norfolk Ringing Master

Despite the cold weather and snow, 35 ringers from 20 parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk attended the 22nd annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Diss on February 4th.

The service was conducted by Mr. H. J. Watts, lay reader, who also preached, assisted by the president, Rev. H. G. Lillingston, and Canon Nock, Rural Dean.

Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason presided at the meeting, at which it was learned with regret that Mr. Ernest Whiting, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, wished to resign. Mr. W. Flatt, of Redenhall, was elected as the new Ringing Master, and Messrs. Whiting and F. Arnold to the Branch committee. The other officers were re-elected. Four new members were elected—Messrs. G. Burrows, R. Burrows and P. Savory (Banham) and Mr. T. Bailey (Beccles). Redenhall was chosen for a meeting on May 12th, and other dates for meetings are July 28th and October 20th.

Congratulations were extended from the meeting to Mr. Nolan Golden (formerly of Diss) on reaching his 1,000th peal on January 18th.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed to Mr. Watts, the president and Mrs. Lillingston, Canon Nock, the organist, and all who had helped to make 1955 such a successful year for the Branch. A. G. H.

PULHAM MARKET RINGERS' TEA

By kind invitation of Mr. A. R. Todd, of Pulham Market Hall, 62 ringers and friends from 18 parishes in South Norfolk and Suffolk were entertained to tea in the Village Hall on January 14th.

Mr. Todd was supported at the tea by Rev. A. G. Wiseman, Rector of Pulham Market, Rev. —. Dennis, Rector of Pulham St. Mary, Rev. T. H. Child, Rector of East Harling, the churchwardens, Mr. A. Roope, Ringing Master, Pulham Market, Mr. Ernest Whiting, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, Dr. Paul Jonason (chairman, South Norfolk) and Mr. A. G. Harrison (South Norfolk secretary).

Mr. Todd expressed his great pleasure at the large company present and the large number of young people of both sexes who were taking up the art of bellringing.

Dr. Paul Jonason, on behalf of all present, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Todd. Mr. A. G. Harrison, seconding the vote of thanks, said this was the best attended meeting in South Norfolk for many years.

The bells of the parish church were rung during the afternoon and evening, also Pulham St. Mary's bells during the evening.

5,184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

By N. GOLDEN.

M	I	4	B	5	W	H	234567
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	—			—			235647
			—		—		432657
	—			S			324756
	—	—				3	534267
—			—				324567

Five times repeated with bob at H in the last course of alternate parts and calling an extra bob home in the first course of parts 5 and 6, bringing up the 3rd course end.

Contains 6th extent H, 20 courses W and all the 7568s.

Rung at Loddon, December 27th, 1956.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held in Winchester on February 4th. The bells of the Cathedral were unfortunately not available due to belfry repairs, but good use was made of the six bells of St. Maurice's, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Smith. The service was held in St. Laurence's Church, with a short address by the Rev. E. Bannister.

The tea was held in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by the meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. The secretary reported that a record of 17 meetings had been held during 1955. The bells of Preston Candover had been augmented and restored during the year and others were pending—Old Alresford, Cheriton and Owslebury. The treasurer had not such a bright report, having to record a loss of £9, partly due to a donation of £5 to the Old Alresford Bell Restoration Fund.

The secretary, Mr. J. A. C. King, announced his decision not to stand again as secretary. Having been elected the general secretary the previous July, he felt he could not carry on as District Secretary. Mr. C. W. Lampard, captain of Winchester Cathedral, spoke in appreciation of Mr. King's services. Mr. R. F. Brewer was elected District secretary and Mr. P. Nash became the assistant secretary. Other officers were re-elected.

It was decided to go ahead with the dinner again this year and also, after some discussion, the outing. Mr. P. Dickinson appealed for financial assistance towards the Cheriton Bell Restoration Fund. It was agreed to donate £5. This concluded the business and ringing was continued at St. Maurice's until later in the evening.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Full use was made of the fine Warner eight at Revelstoke, which have recently been renovated by J. Taylor and Co., when the South West Branch annual meeting was held on Jan. 21st. Visitors included Messrs. A. and R. Truman, of Kenn, and Mr. Duguid, of St. Mary's, Portsea.

The service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Channer), was followed by a bountiful tea, provided by the ladies of the parish.

Mr. H. H. Thomas presided at the business meeting, and apologies through indisposition were received from Rev. H. E. Bennett, Mr. G. H. Myers, and Mr. H. W. Milford. The secretary's report was approved and he was thanked for his services. The treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £24 12s. 9d.

Officers elected were: chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas; hon. secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers; general committee, Messrs. F. E. Day, H. W. Milford and J. P. Sims. Meeting dates chosen were April 28th, June 30th, September 29th and January 26th, the place being left to the secretary's discretion. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. P. J. Hall, organist, Mr. Parsons (local captain) and ladies was carried with acclamation. Further ringing was enjoyed, the bells being lowered at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, much appreciates the many letters he has received while in the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital (Ward 3A), Exeter. He is suffering from a fracture of the spine.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June A. Grieveson 1, Diana M. Gough 2, R. D. Brown (first in method 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. L. H. Yorke as Rector of Aldrington parish.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Kathleen Beasley 1, Brenda Payne 2, John Hayns (first 'inside') 3, P. Jackson 4, D. Astridge (cond.) 5, B. Warnecke (first quarter) 6, H. H. Hayns 7, E. A. Lewis 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayns 1, Brenda Payne 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. A. Lewis (first of Triples 'inside') 5, P. Jackson (first of Triples) 6, D. G. Astridge 7, Dorena Rowe 8. First quarter of Triples rung by a resident Sunday service band. Rung for Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 5 and 7 covering): Joyce Gibson (first quarter) 1, Joan Carter 2, F. Pritchard 3, L. Hill 4, N. Bennett (first quarter) 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6, C. L. Cheetham 7. Rung in memoriam James Carter, late ringing master at this tower.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Noble 1, Miss S. Harper 2, Miss T. Williams 3, Miss B. White 4, C. Reed (cond.) 5, G. Ball 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. Marshall, Vicar of Balderton, who died January 31st.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, L. Sharpe 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, R. F. Taylor 4, K. G. Brown 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to John Prentice, of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Freda Clarke, of Needham Market.

BATHWICK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, S. A. Read (first of Triples as cond.) 3, R. S. M. Stubbs 4, T. T. Jones 5, E. J. Fry 6, E. Naylor 7, R. Stubbs 8. First of Triples for 4 and 5.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Broadley (15, first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. Butcher 1, Mrs. D. J. Chamberlain 2, R. A. Farnham 3, S. J. Chamberlain 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, J. H. Phillips 6. Rung to commemorate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Palmer. Mr. Palmer has been verger of Holy Trinity Church for over 25 years.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Craven 1, Kathleen Dales (first quarter) 2, F. Dewey 3, S. Jessop 4, D. Brown 5, T. Freeston 6, F. Leggott 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving for Loughborough.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Old Bob, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): H. J. Edmunds 1, J. J. Partridge 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, N. Line 4, E. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, H. Schofield (first on five) 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, G. Mitchell 4, A. Jackson (first quarter) 5. Believed first by local band. Rung to fulfil the condition under which the bells were given in 1870.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. W. Brown 1, A. W. Gravett 2, H. Stalham 3, A. W. Bond 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, F. J. Lewis 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for 2, 4 and 6.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Boden 1, T. Turton (first quarter) 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, Miss M. Patrick 4, P. Giles 5, B. Buswell 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, K. M. Rainsden 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Maureen Patrick to David Boden; also as a farewell to Mr. Philip Whitaker, who has left for Derby.

QUARTER PEALS

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: K. Everett 1, D. Sims (first of Kent) 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Barbara Morton (first of Major) 1, J. Cooper 2, H. Lofthouse 3, W. Scrimshaw 4, Margaret Rhodes 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. Dawson 7, D. Thorp (cond.) 8. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. F. D. Coggan as Bishop of Bradford.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. King 1, Mrs. P. Cracknell (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Eade 3, D. Attwater 4, B. A. Cracknell (first in two methods as cond.) 5, R. Kearn (first quarter) 6. For Matins by the Sunday service band.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Doubles (480 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): F. Furmage 1, E. H. Amey 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, H. J. Ford (cond.) 4, J. W. Rose 5, A. G. Coombes 6. First quarter of Doubles in three methods for 1, 2 and 6.

CLIFTON-ON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS. — On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): N. Dunkley 1, P. Barnett 2, J. Dunkley 3, D. Cook 4, S. Merry (cond.) 5, A. Daw 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Bond 1, H. Hoverd 2, Miss M. Andrews 3, W. J. Lemon 4, E. Barnett 5, G. Huckstep 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, A. Daw 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. K. Snelling 1, R. Johnson 2, Miss E. Everest 3, K. Snelling 4, H. Lilley 5, J. Herbecq 6, F. Godsmark 7, E. Brett 8. First in method for 3 and 6. For Evensong.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Morton (first of Minor) 1, K. Alton (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. E. Old 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Perry 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, P. Amos 3, R. Baker 4, G. Roome (cond.) 5, D. Shelmerdine 6. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

ELING, HANTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Edwards 1, B. S. Bowden 2, B. J. Wylde 3, G. Buchanan 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. First quarter by all except conductor. First quarter by Sunday service band.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Trotter 2, D. Bailey 3, J. Romain 4, M. Bailey 5, W. Bevean 6. First quarter for 3 and 5.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Hunnisett 1, Miss K. Yeo 2, G. Beeney 3, B. Stepney (cond.) 4, C. Booth 5, F. Beeney 6. Rung for the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Booth.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Andrews (14) 1, H. M. Windsor 2, T. K. Farrow (13) 3, A. J. Barrett 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse (15, first as cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 3.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Dunderdale 1, T. Barker 2, F. Stead 3, L. Walmsley 4, G. A. Dimmock 5, R. Leigh 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, R. E. Martin 8. Rung to commemorate the unveiling and dedicating of a memorial plaque to mark the birthplace of the late Kathleen Mary Ferrier, the well-known contralto.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Lord 1, W. Papworth 2, F. Elsom 3, O. Norman 4, D. Peacock 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For morning service; also a farewell for P. Lord and W. Lord, who are leaving for Leigh-on-Sea.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Southrepps, Reverse Bartholomew, 300 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mrs. Annie Wheeler, who has been verger at St. Peter's Church for 44 years.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. B. Smith 1, Marian H. Mills 2, M. A. Mills 3, U. W. Wildney 4, A. K. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, J. H. Edwards 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First blows in method by 2 and 3. Rung after a peal failure.

LODERS, DORSET.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Lumbard (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Russell 2, E. Pannell 3, G. T. Lumbard 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6.

MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Church of St. James Birch-in-Rusholme, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Joan Cordwell 1, A. M. Cooper 2, D. Taylor 3, Mollie May 4, T. Taylor 5, P. Watson 6, G. D. Fearnehough 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band and as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to James Carter, ringing master of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, who died on January 12th; also in memory of Arthur Ridyard, ringing master of Manchester Cathedral, who died January 19th, 1955.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Richings 1, Mrs. Dart 2, C. Baker 3, T. Jefferies 4, F. Skidmore 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. James (tailwayman), 30 years a ringer at this church.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Southrepps Pleasure, 240 Clifford Pleasure, 240 Kennington, 240 Plain Bob, 120 April Day): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, G. M. Battersby 4, J. A. Etherington (cond.) 5, R. F. Warren 6. Rung by the local band for the wedding of Miss J. Etherington and Mr. R. Parratt.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. Downing 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, H. O. Capell 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson).

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth A. Carey 1, Mary Vallender (first 'inside') 2, Isobel Inman (first as cond.) 3, P. W. M. Jones 4, D. C. Jackson 5, M. V. White 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor. Rung by members of Southampton University Ringing Society.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett (cond.) 1, B. Thompson 2, H. Easey 3, E. Chapman 4, D. Mitchell 5, J. Kindred 6, M. Solly 7, P. Kindred 8. First in the method for 4 and 7.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Miles 1, A. Palmer 2, P. Anger 3, G. Newman 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, L. Foote (first quarter) 6.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Place, Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Canterbury, Southrepps, All Saints', April Day, Kennington, Old and 60 Plain Bob): W. Richardson 1, H. Curtis 2, A. Osborne 3, K. Perkins 4, A. Cozens (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson).

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (five variations of Morris' 240 and 60): P. J. Lawton 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, A. W. Allen 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. H. J. Mann, staunch church-worker, buried this day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shepherd 1, B. E. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, L. E. Woolton 5, D. Woolton (first quarter) 6. In memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, late Bishop of Peterborough.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Feb 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Benita K. Whetherly 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, T. J. Milsom 5, R. S. N. Brown 6. Rung by the local band as a farewell to Timothy V. Pitt, who joined for National Service at Taunton on February 6th.

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT GEORGE MIDDLETON

When last I saw Mr. Middleton, he looked everything he was, except 73 years old. There was the dignity and the wisdom which comes of a life well and fully lived, and which had brought him to be chosen as the chairman of the South Devon Association of Ringers for several years, and also to be Mayor of Dartmouth in his turn. There was the integrity and self-respect of the craftsman—he was a blacksmith and engineer—and there were also the geniality and humour of a good companion and the extra something that a ringer bears about him.

He was by preference and by training an 8-bell ringer, hailing as he did from a town with a great reputation for 8-bell call-changes—Bideford. In Dartmouth, where he spent the greater part of his life, he had fostered a tradition for good ringing on the lovely eight at St. Saviour's which will undoubtedly live long after him, and so unassailable was his leadership of the band there that when he suddenly had to give up ringing on his doctor's orders, there was no thought of putting anyone in his place as captain of the tower. Nor was his leadership thereafter a nominal one only; no one could meet the Dartmouth ringers and retain that idea. He would never have forsaken his call-change ringing for 'scientific'—perhaps he loved good striking too much—but he was a good friend to change-ringers, and it was the pleasure of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, when last the Mid-Devon Branch met at Dartmouth, to have him as their guest—guest at table and host in the tower.

He had known for some time that his health would not bear up under much activity, but he was not a man to take easily to idleness, and if his life was shortened thereby, it was the fuller for it. He would have agreed, I think, with Edna St. Vincent Millay:—

My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night.
But ah! my foes, and oh! my friends,
It gives a lovely light.

He died on Saturday, January 14th, and will be missed by all who know him. J. G. M. S.

MR. WILKINS MASSEY

The death of Mr. Wilkins Massey, of Claygate, on January 30th after a short illness, has deprived Esher Parish Church of a devoted leader, and the Surrey Association of a staunch supporter and valued friend. The Exercise will be the poorer for his absence.

A memorial service was held at Esher Church on February 11th, and despite the bitter weather was well attended. Prior to the service the bells were rung to rounds and Grandsire Triples, the ringers including some of his pupils, friends from Hersham, and Mr. W. F. Oatway, general secretary of the Surrey Association. Representing the Northern District at the service were Mr. F. E. Collins, Ringing Master, and the District secretary.

In his address the Rector spoke of Mr. Massey as a keen and loyal Church worker. He loved all churches and Esher in particular. He was a simple man of a retiring nature. He never pushed himself forward, but was always willing to offer himself and his services when he thought that he could be of use. Once he undertook a task it was faithfully performed. He was a happy man as was evidenced by his wish that the bells for the memorial service should be rung open. His life was a lesson to all. The service concluded with the singing of Mr. Massey's favourite hymn, 'We love the place O God.'

MR. TOM EAST

North Berkshire and many other ringers will be sorry to hear of the death, at his home, Upper Cross, East Hagbourne, of Mr. Tom East, at the age of 86 years. After an illness of about five weeks he died on February 6th, and was laid to rest on February 9th. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Smith Masters.

The mourners included a son, grandson and grand-daughter, who are keen present-day ringers. Other ringing friends attended the service, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung by A. Woodley 1, A. E. Lock 2, Mrs. Lock 3, K. White 4, G. Bishop 5, F. White 6, A. Webb (conductor) 7, D. Napper 8.

Tom East had led a very active life up to his recent illness. His great ringing years were from 1890 to 1927, during which time he was a well-known member in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His many friends in those days included such great men as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Tom Hibbert and J. W. Washbrook.

In the village of Hagbourne he will be remembered with loving respect as a keen but encouraging critic, a kind and valued friend to ringers young and old, and a true and faithful member and sidesman of his church. For many years he was foreman in Hagbourne tower. He took an active part in forming the North Berkshire Branch and was a qualified instructor in the District. His favourite peal, which he rang and conducted many times, was Holt's Tenpart. A. H. W.

MR. HARRY WOLSTENCROFT

The death of Mr. Harry Wolstencroft at the age of 76 on February 4th, after a long and painful illness in hospital, removes the youngest of an old trio of ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne.

His one and only peal took place on November 2nd; 1899, and, incidentally, was the first as conductor his eldest brother (W. W. W.) called, which was rung in their tower.

Having served in France during the first world war, and being twice wounded, his activities as a ringer were much curtailed, though he never lost interest in the belfry and in ringing. Whenever possible, he took part in Sunday service ringing.

Owing to structural and decoration work in the church, the service was held at his parents' home on February 8th, at which the Vicar, Rev. R. C. Barsley, officiated. Interment was at the Dukinfield Cemetery.

The bells were rung in memoriam the following day, when an attempt was made for a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor, arranged by Derek Ogden, which unfortunately came to grief after an hour's ringing. R.I.P.

QUARTER PEALS

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): D. K. Brady 1, Miss J. Highley 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 8. Rung as a farewell to D. K. Brady, who left for a Royal Naval School on February 7th.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, Mrs D. J. Porter 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): Miss G. Ashby 1, G. Roome 2, R. Baker 3, V. Perry 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

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BIRTH

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ENGAGEMENT

PIPE—MATTHEW.—The engagement is announced between George, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, of Easta, Grundisburgh, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Matthew, of The White House, Bedfield.

MARRIAGE

HARROP—IREDALE.—On Saturday, Feb. 11th, 1956, at St. James', Sutton-in-Holderness, John Michael Harrop to Sylvia Iredale, of Sutton. 7828

PERSONAL

Mr. E. J. Taylor thanks the correspondents who have written to him on the occasion of his recent accident, but regrets that he will be unable to reply to any letters for some considerable time. 7860

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Owing to alterations, structural and constitutional, the Ringing Course arranged at Clarance House, Thaxted, in June has been cancelled.—Robert C. Heazel. 7862

PROPOSED TOUR OF ALL IRELAND, July 28th to August 9th inclusive.—Applications invited from capable ringers of Cambridge Royal! Not altogether a peal ringing tour, but several attempts considered. Experienced drivers willing to share the driving of hired cars would be an asset.—W. A. Stote, 47, Cedars Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. 7863

Will any ringers interested in a cycling, Youth Hosteling, ringing tour of the Isle of Wight and Hampshire, between June 30th and July 7th inclusive, please contact S.A.C. Smith, C.M., Signals Section, R.A.F., Hornchurch, Essex, as soon as possible, please. 7861

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 25th, St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 7821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. 7762

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 7723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7799

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Swaffham on Feb 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30. Please make your own arrangements for tea—C. Tovell, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Farnham Royal, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 5.45 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, East Bridgeford, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to M. I. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold. 7818

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Stradbroke (10), Saturday, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7807

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road. Eastbourne. 7811

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Horsham, Feb. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Special methods, Ashtead and Lincolnshire. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Butcher. 7803

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards and bells until 9 p.m. 7839

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual dinner, March 3rd. Ringing: St. Andrew's and St. Benet's 2 to 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's 3.15 to 4.15 p.m., R.C. Church 5 to 6 p.m. Will all who have not replied to circulars please do so as soon as possible.—Desmond Painter, Hon. Sec., 4, Hurst Park Avenue, Cambridge. 7829

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wooton Wawen on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The bells have recently been recast and rehung by Taylors. All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Feb. 29th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warws. 7830

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. —Annual meeting on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. at Egremont (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting at 5 p.m.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 7857

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Whimple, Saturday, March 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 27th to Miss E. Lomas, Sandfords, Whimple. 7797

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Mar. 3rd. at Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 7855

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, Elswick, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Ringing after tea at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle. Names for tea by Thursday, Mar. 1st (essential), to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 7854

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, by 8th.—C. A. Bassett. 7846

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7311

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Springfield (6), Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7755

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Monday, 3rd, St. Matthew's (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 7841

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8) Mar. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. —K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7845

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. Annual meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, at Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcs. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) 5 o'clock at Messrs. Bullock's Café, High Street, followed by business meeting. Ringing later. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Buses, Midland Red 144, leave Station Street, Birmingham, every 15 minutes.—S. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 7805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Thomas-à-Becket, Upholland (6), Saturday, Mar. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea only for those sending their names by Feb. 29th to Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, Wigan. 7850

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Accrington, on March 3rd. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea (price 2s. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. Roger Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7864

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), Mar. 3rd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory. Names to Mr. T. Harris, 21, Greenhill, Hathern, by 29th.—C. W. Hall. 7832

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Easton Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Feb. 27th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7813

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea, 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, 3 p.m., at Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Old Bradwell, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7814

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, Mar. 3rd, not Guilsborough as previously arranged. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7849

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Market Lavington, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Mar. 3rd at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield, 11, by Feb. 28th.—J. Seager, Sec. 7802

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, Basford (8), from 2.30 to 4.15. Tea at Bulwell, and ringing there from 6 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham. —C. W. Towers. 7798

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual meeting at Lavenham on Saturday March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to M. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. 7810

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Mar. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 29th, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baglan, on March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fordingbridge on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea, Riverside Café, 5. Meeting, Ringwood belfry, 6.30 p.m. Bells after. Notify Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7848

BARNSLEY DISTRICT AND YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting at Wragby (Nostell Priory) on Mar. 10th. Bells (6) (recast) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Mar. 5th to D. Smith, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. No names, no tea.—D. Smith and J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 7856

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-E. District.—Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 7th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree. 7847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea by Monday, Mar. 5th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7843

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Navenby (6), Mar. 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7836

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, March 10th. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby, by Mar. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Coombe Bissett (6), March 10th, from 2.15. Tea (names to secretary by March 6th, please). Sarum St. Thomas (8) also open 6.45–8 p.m. Provisional dates for 1956: April 21st, Compton Chamberlayne (quarterly); May 26th, Netheravon and Enford: June 16th, Winterbourne Earls; July 14th, Downton (quarterly); Sept. 8th, Winterslow; Oct. 13th, Hindon (quarterly); Dec. 8th, Tisbury; Jan. 19th, 1957, annual, Sarum St. Martin.—Miss Eloie, Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7859

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 7858

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annaul general meeting will be held in the Vestry, Kingston-on-Thames, Mar. 10th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Bells: Esher 2.45 to 4, Kingston, after meeting only. Notifications for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, by Mar. 7th.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 7838

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EXPANSION OF OUR ART

THE leading article in 'The Ringing World' for February 10th made reference to the limited scope for the production and sale of ringing books and pamphlets, but I believe that this is only one small facet of a much larger problem which continually confronts the Exercise. As the author rightly suggests in his closing remarks, these books do help towards the expansion of the art. But surely the converse is also true. An expansion in the art, and in the number taking part in it, would also help the sales of books and pamphlets, and also the sales of 'The Ringing World' itself.

Are we, as ringers, doing all we can to further the art of ringing? Are we satisfied that ringing is making advances comparable with, shall we say, electronics or other expanding industries? When one opens 'The Ringing World' and from time to time reads that yet another record has been created in Spliced Surprise, one must admit that at any rate technical advances are undoubtedly being made. But are these advances really helpful to the expansion of the art? I should not like for one moment to underestimate the very great skill and sustained effort demanded of these torch-bearers. Those who have progressed as far as the standard methods may be dimly conscious of what breaking a record in Spliced Surprise must mean in terms of skill, study, practice and time; but what of the many who can do little or no change-ringing, and what of the vast multitude of the 'listening public' who neither know nor care what is being rung so long as the striking is good?

These torch-bearers have done noble work, but their light is out of sight of the main body behind. As Sir Winston Churchill once said: 'Britain leads the world; but is the world following?' It is to the followers of the Exercise, and the general public after them, that we must look for an expansion in the art.

What then is the scope for expansion, and what part can ringers play in helping to fill the ringing vacuum that undoubtedly exists even in these overcrowded islands? Probably the most promising field for immediate expansion would be those churches where the bells are for some reason sadly silent. Most of us who have rung away from our own tower can call to mind such a church not many miles away. Then there are the churches that have towers but the bells are either derelict or wanting. A more difficult problem here. Then, seemingly right out of reach, are the churches that do not even possess a tower.

I visited such a church recently. It is comparatively modern and unfinished, the west end being bricked off and awaiting extension. Inside there is a plan showing the existing portion and the proposed extension. I could not see anything to indicate that any tower was planned. I wondered if any of the good folk living there realised what bells mean in the life of the English Church, and what they would miss if the church should be completed without them. The church is in a wealthy neighbourhood, and I came to the conclusion that it could only be through complete unawareness of the real meaning of the bells that they have been completely ignored in the design.

There must be scores of similar examples of the ringing vacuum throughout the country. A vacuum which if not filled by us will be eventually filled in other ways, leaving the churches in question permanently the poorer for being deprived of this much-cherished traditional way of life.

Surely it is up to us as ringers to ponder these things and to try and form as clear a picture as we can of what ringing means in the life of the Church. This, of course, is what really matters. It is the factor that has governed the total number of ringable towers we see published in Dove's Guide. There is scope here for reading and research, and with a clearer view of the meaning and purpose of the bells constantly before us, and a willingness at all times to keep the wellbeing of the art in the forefront of our own personal desires, we can in time still further improve our relationship with our fellow-ringers and the rest of the church.

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JOHN S. BARNES	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal of Erin Caters for the Association and by all except the tenor ringer.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

SYDNEY T. HOLT	*Treble*	DENNIS R. SAYERS	6
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	DAVID BEACHAM	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	DENIS R. MORRIS	8
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	ALLEN MORGAN	9
†WILLIAM SIDWELL	5	FREDERICK C. PUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal. First peal on ten as conductor.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Lewis Mervyn Charles-Edwardes, 109th Bishop of Worcester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5010 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30¼ cwt. in D flat.

COLIN HARRISON	*Treble*	*HARRY CLAYTON	6
CECILIA D. COWLEY	2	LEONARD J. HALL	7
RALPH F. LOWINGS	3	LESLIE W. STEVENS	8
PAUL L. TAYLOR	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	9
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First ten bell peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BISHOPSDALE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. KATHLEEN WRIGHT	*Treble*	ROBERT B. BLOND	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	JAMES P. BLOND	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
PETER C. WRIGHT	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. CANNON. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
The first peal to be rung in the method, which is C.C.C. No. 305.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	WILLIAM GORRINGE	6
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE H. HETHERINGTON	*Treble*	†WALTER E. WILKINSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ERNEST J. GOWER	6
†ROSEMARY PARKINSON	3	SYD. LEATHERBARROW	7
VICTOR J. C. WOOD	4	*FREDERICK H. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of George Hetherington, who was married at this church on February 7th, 1931.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	*FRED JACKSON	5
*ERIC HORNBY	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
HENRY PARKER	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
*REGINALD W. WORRALL	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ROYLE. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	5
W. BRIAN ELLENDER	2	*GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Kent.
A farewell peal to Brian Ellender, who is returning to the Midlands.

SEFTON, LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

*SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	†TERRY OWEN	5
†GEORGE SKELLAND	2	WILLIAM DEACON	6
EDWARD ASHCROFT	3	†ROBERT GUY	7
JOHN LUNHAM	4	HARRY MOORCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.
* 125th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
A compliment to the treble ringer on the 60th anniversary of his first peal. Also for the birthdays of the Rector (the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D.) and G. Skelland.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	JOAN BERESFORD	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	JOHN G. AMES	6
*PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW	3	NORMAN KING	7
CYRIL R. BURRELL	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Ambrose D. Garner and Josine L. Roberts, both members of the local band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Treble*	KEVIN S. HOHL	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*COLIN A. TESTER	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. WARRINGTON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a farewell to the fifth ringer, who is shortly joining the R.A.F.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, NORBURY.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	JAMES S. WEBB	7
BASIL JONES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

JEAN POWELL	*Treble*	*WILLIAM H. DARE	5
DONALD G. CLARKE	2	†GLYN WILLIAMS	6
*THOMAS YEOMANS	3	KEITH G. JONES	7
†W. GWYNNE JONES	4	A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by KEITH G. JONES.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. This is the 1,000th peal rung for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Thomas Yeomans on his election as Master of the Llandaff Branch for the ensuing year

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 changes London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt.

BARRY SULLIVAN	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	3	*GORDON BENFIELD	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 100th peal.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	*Treble*	†F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	5
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	6
†G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	3	†W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
†J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD (Magd.). Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 34. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID F. WELHAM	*Treble*	†IVAN COOPER	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	GORDON F. CLARKE	6
MICHAEL A. MILLS	3	‡DAVID E. WEST	7
PERCY W. MILLS	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in A flat.

*RAYMOND W. BALLS	*Treble*	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
MRS. JOHN R. SMITH	2	†ARTHUR G. BASON	6
MRS. BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	†GEORGE SAYER	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	*Treble*	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*R. ROGER SAVORY	6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	*PETER NASH	7
*NELIA M. LEAHY	4	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation — Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	BRIAN J. HOWARD	7
EDWARD W. ROAST	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

A 21st birthday compliment to Brian J. Howard. Also a birthday compliment to E. W. Roast.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. — Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	2	*HAROLD F. WHITE	6
HARRY EDGE	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
ROGER KEELEY	4	*BENJAMIN JARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. H. Makepeace, a great friend of ringers.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
*ROBIN G. LEALE	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
ROLAND PARK	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
*KENNETH LAWSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First of London.

Rung as a welcome to Alan David, son of Irene and Roland Park, born January 14th, 1956.

SIX BELL PEALS

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). — Tenor 12 cwt.

GORDON C. NORGROVE	*Treble*	WILFRED NORGROVE	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	*FRED JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to Peter Moore, a member of the local band.

WEST DIDSBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings), one 240 Morris's).
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*MICHAEL J. M. RATLIFFE	*Treble*	*ALLAN BENNION	4
RICHARD BENSON	2	†DAVID F. MANNING	5
†MARGARET J. LLEWELLYN	3	*PETER L. FORREST	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD BENSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. Makintosh, verger of St. Luke's Church, West Didsbury.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
JOHN WALDEN	2	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three different extents of Plain Bob and four different extents of Kent Treble Bob. — Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. J. J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	A. HARRY HAWCROFT	4
S/MAJOR J. KAY	2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	5
G. FRED TERRY	3	JOHN J. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a farewell to S/Major J. Kay, who is posted to Germany. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. J. M. Harrop and Miss Sylvia Iredale (married February 11th).

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. — Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	4
†MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
‡EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal for the Guild. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal in seven methods.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	*†J. DESMOND PAINTER	5
*GILES C. GALLEY	3	*†WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 25th peal together. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. — Tenor 13¼ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. — Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOHN T. TILSTON	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 150th peal.

A farewell peal for the Rev. G. Sidebottom, Assistant Curate, St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester, and Mrs. Sidebottom, on taking up an appointment in Ireland.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. — Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
DEREK P. JONES	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Rung on the front six.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

KATHLEEN M. YEO	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	4
FRANK H. BEENEY	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
GEORGE BEENEY	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Southrepps, April Day, Reverse Bartholomew, one 240 Morris's Grandsire and 1,200 Grandsire, in ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT ..	4
ROLAND H. COOK	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
ALFRED E. HINMAN	3	FRANK T. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Mary Cotter, of Croft, granddaughter of Mr. W. Long (who has been a chorister at Whissendine many years), and also a niece of the tenor ringer.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 33 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight, (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight, (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
*IVOR JENKINS	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN... ..	5
NEIL D. LOMAS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 33 methods.

Mr. D. Neil Lomas has 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the dedication this day of the Church Hall, Lacey Green, by the Lord Bishop of Chester.

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BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDELA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings).

JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
		*FRANK E. FAGG	5—6

Conducted by J. T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
DOROTHY T. GARDNER ..	3—4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7—8

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

SOUTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 42, LONG LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*RAYMOND W. BALLS ..	1—2	JOHN R. SMITH	5—6
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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PEAL RINGING IN WALES & MONMOUTH

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

FOLLOWING the example of Mr. Dove in his Ringers' Guide, I include Monmouth with Wales for peal ringing purposes especially as, by doing so, the number of towers to talk about altogether is that of an average English county—about 170, of which just about half are in the two counties of Monmouth and Glamorgan. I am informed by Mr. Dove that there are several mistakes in his list of towers in this area, so that if I inadvertently perpetuate any such, I trust I may be forgiven beforehand.

Actually, there is not a large number of peals to talk about—I suppose that, to some extent, we are already getting away from the chief peal ringing centres of England, for it is quite remarkable how change ringing is an English art rather than a British one. However, there are two centenarian towers—St. John the Baptist, Cardiff (10), and Bridgend (8). At the former 136 peals have been rung (in the Clerical Ringing Week in 1954 I was pleased to be able to compare my figures with the peal books there and found complete agreement). Thirty-nine were rung from 1889 to 1914 and the main bulk (82) from 1917 to 1938. There have been 15 since 1946. Bridgend has very similar figures except for the first period. With a later start (1898), only 15 had been rung before the first war, but its total between the wars just beats that of Cardiff—84. There have been similarly, a few more since the last war—19. Even though the post-war figures show a drop compared with the pre-war ones, they still mean that they are the most popular towers in the area on the higher numbers of bells (two 6-bell towers can equal their performances, however).

A FAKED PEAL

The third tower comes a long way behind. It is Pentre Rhondda (8) with 68 peals. Again it is between the wars that we find the greatest activity, for 40 of the peals came then. There had been 23 from 1901 to 1916, but only five since 1945, so the yearly average is lowest of late. Bangor (8) had its best period before 1914. It was the most popular tower in Wales at that time and 52 of the 64 peals came in 20 years from 1895. Nine were rung between the wars and the remaining three since, so again we find reduced activity of late. The only 12-bell tower, Newport Cathedral, comes a close fifth. Sixty-three peals have been rung here, 11 from 1895 to 1911 and 41 from 1919 to 1939. It was a 10-bell tower at this time and only became one with 12 bells about ten years ago. There have been 11 peals since then (again a lower average). It was from this tower that there appeared in 'The Ringing World' details of a peal in 1945 which was later shown to be a 'fake.' As far as I know, the mystery was never solved as to who sent in the false report. Two towers have 55 peals—an 8- and a 6-bell tower. Gresford (8) had 38 of the peals between the wars. There had been four before then, in 1883, 1905 and 1912 (two). There have been 13 since 1945 (none last year). Llanelly (6) shows a similar distribution through the years—seven before 1914, 37 from 1918 to 1940 and 11 since 1946 (likewise none last year). The only other tower which has reached the half century is Aberavon with 53. The three pre-first war ones were in 1904 and 1914 (two), and since there have been ten since 1947 (none last year again), 40 came from 1919 to 1938 (the best period).

Wrexham's (10) next peal will be the 50th in the tower during the years under review. The tower is not heard much about nowadays for only two peals have been rung since the war—both in 1946. The average per year was a little better between the wars (22 peals) than before 1914 (25 peals from 1883). Cadoxton (Neath) (6) also has 49 peals. The first peal only came in 1914, so it has done well since the first war ended. Twenty-seven peals were rung from 1921 to 1938 and the 21 peals in the last ten years make it the most popular 6-bell tower in the Principality. Before proceeding with towers in order of numbers of peals, it is convenient to mention here the two remaining 10-bell towers. They are Abergavenny and Llandaff Cathedral. Both had eight bells 50 years ago, but the latter were augmented just after the first war and the former just after the second war. Only eight peals have been rung at Abergavenny—two in 1901 and one each in 1927, 1929 and 1932. There have been three on the 10 from 1950 to 1952. Llandaff had six from 1891 to 1899 and three from 1908 to 1911. On the 10, nine peals were rung from 1922 to 1934 and only one has come since then—last year. Total 19.

MOST POPULAR TOWER SINCE THE WAR

And now for the remaining towers which have reached 25 peals. They are Newport, All Saints' (8), with 46 (23 from 1902 to 1913, 13 from 1917 to 1938 and ten since 1946); Buckley (8) with 41 (11 from 1902 to 1911, 15 from 1921 to 1938 and 15 since 1946); Caerphilly (8) and Llanfrechfa (8) have both 34. The latter was a 6-bell tower until 1937 and had had six peals from 1922 to 1936. There was time to ring six peals before 'the balloon went up.' The 22 rung since 1946 make it the most popular tower since the war in the Principality, even though none were rung in 1955. At Caerphilly, four peals came from 1911 to 1913, 20 from 1919 to 1935 and ten since 1945. Neath (6) has 33 (16 from 1921 to 1938 and 17 from 1945). Talgarth (6) has 30 (20 from 1907 to 1912, seven from 1919 to 1938 and three in 1948 and 1949). Glasbury-on-Wye (8) has 28 (13 from 1907 to 1914 and 15 from 1919 to 1939—none since then). Lastly Caldicot has 26 (in 1889, 1907 and 1914 (2); 14 from 1922 to 1937 and eight since 1950).

Two 8-bell rings still remain to be 'conquered.' They are Denbigh and Pembroke Dock. Nearly half of the 80-odd rings of 6 have not had a peal rung on them whilst only nine of the 20 approximately 5-bell towers are similarly virgin territory. Of these latter towers, Clyro has most peals—four, whilst Burry Port, Llanover and Tregaer have two each. Six-bell towers with ten or more are Rumney (16), Newton Nottage (14), Bonvilston (13), Baglan (13), St. Mellons and Whitchurch (11); Hope and Llanfihangel-Rhydeithon (10). At the latter place, five peals were rung in one day on April 15th, 1952, which is a record which is likely to remain such for a very long time! Of 8-bell towers which have had peals, Radyr has the longest silence—its three peals were rung in 1911 and 1912. For 6-bell towers, Forden hasn't been heard this century—1897 being the year of its only peal (Peterston-super-Ely has also a 50-years' silence). Peals at the 5-bell towers have been more recent—St. Nicholas's only one was, however, in 1922.

So much for Wales and Monmouth. Peal totals include all published up to January 27th, 1956.

REDEDICATION

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE

There is no village of Honiley, the parish being a sparsely populated rural area between Kenilworth and Knowle. Lying well in the wooded Warwickshire countryside, its peace is often disturbed nowadays by the noise of jet planes. In the parish is the R.A.F. station (Headquarters of No. 605 County of Warwick Squadron) recently visited by H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

Another, sweeter sound was heard on Sunday, February 5th, when the five 18th century bells rang at their rededication by the Rt. Rev. Newnham Davis, acting Bishop of Coventry. They have been repaired and put in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Bequeathed by John Sanders, an 18th century squire, the bells form a light ring of five in the key of A natural, the tenor weighing an estimated 7 cwt. Inscriptions are identical on all five bells, viz.: 'Iohannes Sanders arm: Hujus Eccl: Fundat me pie vovit Anno Dom: qui obit 1727,' and underneath: 'Fudit T. Eayre Kettering 1731.'

Of tiny dimensions, the church is a classical gem, treated with much architectural circumstance. It has a short spire surmounting a large tower, the lower portion of which serves as the porch. Above this is the ringing chamber, which is lit by a circular (bull's-eye) window. Inside, the church has Corinthian pillars supporting the west end gallery and Corinthian pilasters in the apse. Each of the pews has its own door.

Local folk believe the church to have been designed by Sir Christopher Wren himself, who lived at Wroxall Abbey, a few fields away. He was not resident there very long, but certain walls there are attributed to him. There is a very lovely story concerning the way in which Sir Christopher was invited to design the church whilst at a dinner party in Honiley. Immediately, he used a tablecloth and drew sketches approved, doubtless, by John Sanders who financed its building.

The Rev. A. W. Dodds, Rector of Honiley, has been instrumental in raising funds for the restoration. In his address, the Bishop praised the zeal with which parishioners also tackled the job of raising so much, which they did in a remarkably short period. He warned the Rector that bellringers are never quite satisfied, and soon he would be requested, no doubt, to have a sixth bell added. Rumour has it that a little bird overheard a belfry conversation prior to the service and related it to the Bishop!

Representing the bellfounders was Mr. Paul Taylor, who presented the ropes to the Bishop for dedication. The first touch on the repaired bells was accomplished by friends from the towers of Knowle, Harbury and Southam. Pitman's 240 Grandsire Doubles was called, appropriately, by Mr. A. Charles Morris, the local captain, the ringers being A. Charles Morris (conductor) 1, Thomas Gwilt (Knowle) 2, Anthony A. Upton (Knowle) 3, George Aldhouse (Harbury) 4, Harry Windsor (Southam) 5.

Mr. Morris is now faced with the task of building up a completely new team of ringers. Before the war, Honiley boasted a good average village band, and our good wishes go out to Mr. Morris in his undertaking. A. A. U.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 8th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Piggot 1, Miss M. Cole 2, W. Pearce 3, F. Mitchell 4, W. Brooks (cond.) 5, H. Dyer 6, T. Langley 7, E. Pearce 8. Rung to honour the birth of a son (Christopher) to Mr. and Mrs. Newton, both ringers at All Saints.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sunderland Parish Church on February 11th. The weather was most inclement and this had something to do with the poor attendance. A very tasty tea was disposed of.

At the business meeting, the vice-president, Mr. K. Lawson, stressed the lack of attendance at meetings and hoped that it would improve in future. Mr. Sheraton, the secretary, announced that his tower (St. Michael, Houghton-le-Spring) had started a 'lost property dept.' Some articles of clothing and personal effects had been left after the Ladies' Guild meeting, and he was still looking for the owner of a Napier tartan scarf (blue, black and white).

The Rector, the Rev. R. S. Troop, conducted a short service, and ringing was resumed until about 8.45 p.m.

Northern District

In spite of the cold weather, the meeting of the Northern District on February 4th at the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was well attended. Ringing gave plenty of scope for the learner to gain experience.

An enjoyable tea was served by local ringers and their friends. Mr. Kenneth Arthur opened the business meeting with remarks about striking the bells. He emphasised the need for careful and thoughtful striking and particularly when in the lead.

William Hedley was elected as a new member.

After attending Evensong, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Prophet, ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

MID-DEVON RINGERS' WEDDING

A wedding, which was of interest to Mid-Devon ringers, took place at Plymstock Parish Church on February 18th, when Mr. Wm. James Harvey, of 29, Smithfields, Plymouth Road, Totnes, was married to Miss Valerie Kathleen Faull, of Plymstock. The officiating clergymen were Revs. Gordon H. Samuel (Vicar of Totnes) and N. Round (Vicar of Plymstock), the service being choral.

The reception was later held in Plymouth, after which the bride and bridegroom left for Bournemouth for their honeymoon. As the happy couple left the church, six members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang on the bells a six-score each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The bridegroom was for a number of years a chorister and ringer at Totnes. He is also a member of the County Guild.

WEDDING AT STURRY

The wedding took place at the Parish Church, Sturry, Kent, on Feb. 18th, between Mr. Harry Rogers and Miss Margaret Brockman, both of whom are very popular ringers at this tower.

Immediately following the ceremony the bride and bridegroom went up into the belfry and took part in a touch of Bob Minor, the remaining ringers in the touch being the bride's two sisters, her brother-in-law and his father. A press photographer also climbed into the belfry and took photos of this rather unusual event.

A reception was held at the home of the bride. They were the recipients of a large number of presents, useful for their new home in Canterbury.

OBITUARY

MR. C. ARTHUR MANNING
AN APPRECIATION

As one who both knew and rang quite a few peals years ago with the late Mr. C. Arthur Manning, when he lived at Market Harborough, I would not only like to endorse all that has been stated of him by G. J. H. in your issue of February 17th, but add my own tribute to the one who got me through my first peal on a working bell, at Brampton Ash, near Market Harborough.

Having previously rung plenty of peals on the treble, Arthur got to hear of this, and when meeting one day he commented 'If I can't make an "inside" ringer of you I'll eat my hat!' A fortnight later the peal was fixed, and what others had sighed upon, Arthur succeeded in achieving.

The question is asked on the front page of the same issue, 'Where are the instructors?' Arthur certainly was one of them, and because (like myself) he often spoke his mind, he was sometimes misunderstood. But behind all this was a deep friendliness. I enjoyed many peal ringing occasions with him, and often recall one, at Monks Kirby in 1930, in which the late James George took part, rung in what I believe is still the record time for those bells, 2 hours 58 minutes, with tenor of 24¼ cwt.; Arthur conducted it. Oakham was another of his favourite rings: as has already been stated by G. J. H., he had a keen musical ear. P.A.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Daniel Richards, writing from Wellington, New Zealand, informs us that since arriving in New Zealand at the beginning of December he had rung at both Christchurch and Hamilton Cathedrals, the only places in the Dominion with their own bands. His ringing at Hamilton was for the wedding of Miss Jean McAdam, a local ringer.

From the congregation of Christ Church, Wanstead, there are 20 honorary members of the Essex Association.

Four local ladies rang together for the first time at Walsall in the peal of Stedman Caters on February 3rd.

The Bedfordshire Association have accepted the invitation of the Hertford County Association to hold a joint summer festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Coach transport is being arranged.

Three interesting points concerning the peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Frodsham on February 11th: It was the 40th peal on Frodsham tenor by C. Raddon; H. Raddon 'circled the tower,' and W. Allman completed 'the circle' for a second time.

Mr. Anthony A. Upton, of Knowle, is anxious to know if Knowle, Warks, is unique in having a complete set of rules and a Ringing Society for a three-bell tower. This was in the last century and during Queen Victoria's reign. The rules prohibit, *inter alia*, the keeping of a ringers' score at a public house.

Mr. Bernard Bown, former ringer and chorister at St. Michael and All Angels', Markfield, will be sorry to learn that a peal attempt for his 21st birthday on Markfield bells failed after two hours' ringing. The peal, if accomplished, would have been the first in five methods for four Markfield ringers.

The 60th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. S. Flint, of Maghull, Liverpool, was commemorated by his ringing the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Sefton on February 11th. Mr. Flint was 17 when he rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Ormskirk on January 11th, 1896. He is the only survivor of the band. The peal, composed by J. Sholicar, was called by W. Bentham, and the footnote reads: 'And was my throat dry calling dodge at every plain lead.' Mr. Flint has rung 125 peals

We regret to learn that Mr. John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is confined to his house with a slight heart attack.

An attack of sciatica prevented Mr. A. A. Hughes from attending the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner last Saturday.

Ringing at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was suspended recently on account of vibration of the cross at the top of the tower. The Rector (the Rev. Bryan S. Green), however, permitted ringing to take place on Sunday last, when there were many visitors to the tower in connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Three excellent touches of Stedman Cinques were rung.

Although nearly 300 peals have been rung at Ashtead, Surrey, it was not until St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers was formed some four years ago that the bells were rung regularly for all choral services. Quinquagesima Sunday will long be remembered as the local Society brought round a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, the first quarter of Triples by a resident Sunday service band. It is due to the enthusiasm of a former tower captain, Mr. G. A. Cook, who unfortunately is not able to take part in ringing, that the present enthusiastic band was created.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S LUNCH AND RINGING DAY

THE annual lunch and ringing day of the Oxford University Society was held in Oxford on Feb. 4th. Ringing started in the morning at St. Mary Magdalen, followed by St. Ebbe's and St. Mary-the-Virgin. Here the service was held, the address being given by the Rev. F. A. Sanders. He took as his text the words, 'Ye are a peculiar people,' and drew a comparison between the early Christians and the ringers of today. Ringers were looked upon as unusual by the outside world in just the same way as the early Christian Church. There was the same close fellowship, the same use of a strange language, while even persecution of ringers, at least in a mild form, was not unknown these days. This ringing fellowship was a very fine thing, but ringers must not forget that they are working for Christ's Church and allow pride in their own achievements in the belfry to blind their eyes to the real reason for ringing.

The lunch was held at the Forum Restaurant, with the president, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, in the chair. Guests included Mr. A. P. Cannon (guest of honour), Mr. W. T. Cook (Master of the Cambridge University Guild), Mr. G. F. Bryant (Master of the University of London Society), the Rev. T. Grimwade (assistant priest at St. Mary-the-Virgin), the Rev. J. C. Stephenson (Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen), and the Rev. F. A. Sanders.

In proposing the toast to the clergy, Mr. P. R. Sanders referred to the co-operation and help received by the university ringers from the incumbents of the city and neighbouring churches where they rang, and expressed the hope that this would long continue.

The Rev. J. Grimwade, in reply, said that while he was not himself a ringer, he appreciated the work that ringers were doing, and considered that in Oxford they constituted a valuable link between the different churches.

Mr. D. H. Niblett, in proposing a toast to the guests, welcomed Mr. A. P. Cannon, and referred to some of his ringing achievements. He also greeted the visitors from Cambridge and London Universities, and welcomed Mr. W. F. Judge and the other city ringers present.

Acknowledging the toast, Mr. A. P. Cannon mentioned some of the well-known ringers of the past who had come from Oxford University, notably the Rev. F. E. Robinson. From this great ringer he had learnt the value of calling the same composition continually in peals. This was often held against him, but he made no apology for it. He considered that university societies could make a great contribution to the Exercise as a whole. Not only had their members time and opportunity to improve their own ringing and to teach others, but they could also act as a valuable liaison between ringers and clergy.

Mr. W. T. Cook submitted the toast of 'The Society.' He too stressed that it was an important duty of a university society to teach new members to ring, and suggested means by which they might be retained.

In reply, the Master, Mr. W. H. Jackson, extended a warm welcome to all visitors. The aim of a ringing society, he pointed out, was Sunday ringing, and with this aim in view he had arranged a number of quarter peals on Sundays during the year. This policy had been criticised, but he considered it justifiable. He also gave some account of the Society's peals and outings during the previous year, and mentioned the annual tour held last Easter.

After the lunch, ringing continued at New College, Merton College and St. Cross. Dr. L. E. Sutton, of Magdalen, had very kindly arranged for tea at this college, and ringing was enjoyed here after tea, continuing afterwards at Christ Church and All Saints'.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER

School of Ringing Suggested

THE annual dinner of the University of London Society was held on February 11th at the 'Old Bell Restaurant,' Holborn. During the afternoon there was ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and at the latter church members attended Evensong.

If the wintry weather had affected the ringing in the afternoon, at least it was soon forgotten in the evening, when nearly 50 members and guests sat down to dinner, with the president, Dr. D. N. Layton, in the chair.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the vice-president, Mr. P. M. J. Gray, proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He spoke about the basic unit of bellringing, namely, the Sunday service band. Just as the Royal School of Church Music was trying to improve the standard of church choirs by holding summer schools, etc., so he contended a similar 'school of church bellringing' could help to foster a greater interest in Sunday service ringing. However, Mr. Gray added that during the past few years there seemed to have been an improvement generally in ringing and in the connections of ringers with the Church, and he hoped that this improvement would continue.

In reply, the Rev. A. Powell Miller, Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, said he had been reading the last few issues of 'The Ringing World,' and he caused considerable amusement to the gathering by giving a layman's interpretation of various bellringing terms. Why, he asked, should a bellringer want to 'circle a tower' when church towers were almost invariably square, and why does a ringer 'hunt' when he has no idea of ever catching anything? It was obvious that Maximus was better than Minor, but the Rector had no idea why some methods should be 'Surprise' but others only 'Plain.' In conclusion, he thanked the Society for ringing at St. Olave's on Sundays, and said that as the church had not got its own Sunday service band, having University ringers was next best.

The health of the Society was proposed by Miss P. Bourn, Master of the University of Bristol Society. She spoke of how ringers at provincial universities were envious of their London counterparts, who had so many fine rings of bells close at hand. A University Society should provide a training ground for ringers who, on going down, would be able to help to improve the ringing all over the country.

QUARTER PEAL PROGRAMME

The Master, Mr. G. F. Bryant, replied, and outlined the Society's activities during the past year, mentioning the large attendances at the Monday evening practices. This term he was arranging a quarter peal every other Sunday evening, to try and improve the Sunday service ringing, but so far none of these had been successful. The Society had started the year off well with a peal on the first Saturday of term, and the Master hoped that this year would mark the beginning of a new era of peal ringing for the Society.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by that stalwart of the Society, Mr. G. F. Carter, who although appearing to be suffering from a 'frog in his throat,' went on to welcome the Masters of the Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol Societies, together with the Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street. In between numerous little tales, Mr. Carter also welcomed a number of old friends of the Society, including Mr. Tom Bevan, of Hampstead, who it seems is reputed to have a very large collection of college scarves, and was recently seen wearing two different ones at the same time. Finally, Mr. Carter welcomed the vice-president, Mr. Philip Gray, and his wife, back to this country after their stay in Australia, during which time they had done much good work for ringing in that country.

The Master of the Cambridge University Guild, Mr. W. T. Cook, replied. He thanked the Society for their hospitality, and spoke briefly about the possible improvements which might be made in the connections between ringers and the Church.

At the end of the proceedings a chauffeur's cap, embroidered with the initials of the Society, was presented to Mr. Alan Thirst in recognition of his services to the Society in providing transport for members on numerous occasions in the past. The remainder of the evening was then spent in handbell ringing and general reminiscing.

D. P.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Fourth Annual Dinner

THE fourth annual dinner of the Derbyshire Association was held on February 11th at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, when 80 members, friends and guests attended. Following an excellent repast, the vice-president made a short address apologising for the absence of the president, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes (Provost of Derby Cathedral), and welcoming visitors from neighbouring Associations, making particular mention of representatives from Nottingham, Lichfield, Sheffield and Burton.

The programme of entertainment which followed was in the capable hands of Mr. A. B. Cooper, and lasted from 7.30 to 11 p.m. Highlights of the entertainment were handbell ringing on the recently overhauled and greatly improved Association handbells (which were bequeathed to the Association by the late Sir A. P. Heywood), by Mr. A. Mould (Derby), Mr. George Oliver and Joan Beresford (Lichfield), Mr. W. Robinson (Chesterfield) and Mr. Robin Turner (no fixed abode). There was also a first-class presentation of a three part play by Mr. Derek Jones, who played all the parts and finished quite breathless.

Mr. F. Wiles, the well-known Derby disillusionist, entertained with some very amusing and original magical tricks.

Singing, by the Old Basford, Notts, ringers, of the 'Ringers Song,' which was composed specially for the occasion by G. A. Halls and D. R. Carlisle, was received favourably, in spite of the many rather dubious references to ringers present.

It is the custom at the annual dinner to award the medallion of the order of 'Capita Magnisimus' to the most worthy 'Belfryman of the Year.' This year the honour went to Mr. David Walklate. Mr. G. A. Halls stressed the difficulties besetting the awarding committee before calling upon Mr. A. B. Cooper to read the citation.

Mr. W. T. Holmes, of Hatfield, has been nominated for president of the Hertford County Association. The annual general meeting is being held this year at Bishop's Stortford—a new departure.

Rededication Of Bells Of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington

By ERIC NOBLES

DALLINGTON, although within the borough boundary of Northampton, remains essentially a village and has retained its rural charm. The Corporation bus will take one into the town centre within a few minutes. The church and manor, now St. Margaret Spencer Hospital; the Wheatsheaf Inn over the road and, adjoining, the vicarage in its own grounds; the old school, now used as a church hall, and the four 17th century almshouses are all clustered around the village green, through the centre of which runs a rippling brook.

The present church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, was probably built by Geoffrey de Lucy between the years 1207–1252. The building is of Early English and Decorated style of architecture. It consists of a chancel with northern chapel, nave, aisles, south porch, and low embattled tower at the western end.

In 1880 there were four bells in the tower. The first bell, the present 4th. was cast by Francis Watts, of Leicester, in 1598, and is inscribed 'Obe the Queen 1598.' It was recast by John Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1880. The weight is 5 cwt. 2 lb., key C sharp.

The second bell, the present tenor, was cast by James Keene, of Woodstock, in 1625. It is original, apart from the loss of the cannons, and now weighs 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. and is in key A. The inscription is 'God Save Our King 1625.' The figure 6 is backwards owing to an error in the casting.

The third bell, the present third, was cast by Alexander Rigby, of Stamford, in 1688, and is suitably inscribed 'Alexander Rigbe made me 1688.' This bell still retains its cannons, and a special cannon retaining headstock has been fitted. The weight is 4 cwt. 3 lb., key D.

The fourth bell, the present fifth, was cast in 1713 by Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, Northamptonshire. It was recast by John Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1880. The inscription is 'God Save Our Queen 1713.' The weight is 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., key B.

The fifth was added in 1880 and cast by John Taylor and Co., and inscribed 'Ultimus et Minimus et Primus 1880.' The weight is 3 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., key E.

The sixth bell, the present treble, was added in 1902, and was cast by John Taylor and Co. It was to mark the Coronation of King Edward VII., and is inscribed 'The gift of Joseph Shuttleworth on the coronation of King Edward VII. 1902.' The weight is 3 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb., key F sharp.

From that time to this, no major operations were carried out, and the bells gradually deteriorated, and in 1955 it was decided to have a complete restoration, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were given the work. The bells were removed and returned to the foundry for retuning, the old oak frame removed and the tower strengthened. The bells were rehung on ball bearings with new fittings in a new steel frame.

The rededication service was on February 4th conducted by the Archdeacon of Northampton, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Morgan) and the curate (the Rev. F. J. Twycross-Raines). The service started with the hymn in procession, 'The sacred bells of England,' and followed a form of evensong.

During the second hymn, 'Unchanging God who livest,' the churchwardens, chorister ringers, ringers and clergy moved in procession to the tower.

The Vicar presented the ropes of the bells to the Archdeacon and said, 'Venerable sir, we request you to dedicate these bells, this offering in memory of Christopher Croft, to the glory and praise of God.'

The Archdeacon, receiving the ropes of the bells, said, 'Almighty God, we beseech Thee to accept this offering at our hands; bless, sanctify and hallow these bells, and grant that they may call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'



ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON

Whilst the churchwardens and the clergy returned to the chancel, the following members of the local band—Messrs. Eric Nobles 1, Keith Alton 2, Jack Hadley 3, Roger E. Old 4, John G. Chapman 5 and John M. Nash 6—rang three bob leads of Plain Bob Minor. Prayers followed and the hymn, 'Lifted gently to the steeple.'

The address was given by Archdeacon Grimes. After the Blessing the local band rang rounds, 200 of Plain Bob Doubles, and a course of Kent Treble Bob, and Messrs. C. H. Bushell, N. Morton, C. T. Windram and Miss Hicks were included.

The first recorded peal at Dallington was on January 18th, 1902, a peal of Doubles, on the then five bells. The conductor, Mr. F. Hopper, is the only member of the band now alive.

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OLDEST 'MAIDEN BELL' IN COUNTRY?

At Broadwindsor, Dorset

A BELL, believed to be the oldest 'maiden bell' in the country, one of a ring of six from the tower of the Parish Church of the Dorset village of Broadwindsor, is now at Messrs. Taylor's foundry for retuning.

It was known that three of the six bells were mediæval, but on removal of the last bell, number five, it was discovered that it bore the same markings as that on a bell which is a museum show-piece in Tenby, South Wales. The date of this bell, which has been retuned and is cracked, is believed to be 1260. The Broadwindsor bell, however, has never been retuned, and it is still in perfect condition. It bears, in clear Lombardic lettering, a dedication to St. Gabriel and was cast in the village by Robert Norton, of Exeter.

When the bell was loaded on to a lorry for removal it was the first time it had ever left the village since it was cast and, when it was lowered to the ground the day before, it was probably the first time it had been at ground level for nearly 700 years.

In charge of the removal operations was Mr. J. Walker, who, with many years experience in this work, has never known the existence of such an old 'maiden bell.'

Two more bells in the ring are also mediæval and were cast in the village when the church tower was built over 500 years ago — 100 years before the Reformation. This means that the village has not only the oldest collection of bells in Dorset but also, probably, in the whole of the country.

Of the three bells, Mr. Walker told 'The Western Gazette': 'It is very unusual and I have never seen three pre-Reformation bells before —you get the odd one here and there, but not very often.'

The first and second bells, dated 1806 and 1790, came from the Bilbie foundry at Cullompton. The tenor bell is the youngest of the ring, having been recast in 1897.

All the fittings and bearings of the bells were badly worn. The Church Council decided that the existing timber headstocks should be replaced by cast-iron ones and that other new parts should also be installed.

The work on the bells will take over four months and will cost in the region of £600. In order to raise this money an appeal has been launched, not only to all those who have been connected with the parish, but also to the many people in the West Country and elsewhere who take a pride and interest in the bells of England. Reference to this appeal has already appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

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The first peal on the six bells was on January 13th, 1912, a peal of Minor. The present Sunday service band was the first local band to ring a peal. This, a peal of Doubles, was rung on March 10th, 1951, and it is commemorated by a peal board. On April 11th, 1953, a local church officers peal of Doubles was rung, and on Coronation Day nine members were included in a quarter peal and a peal of Doubles. A peal board, the second, commemorates this. A peal of Minor has been attempted, but failed, and it is now hoped for success and advancement in this field of ringing in the near future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROPOSED RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—I have received to date 26 replies to the question, 'Who's for a Railwaymen's peal?' 'What about a Railwaymen's Guild?,' 'Why not?,' has also received a lot of support.

However, the most reasoned letter in reply to the latter question comes from my friend Rodney Meadows, in which he says: 'The idea of railwaymen having meetings and ringing peals now and then is excellent, and I am always delighted to meet a fellow ringer on the line, or fellow railwaymen in the tower. It happens that I keep in my mind a list and could probably add to your railwaymen ringers already mentioned' (then he gives a dozen more railwaymen ringers) and continues: 'but all this brings me round to saying that I do not favour a Guild for Railwaymen. My personal feeling is that these "craft" Guilds cut across the established Diocesan and County Guilds which need all the support they can get from us as members; the Police Guild is for that reason not well liked. I think we too should be courting unpopularity by forming a Guild of our own: no doubt we shall have other views.'

This side can, and will be, thoroughly discussed before any decision is taken, if we arrange a meeting at Crewe on June 23rd.

To absorb as many ringers as possible who attend, arrangements are under consideration for the bells of Nantwich, a lovely eight, and Acton, not at all a bad six, both of easy access. The names received to date are Messrs. Chas. A. Bassett and L. W. Giles, Wadhurst, Sussex; F. Seager, Leeds, Yorks; W. R. Rich, Ditton, Kent; J. Arthur Hoare, A. J. Pitman and E. Morris, Swansea; Rodney Meadows, Bath; John W. Griffiths, Chester; Brian D. Threlfall, Liverpool; Robert E. Dannett, Chelmsford; J. L. Day, Melton Mowbray; W. O. Farrimond, Chorley; Henry Douglas, Dawley, Wellington, Salop; Donald G. Clarke, Newport, Mons; Sydney Foskett, Bedford; Richard D. Langford and George A. Packer, Crewe; W. J. Carter, Fenton, S.O.T., Staffs; John R. Cooper, Ashford, Kent; Peter G. W. Newstead, Great Yarmouth; Jack N. Brown, Ormskirk; Cyril C. Deem, Littleham, Exmouth; Bert Sutton, Scarborough; Fred Sutton, Acton, Crewe; Jack Brough, Nantwich; and W. Frank Stenson, Crewe.—Yours sincerely,

Crewe. W. FRANK STENSON.

Dear Sir,—Typical of a railway manager's letter is that from Harold Walker: 'With the view if you cannot do harm, don't do any good.'

Fortunately, the Midland Region general manager did not take that view. He also said the scheme would have to be inter-regional.

Seeing that Mr. Stenson has received replies from five of the six regions to stand in a peal at Crewe on June 23rd, it does seem that others think a Guild would serve a useful purpose.

Only a railwayman would understand Harold Walker's letter.—Thirty-nine years a railwayman,

Bedford. SYDNEY FOSKETT.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—It so happened that I spent the evening of February 4th working in the garden shed and I was therefore compelled to hear the performance on the bells of St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston. At first it seemed that an attempt was being made for a peal of Triples but, before long, the tenor had disappeared from its rightful place to give the effect of badly struck Major. I was expecting the ringing to stop at any moment but, instead, the striking grew worse and the bells started firing—not just once or twice but eight times at least. Never before had I heard such perfect firing on those bells and I was astonished when, after all this, they did not stop but eventually sorted themselves out into 'the mixture as before.'

You may imagine my surprise on seeing that this performance has been recorded as a peal in 'The Ringing World' (p. 100), and I do sincerely hope that the conductor will have the courage to withdraw the 'peal' in deference to the Exercise and the Leicester Diocesan Guild. I consider that a peal such as this is an insult to the composer, and I shudder to think what Mr. F. H. Dexter's remarks will be!

The vagaries of the tenor may perhaps be explained by the note in Belfry Gossip, but surely it would have been prudent to call the attempt off rather than to introduce a 12-year-old to peal-ringing in such a manner.—Yours faithfully,

F. S. CHENEY.

South Wigston.

Dear Sir,—Where will peal snatchers stop! I read in your columns where a boy of 12 is raked in to ring the tenor to a peal of Stedman. With the hundreds of ringers in the vicinity of the tower, why crucify the boy's ringing career? He may just as well have rung the death bell for three hours. And, begorra, Belfry Gossip congratulates him!—Yours, etc.,

T. H. VALLANCE.

Nuneaton.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE

Dear Sir,—The House of Commons Report (Hansard) for February 9th, 1956, records that Mr. H. Brooke gave a written answer to a question, setting out correspondence between the Royal Fine Art Commission and the Treasury about the proposed scheme of development of the Imperial College at South Kensington. It seems certain from the correspondence that to achieve the scale of development for the College that had already been announced, the Government intend to demolish the Imperial Institute and utilise the site. It is astonishing to learn that this great work of Colcutt, a building of unquestioned architectural interest, and its tower, a well-loved London landmark, is not to be preserved. And then there is that very fine ring of ten bells in the tower. What is to happen to them? I suggest this is a matter that might be pursued by the Central Council and the London Societies, particularly the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose members ring the bells on public occasions. Every effort should be made to prevent the ring being broken up and the bells used singly or even melted down.

But bells apart, it is deplorable that such a noble tower and building should be destroyed. Ringers should write to their M.P.s and voice their opinions about it.—Yours sincerely,

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath, Bucks.

ORIGINALITY OF SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—The letter in the 'R.W.' on p. 107 from Messrs. Carlisle and Halls raises some interesting points: admittedly they are not new and have not been settled (nor are ever likely to be), but they are surely worth discussion in the light of changing ideas.

After Mr. C. K. Lewis's letter of January 27th, doubtless many people will comment that the peal of Wye Surprise Major on p. 108 is merely a reduction of 'the 29 courses'; so, at first sight, it is. However, on closer examination it is found to be true for the f.c.e. 25634 as well as the 'London' group of five f.c.e.'s; and, as it happens, it was produced with this end in view, even though, in this case, the method rung to it does not have this falseness. Mr. Burton has therefore achieved something and surely has a claim to the composition.

It may well be that the 5,120 of Wembley has useful properties for some methods because of the large number of 'before' leads omitted.

It is worth noticing in passing that if the courses are to be selected for a composition on a five-part plan, such as the '29 courses' uses, there are only two possible ways of doing this—the set used and another which is not much use for Wembley but which enables a 6,720 of London to be put together:—

23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—
43652		—	—
35264	—	2	3

four times repeated

I believe this should be attributed to T. B. Worsley. If, however, a three- or one-part plan is chosen and less than 30 courses are required, the possible range of courses goes up very rapidly, as can be seen by examining compositions by Messrs. Lindoff, Worsley, Bennett, Roberts, etc. (an exercise I recommend to Messrs. Carlisle and Hall).

An interesting example of two peals on an identical plan which both contain the same changes but which look very different is provided by these two peals of Spliced Surprise:—

	by Rev. H. Law				by James E. C. S. Turner			
	23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
	63542	—	2	—	35642	—	2	
	24536	—	—	—	42356	2	—	
	26435	2		—	53624	—	—	
	46532	—			26435	—	—	
	56234	—			34562	—	—	

Each is in ten parts, five starting from 23456 and the other five from 54326—connecting the two halves can be achieved in a variety of ways. There is no doubt they are both original compositions and yet one can easily be transformed into the other by bobbing and plaining a few Q-sets.

Has anyone any views?—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

Dear Sir,—After reading 'The Ringing World' of February 17th, p. 108, we are now prepared to agree with Mr. C. K. Lewis that our composition of Wembley has 'Shirley' gone for a 'Burton' but we still don't understand 'Wye.' (See pp. 16, 59, 107 and 108.)—Yours sincerely,

D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS.

Risley, Derby.

A correspondent writes: 'It is a pity that so many people indulge in wishful thinking when adding footnotes to their peals. Canon Papillon, who was Vicar of Writtle from 1894 to 1909, rang and conducted dozens of peals on his own bells.'

LETTERS—Continued

TOP SECRET

Dear Sir,—Why do our leading composers never breathe a word to the Exercise explaining their clever systems of composition, whereby they produce true and original peals with such profusion and apparent ease? Everybody would be most interested to see how it is done, yet the lack of response to the earlier request mentioned by Messrs. Carlisle and Halls would seem to indicate that they have no intention of divulging the secret. Is this in the best interest of the Exercise?

Some while ago I tried to produce a peal of Wembley Surprise in response to a request, and after hours of the most laborious effort, produced a peal that was obviously a variation of Law James' 5,024. After further effort, by hit and miss methods, I produced the following, which, as far as I can see, does not resemble anything else in the Collection. Nevertheless, I have no confidence that it will be allowed to pass as original.

5,088 Wembley Surprise

23456	M	B	W	
35426	—	X		
52364		X		
64523		X		2
25346	—			—
43652	—			—
56234	—			—
26435	—			

Twice repeated.

Had I the cunning mentioned above, I could have produced this in a few minutes, and discarded it as being no good.

Composers, how is it done? We are not picking your brains. We are students of our art, wanting to learn more about it.—Yours, etc.,

RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath.

FIRST ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Messrs. Mills and J. A. Hales for their letters, and apologise to the latter for confusing him with his son. There was also a second error in the reference in my previous letter to ringers whose first peals were on 12 bells, which shows the danger of writing from memory, and for which I am sorry. Wilfred Taffender's first peal was one of London; his second, a fortnight later, was Stedman Cinques. Perhaps I was confusing him in my mind with Robert A. Fardon, whose father was also a well-known London ringer, and who did ring Stedman Cinques for his first; however, I would like to thank Messrs. Audsley and Blewer for drawing my attention to this.

Mr. T. R. Butler tells me that he believes the late Mr. Robert Sperring, of Chester, for his first touch on 12, called a peal of Kent Maximus, and that like Mr. Nash he had never previously seen 12 ropes in a tower. Mr. Butler mentions that his own first peal was one of Stedman Caters on handbells to which he rang 1-2. This was indeed, to quote 'The Ringing World,' 'an unusual start in peal ringing.' But the most remarkable of all, surely, was by Mr. R. W. R. Picton, then of Watford, who for his first peal rang 1-2 to Superlative on handbells in 1927. I doubt if this achievement will ever be equalled.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

MR. A. BEVERLEY RINGER

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World,' dated February 17th, Mr. W. L. Duffield writes that Mr. Beverley Ringer comes from a ringing family. Perhaps he can tell us the names of his family who were ringers.

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I have known him all my life. He was born at Swainsthorpe and was named A. Beverley Ringer, taking his mother's maiden name of Beverley. She was the daughter of Mr. T. Beverley, of Seething. His father died when he was young, and after a time his mother married again to Mr. J. W. Hill, of Mulbarton, where he was brought up at the Lodge Farm.

There was a brother of Mr. T. Beverley who farmed at Banham before the 1914–18 war. I do not know of any other relatives of the family.—Yours faithfully, H. TOOKE.

Wymondham.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31st, 1954

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SUNDRY CREDITORS		523 3 8
AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE—		
Postal Subscriptions and Notices		846 12 11
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX		14 8 0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT—		
Balance at 31st December, 1953	1450 11 3	
Add Profit for the year as shown by Profit and Loss Account	249 0 1	
		1699 11 4
		£3,083 15 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GOODWILL, BLOCKS, ETC., at Cost		200 0 0
DEBTORS		714 2 1
INVESTMENT at Cost—		
£800 3½% Defence Bonds		800 0 0
CASH—	£ s. d.	
At Bankers	1350 14 6	
In Hand	12 0	
		1351 6 6
AMOUNT due from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers		18 7 4
		£3,083 15 11

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THEIR OFFICIAL JOURNAL, 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and have obtained the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of 'The Ringing World,' according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

(Signed) G. LUNNIS,
Chartered Accountant.

Thames House, Queen Street Place,
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December 12th, 1955.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT for the YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st, 1954

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Woodbridge Press—		
Printing	3366 16 9	
Blocks	2 6 0	
		3369 2 9
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Editor's Fees and Expenses	294 8 8	
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Postage	14 19 0	
Stationery and Sundries	13 19 0	
		443 10 4
Postal Subscribers—		
Despatch of Copies	140 10 6	
Postage and Wrappers	583 13 9	
		724 4 3
Accounts Department—		
Clerical Assistance	104 0 0	
Postage and Telephone	20 5 2	
Stationery and Sundries	17 19 9	
		142 4 11
Miscellaneous Expenses		2 13 0
Audit Fee		21 0 0
Income Tax on Interest Receivable		14 8 0
		4717 3 3
Profit for the year carried to Balance Sheet		249 0 1
		£4,966 3 4

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rolls Publishing Co.		1844 7 11
Postal Subscribers		1907 0 6
Donations		335 14 6
Advertisements		441 9 0
Notices		378 14 10
Sundry Receipts		25 12 9
Interest Receivable on £800 3½% Defence Bonds		33 4 0
		£4,966 3 4

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Barraclough 1, Miss R. M. Jackson 2, D. Vincent 3, N. Lomas 4, A. J. Brown 5, L. Boumphrey 6, B. Jones 7, P. Border (cond.) 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Ash Wednesday, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Leavey 1, I. W. Taylor 2, H. Balaam 3, B. Story 4, Mrs. E Weaver 5, J. Weaver 6, J. Chesterman 7, F. F. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Bass 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, A. Skinner 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, C. Linch 7, R. Barrow (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss F. Welch 1, R. Head 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, D. Gullick 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8. Rung after failure of a peal attempt to celebrate the recasting of the 5th on the 83rd anniversary of the ringing here of the first peal in the method.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, Miss M. R. Andrews 3, H. Hoverd 4, H. E. Audsley 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung for the thanksgiving service to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the main part of the church; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Beverley A. Thompson.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 covering): Christine Suckling 1, Anne Lufkin 2, H. Moore 3, Mrs. H. Moore 4, J. Brown (first as cond.) 5, R. Suckling 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, A. Brown 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. Christine Vaizey, a faithful member of St. Mary's.

BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. O. Lewis 1, Mrs. A. J. Martin 2, A. J. Martin 3, C. Hawkins (first quarter) 4, D. J. Potter (cond.) 5, F. Potter 6, F. Crump 7, S. Harris 8. Rung for the enthronement of the new Bishop of Worcester, which took place at Worcester Cathedral on February 11th.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Harrisson (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 2, P. Pigg 3, D. Stubbings (first on eight) 4, T. R. Dennis 5, D. Latchford 6, H. Martin 7, H. Brown 8. In honour of the Queen's accession.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: W. A. Farmer 1, D. W. Beard (cond.) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, F. G. Nurden 4, W. Dyer 5, I. Goulter 6, P. Baker 7, C. Wratten 8, T. Boreham 9, E. T. Newbury 10. For Matins.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 27th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: F. G. Oliver 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, B. Fairhead 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, Evelyn R. Cansdale 5, E. P. Duffield 6, J. H. Edwards 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. H. Edwards 1, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2, B. Fairhead 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, A. Syder 5, T. Earle 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Handley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Miss P. Shepherd 3, A. E. Hoodless 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, L. Henson 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Beaumont.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Watkiss (first of Triples) 1, H. Perry 2, Miss J. Burge 3, Miss J. Taylor 4, H. Burge 5, G. Hartland 6, J. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Audrey Maude-Roxby, daughter of the Vicar of Curry Rivel, to Mr. Nicholas Bray.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (by J. J. Parker): W. Henley 1, W. Birmingham 2, Miss Sylvia Wickenden 3, Dvr. A. Hartley, R.A.S.C., 4, F. Scott 5, G. Gilbert 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, Janet Adamson 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 8.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 7th, at the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,320 Single Oxford Bob Minor: C. Wixey 1, G. P. Green 2, M. Ling 3, P. Hurcombe 4, F. E. T. Tranter 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all except the conductor.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (180 Plain, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): C. J. Mann 1, E. E. S. Johnson 2, W. V. Mills 3, E. J. Thynn (cond.) 4, G. W. Barber 5, P. C. Sayer 6. For evening service, and a birthday compliment to G. W. Barber.

QUARTER PEALS

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Woodley 1, A. E. Lock 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, H. K. White 4, G. W. Bishop 5, F. A. White 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Thomas East, foreman of the tower for many years.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. Stole 1, F. Whitby 2, V. Tipton 3, S. Clark 4, W. Wheeler 5, D. Collins 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung on the birthday of the late George Dent, respected leader of the local band.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Upton 1, G. Duncan 2, A. V. Good 3, Miss P. Martin 4, F. J. Plummer 5, B. Ellinder 6, W. J. Puddifoot 7, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 7. Rung for the Feast of the Purification, and a birthday compliment to A. V. Good.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Stevens 1, C. Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, M. Stone 4, D. K. Lane 5, D. Miller 6, C. Clarke 7, R. Short (first on eight as cond.) 8. First of Major by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. H. B. Schofield 1, Miss A. Laycock 2, T. Hill 3, Miss C. Pedder 4, H. B. Schofield 5, D. Thorp (cond.) 6, F. Rayment 7. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd in celebration of his 40th wedding anniversary.

KILBURN, N.W.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Eveleigh 1, C. E. Lankester 2, J. Clark-Maxwell (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 3, Audrey Barker 4, Jean Abercrombie (first of Grandsire Triples) 5, B. Stafford 6, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 7, M. Whiteside (first quarter) 8.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Lewis 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, G. Massey 3, A. H. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, G. W. Morris 8, H. Andrews 9, H. V. Young 10.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Parkinson 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, G. R. Parker 3, S. A. Chambers 4, J. A. Freeman 5, J. Walden 6, C. E. Brown 7, A. T. Lowman 8, H. L. Pask 9, G. Paul 10. Rung for the Queen's accession.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. W. Cansdale 1, Rosemary J. Seabrook (cond.) 2, S. J. Twitchett 3, R. S. Seabrook 4, R. Rippingale 5, T. Bird 6. Rung on the back six.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Dilks 1, W. C. Hall (cond.) 2, K. Burdett 3, H. Wardle 4, J. Wardle 5, J. Peet 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Dilks, ringer and chorister at this church.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Mary Powell 1, Rosemary Strong (first 'inside') 2, M. Horseman 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Baker, former tower captain and ringer in this tower for 60 years; also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Hancock 1, G. L. Grover 2, B. Grover 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For evening service; also a 21st birthday compliment to John Martin.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Millward 1, A. Flutter 2, E. Storey 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome Mr. C. Swann on his safe return from H.M. Forces.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 12th, at New College, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. A. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell 2, C. J. B. Taylor 3, F. Barrett 4, W. H. Jackson 5, D. A. Edwards 6, D. H. Niblett 7, R. A. Hodgson 8, P. R. Sanders (first on 10 as cond.) 9, A. C. P. Pugh 10. First on 10 for 2, 3, 4 and 10.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Ridgway 1, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 2, H. C. Edwards 3, F. C. Case 4, G. E. Green 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): H. W. Dimond 1, H. Green 2, P. D. Oldham 3, M. Williams 4, L. J. Malings (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. Rung on the 36th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Green.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, S. G. Robinson 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, E. E. Whitmore 4, L. Witten 5, A. Wilson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, R. Edwards (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, B. Howard 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, P. Coward 6, A. House (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 7. For Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Neesham (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, H. Curtis (first as cond.) 3, A. Osborne 4, A. Cozens 5.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Denise Shaw 1, Margaret Mills 2, Elizabeth Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, N. Smith 5, J. N. D. Chaddock (15) 6, H. Woodall 7, F. Fisher 8, F. J. Jackson 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First quarter of Bob Royal by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Pratt 1, W. Noble 2, J. Nicholls 3, Miss B. Spicer (first of Major) 4, F. Parish 5, W. Ransom 6, L. Fisher 7, H. Dunnington (cond.) 8. For morning service.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, T. H. Francis (cond.) 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, R. Agg (first on 12) 4, W. Prockson 5, A. P. Cave 6, D. Priestley 7, W. R. Winterton 8, F. E. Hawthorne 9, J. Armstrong 10, A. F. Thirst 11, A. R. Ling 12.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Le Blanc Smith 1, C. F. Finch 2, Mrs. J. W. Blythe 3, J. W. Blythe 4, E. J. Thurlow 5, R. S. Payne (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Old and Reverse Canterbury, two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, and two and a half extents of Grandsire): Miss F. Secker 1, M. Cubitt 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. First quarter in six methods by all except conductor. First quarter by an entirely local band in more than one method.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. I. D. Mills 1, Marian H. Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. A. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Arthur Austen and Miss Phyllis Young.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nutt (first quarter) 1, W. Whitmore 2, A. Wilson 3, G. Jeffs 4, S. Robinson 5, H. Richardson 6, L. Witten (cond.) 7, W. Ross 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, W. Cockram 3, F. Caseley 4, G. Sparkes 5, J. Upton 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, W. Nurcombe 8. Rung during the Restoration Appeal Week for £15,000 for St. Peter's Church.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Devenish 1, Mrs. Bagworth 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs (first of Triples 'inside') 4, P. Devenish 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, N. Bagworth 7, A. Bishop 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. D. Truran (first quarter) 1, Edna M. Everest 2, B. J. Harfield 3, Anne W. J. Harfield 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, Dilys M. Smith 6. Rung for the annual toy service.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Weare (first as cond.) 1, V. Roberts 2, Miss E. Hall (first quarter) 3, R. Gardiner 4, G. Salmon 5, J. Kingsnorth 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—To whom it may concern: The new District Secretary is Mr. C. J. Beadle, 2, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey. 7874

ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, E.C.3.—The practice for next week will be held on Tuesday, March 6th, at 6.30 p.m., and not on Monday.—D. Priestley, Sec., U.L.S.C.R. 7899

TOTTENHAM.—Ringing has been suspended at All Hallows Church owing to the dangerous condition of the tower. We have an extensive restoration programme, the tower being top priority. Contributions gratefully received by Rev. W. F. Clarke, The Priory, Church Lane, N.17. 7875

WAVENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. — Will ringers please note that practice nights during Lent will be held on Monday at 7.15 p.m. instead of the usual Wednesday. 7865

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Outing to be arranged for June 2nd to Derbyshire. Bus picking up Leicester, Nottingham, Derby; fare 10s. Will all interested notify me with 5s. deposit as soon as possible.—L. M. Corby, Hon. Sec., 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. 7886

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MEETINGS

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Mar. 3rd, at Egremont (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting at 5 p.m.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 7857

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Mar. 3rd, at Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47 High Street, Kingswinford. 7855

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7311

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Springfield (6), Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7755

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8) Mar. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7845

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea, 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7853

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Mar. 3rd at 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 7802

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual meeting at Lavenham on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to M. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham. 7810

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Mar. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7837

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Monday, March 5th, 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 7871

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice, Bletchingley, 7.15 p.m., Wednesday, March 7th. 7867

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, March 10th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W., at 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 7879

BARNSLEY DISTRICT AND YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting at Wragby (Nostell Priory) on Mar. 10th. Bells (6) (recast) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Mar. 5th to D. Smith, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. No names, no tea.—D. Smith and J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 7856

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Montacute, March 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7868

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 7896

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hedon, Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., price 4s. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Barrow, West Dene, Church Lane, Hedon, Hull. 7907

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury (8), Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. For tea, notify Mr. S. Booth, Chester Road, Daresbury, by March 6th.—C. Raddon, Branch Sec. 7895

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Tea available for those who send names to me by March 8th.—A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 7908

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Wingerworth, Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7902

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, by 8th.—C. A. Bassett. 7846

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Whittlesford on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7881

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-E. District.—Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 7th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree. 7847

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Wroughton (6), March 10th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 7897

HERTS COUNTY.—Eastern District.—Bengeo, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. J. Phillips, 8, Page Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea by Monday, Mar. 5th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7843

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Corston on March 10th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 7898

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at Lancaster Priory. Ringing, 2.30 to 8. Tea at 5. Meeting after tea. Please note altered date. Names for tea to F. Postlethwaite, Bridgett Street, Lancaster.—R. F Eccles, Branch Sec. 7909

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday to A. Wallace, 11 Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—G. I. Howlett. 7887

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's, Saturday, March 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in tower 6 p.m. No tea arrangements—teashops nearby.—L. Walmsley. 7904

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Bottesford, March 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Bull Hotel. Names by Wednesday, 7th, to Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Sec., 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 7885

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Navenby (6), Mar. 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7836

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, March 10th, St. Margaret's, Lee, 3. Own tea. Business 6.15. St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7. Practice meeting, Thursday, March 15th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7.30.—Hutchings. Tel. TUL 0800. 7883

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at South Hackney Parish Church, Lauriston Road, Well Street, on Saturday, March 10th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m., tea and business. Trolleybus route 677. Bus route 6.—T. J. Lock. 7872

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Cheadle (R.C.), Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at a nearby café. Please notify A. W. Hall, 77, Queen Street, Cheadle. Staffs, of numbers to be present.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 7878

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at North Marston, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) at 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by March 7th, please.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7880

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Practice at Burghfield and Padworth on Saturday, March 10th, 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 7900

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llandilo on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 1.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 7873

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Okeford Fitzpaine, March 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 7870

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Coombe Bissett (6), March 10th, from 2.15. Tea (names to secretary by March 6th, please). Sarum St. Thomas (8) also open 6.45–8 p.m. Provisional dates for 1956: April 21st, Compton Chamberlayne (quarterly); May 26th, Netheravon and Enford: June 16th, Winterbourne Earls; July 14th, Downton (quarterly); Sept. 8th, Winterslow; Oct. 13th, Hindon (quarterly); Dec. 8th, Tisbury; Jan. 19th, 1957, annual, Sarum St. Martin.—Miss Eloie, Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7859

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Mar. 10th. Brampton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 2.15 and 3.45. Lincolnshire from Cannon Square at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 for those who notify Mrs. D. Beecroft, Royal Oak, Rampton, Retford, by 6th.—H. Denman. 7891

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 7858

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annaul general meeting will be held in the Vestry, Kingston-on-Thames, Mar. 10th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Bells: Esher 2.45 to 4, Kingston, after meeting only. Notifications for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, by Mar. 7th.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 7838

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, West Tarring (6), Saturday, March 10th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7877

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Wonston (6) on March 10th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15, at the White Swan. Names by March 5th, please, to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7892

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 7906

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N. District. — Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), Saturday, March 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buses from Halstead and Bures. Numbers for tea to G. Trendell, Manor House, Pebmarsh, Halstead. 7893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Combined meeting at Benenden (8) on March 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden, by Tuesday, March 13th.—W. P. Garner. 7894

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea. 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. N. E. Taylor, Vicarage Farm, Lynsted, near Sittingbourne, by Wednesday, March 14th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 7884

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at West Malling on Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling, Kent. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7834

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), Saturday, March 17th. Names for tea by March 12th.—E. E. Gibson, Hon Sec. 7876

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7889

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Orston on Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. at Durham Ox, for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. Buses leave Newark at 1.35 and 4.35 only.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 7869

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Mar. 17th, at Halifax. Bells available: All Souls', Haley Hill (8), from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Parish Church (12), after business meeting to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in All Souls' Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must send names to Mr. V. Bottomley, 21, Bankfield View, Halifax, no later than Tuesday, March 13th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7905

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, March 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham, Kent. 7888

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Taunton, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at St. James' Church 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Service at 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Gaumont Café for ticket-holders only. Applications, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. Business meeting in St. James' Church Hall at 3 p.m. Details of further ringing later.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 7903

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at Cathedral at noon. Luncheon, followed by business, at Corn Exchange. 1 p.m. Tickets, members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Please apply early, and not later than March 26th, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, to the assistant hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne. Ringing, morning and after meeting, at Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham, Frindsbury and Rochester Cathedral.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7889

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual general business meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, April 7th. Full details later. Nominations for Master, together with names of proposer and seconder, must be received by me not later than Saturday, March 10th.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7866

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—As Croydon and Beddington are not available for the April meeting, this meeting will be a combined meeting with the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) at Westerham (Kent) on Saturday, April 7th. Please note date. Full details later; good attendance of our members, please! —P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 7901

RINGERS HELP SINGERS AT WANSTEAD

The need of new service books for the choir of Christ Church, Wanstead, gave the ringers an opportunity to stage a talk on 'Church Bells' in the local C. of E. School. Mr. L. E. Last was invited to give the talk, using the school's apparatus and his own very interesting strip film.

In spite of snow showers, about 70 turned up, including Mr. F. V. Gant (Hornchurch), the enthusiastic secretary of the Essex Association, local clergy, churchwardens, choristers and ringers. Those present greatly enjoyed Mr. Last's fascinating 'survey' of bells through the ages, followed by a demonstration of change-ringing on handbells, in which Messrs. L. E. Last, F. V. Gant, P. A. F. Chalk and J. Chalk took part.

The retiring collection was a worthy contribution towards the requirements of a large choir, of which some of the ringers are members.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The conductor submits the following corrections to times of peals: Stisted, February 8th (p. 118), 2 hrs. 37 mins.; Stisted, February 12th (p. 118), 2 hrs. 39 mins.

The ringers of St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, are justly proud of one of their younger members, Mr. Norman F. Cross. On February 11th, he, at great personal risk, dived into the icy waters of Lake Windermere, in a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to rescue his comrade who was sailing in a punt which overturned.

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SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Some Problems Involved In Its Maintenance

WHERE are the instructors? pleads a recent leading article. The author continues with a statement no church bell-ringer worthy of the name dares refute; that is, that 'the yardstick of a good ringer is his effectiveness in Sunday service ringing.' Yet we are all aware of towers, now silent, where since the war there has been a flourishing band. Another problem is the apathy of some bands. On a recent Sunday the writer was obliged to be in a village away from his own tower. No bells were rung for the morning service, and in the evening the band didn't muster till five minutes before the service was due to commence, when some well-struck changes were rung. A band of this ability should not allow itself, as it regularly is doing, I understand, to become so indifferent about its Sunday ringing. Who is to blame? Is it the fault of the captain? Should the band be criticised collectively? Or is it the Vicar's lack of interest?. It certainly isn't the bells which are to blame—they run perfectly.

Some bells are occasionally found in an unringable state. More often than not, as the founders will acknowledge, regular ringing and proper care would have prevented their deterioration until a large sum of money would have to be raised before they could be restored to ringing order. Quite often an enthusiastic band with a will to succeed can themselves rectify any deficiencies in their bells without calling on their parish for help.

Before considering instructors we must turn our thoughts to the material upon which they will have to work. Recruitment of ringers is no easy task. One encounters various obstacles. One is a misinformed public. Recently the writer appealed to the headmaster of the local Boys' Grammar School. There was not a single volunteer. It transpired later that the head stressed that bell-ringing was very strenuous, and only boys of exceptional physique would be suitable candidates! Obviously a different approach will be made next time. A similar request to the Girls' High School resulted in so many volunteers that the headmistress had to whittle the number down to four by a process of elimination. One's own church can be an obstructionist. The writer regarded the choir as a natural recruiting ground, the choirboys already having a faithful attachment to their church, which they would probably like to continue after their voices broke. Two lads already plain hunting were discovered by the choirmaster to be ringers and singers, and plainly told that they could not be BOTH and that they were singers first! Fortunately this attitude is not universal. There is much to commend the recruitment of young people. Teaching elderly folk is a painstakingly slow, patient task and hours are wasted which could more profitably be spent on youngsters. Very few old pupils make first-class change ringers, and acquiring this art is a joint objective, with Sunday ringing, of all ringing associations.

It is unwise to have too many learners all at the same stage. Each has to be considered, with the result that he may get something for his benefit only once or twice throughout a whole practice. Sitting watching others ring is neither going to advance his progress nor satisfy his enthusiasm for his new pastime. An investigation of a potential recruit's outside interests should be made. If he has already several evenings committed to other organisations, he should be passed over. No one can do many jobs thoroughly. An encumbered ringer will either fail through a clash of loyalties, or make little headway because of insufficient time to study, or be one of those people who are constantly attempting something fresh and tiring of it as soon as the novelty has worn off. It takes a long time to make a proficient ringer, and one should not throw away hours of practice time on a beginner who is likely to become one of the drifters.

Potential ringers should be made to understand that ringing is not just a pleasurable hobby, but a duty to the Church, which demands their regular attendance twice on Sundays and on practice night. Sunday ringing should be held up as something very special, ringing which is not practice, but the performance of what one has already learned to do, and do with perfection, if possible. Learners should be encouraged to read AND STUDY ringing books. They should constantly be given 'homework,' but not forced to study matter beyond their grasp. Thus they will be always in a state of preparedness for their next advance.

The responsibility for this recruiting and teaching lies on the instructor. A good instructor needs many qualities.

First, he must be an enthusiast. If he is apathetic, or puts other activities before his belfry, he loses the respect of his ringers, and kills their ardour. If he is keen, his band will share his enthusiasm.

The second attribute is his own ability. An instructor can take his pupil no further than he has gone himself. He should therefore seek to keep himself a proficient ringer and conductor: he should encourage his pupils to conduct, so they can step into the breach in his absence, and be initiated into a branch of change ringing they can pursue at home by patient study, thus eventually outstripping their teacher through their own initiative.

An instructor must maintain discipline in the belfry and not allow interference in his teaching methods. He must always be prepared to learn some better method; but when he has decided on a teaching system he must keep to it, or his pupils will be confused. He must secure the co-operation of his band in ringing mainly humble methods when he has learners. They have opportunities for peals, and at Guild practices, which the beginners have not.

There are times when an instructor needs the courage of his convictions. He may be unwilling, for reasons of charity or numerical strength, to tell someone that he ought to give up ringing, as he will never make a good ringer. A choir or an orchestra would not keep a performer who is not up to standard; neither should a belfry retain a ringer who is a danger to himself and others with a bellrope in his hand, or who is such a bad striker that (after long perseverance) he will always ruin all the ringing in which he participates. After all, it is GOOD Sunday ringing we desire, and the outside listeners are only concerned with good striking.

A good instructor will urge his pupils to attend Guild practices and other local weekly practices—but not the latter before they can hunt, or they will hold up their neighbours' practices and be unwelcome. These visits will start young ringers 'tower-snatching,' a diversion which helps to keep them from giving up. Other diversions, such as organised visits to other towers or handbell ringing (especially tune ringing), all help to maintain a band.

Yes, instructors are vital. A good band should be prepared to release any good ringer who will undertake the raising of a band in a neighbouring parish where the bells are silent. One of the ringers in the writer's tower left, to the regret of his colleagues, and soon had a flourishing band in a tower which had become silent. Could one really do other than commend his action, or be unwilling to lose a good and faithful member who is undertaking a difficult and honourable task?

Might we hope that others with nearby silent bells will follow his example if their towers can possibly spare them. Thus will the call for instructors be answered and silent bells be heard again. With the right instructors, and the right type of pupils properly taught, we shall have our bells rung on Sundays: but we also need the older hands who should be prepared to sacrifice their Sunday morning 'lie-in' and often their breakfast to their duty. Even the garden should wait.

When EVERY ringer views his Sunday ringing as a DUTY the problem will be solved.

W. BIRMINGHAM.

TEN BELL PEAL

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM MAUGHAN	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	6
†E. ALAN RAWLINSON	2	A. NEVILLE BROWN	7
‡ROBIN G. LEALE	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	8
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	9
‡KENNETH LAWSON	5	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First Cambridge Surprise Royal. † First of Royal 'inside.' ‡ First of Royal. J. A. Ainsworth's 100th tower bell peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*MICHAEL H. PAULSON	*Treble*	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	ALEX. RICHARDSON	6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	GEORGE H. PAULSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all except the tenor ringer. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Triples on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Hugh Gregory, wife of a local ringer.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*ROLAND DRURY	*Treble*	*FRANK KENNINGTON	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	STEPHEN BROMFIELD	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	*DAVID J. KENNINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung for the appointment to the Canonry and Prebendal Stall of Nassington of the Rev. G. W. Markham, M.A., Vicar of this parish.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

FRANK BARRACLOUGH	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
DAVID VINCENT	2	*NEIL LOMAS	6
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. SMITH	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	4	*JOAN M. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

HENRY PRATT	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
CECIL BARKER	2	ALAN R. SYDER	6
JOHN WARNER	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JUNE KNIGHT	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
ANN BARR	2	EDMUND MALIN	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER	7
PETER BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

DEREK NORRIS	*Treble*	THOMAS BEAUMONT	5
PETER F. BORER	2	RONALD E. NORRIS	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK BARRACLOUGH	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Surprise.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
JOHN S. BARNES	2	REV. GILBERT THURLOW	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

PHILIP DUNDERDALE	*Treble*	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	3	ARTHUR HATCH	7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
Rung to commemorate the unveiling and dedicating of a plaque on February 4th to mark the birthplace of the late Kathleen Mary Ferrier, the well-known contralto.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
PERCY SWINDLEY	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
*FREDERICK LEECH	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung on the birthdays of, and as birthday compliments to, Kenneth Parker and the conductor.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*DOROTHY NELSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
MARION HAYTOR	2	*HERBERT RAINFORD	6
†ROLAND F. ECCLES	3	‡ALAN CAPSTICK	7
‡JAMES E. BURLES	4	JACK BAGNALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together
Rung as a compliment to Janet Patricia (born January 3rd, 1956), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ROTHERHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung with a fourth's place bob. First peal in the method by the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method. All the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	PETER NASH	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN POTTS	5
HORACE S. MORLEY	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	6
G. FRED TERRY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	7
EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4	DOUGLAS BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung for the christening of Carol May Sheppard, daughter of the ringer of the sixth bell.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
MARION J. PARKER	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
LESLIE D. DUGUID	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
Rung as a welcome to the new vicar (Rev. K. G. P. King), who was inducted to the living of Soberton with Newtown on February 14th.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
*JOHN L. MORRIS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
*BRIAN BLADON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*DENNIS BERESFORD	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

BOB ALLCOCK	*Treble*	BERNARD G. MOORE	4
*DOROTHY PALMER	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
DOUG. HARRISON	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal in two methods. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'
An 87th birthday compliment to the treble ringer's mother.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*THELMA HALL	*Treble*	*PETER J. H. WYCHERLEY	4
PERCY BRAY	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	CHARLES PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
* First peal.

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CODFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire Doubles and 12 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY BRAY	*Treble*	NORMAN KNEE	4
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	THOMAS E. MALLARD.. ..	5
ERNEST E. BRAY	3	HUBERT A. PERRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

A. CHARLES MORRIS	*Treble*	ANTHONY A. UPTON	3
DOROTHY M. PALMER.. ..	2	J. THOMAS GWILT	4
DOUGLAS HARRISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRISON.
The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

HORNINGSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 24 extents of Grandsire, 16 extents of Plain Bob and two extents of April Day. Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY BRAY	*Treble*	W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
DAVID ROBERTSON	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
PETER J. H. WYCHERLEY ..	3	HUGH VENNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
First peal on the bells.
Rung for the conductor's 21st birthday.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CASTLETON 3rd's PLACE DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE MOUNTFORD.. ..	*Treble*	EWART H. EDGE..	4
REGINALD O. PRESTON ..	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW.. ..	5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT, SEN.	3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT, JUN.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung as part of the Centenary celebrations of the church, also as a wedding compliment to the Rev. W. G. J. James and Miss N. Twigg.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, rung alternately with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
*REV. ALBERT WEBB.. ..	2	*HAROLD E. RAXTER ..	5
GERALD C. HEMMING ..	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Minor.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. RHODES ..	*Treble*	*J. WILLIAM HOVEY	4
*LESLIE L. WILLIS	2	†D. KEITH LANE	5
*DONALD L. HOOPER.. ..	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALEC T. DENSON	*Treble*	*DONALD A. MORTLOCK ..	4
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS..	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS ..	5
STANLEY SHIPP	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal of Surprise.

APPLEFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 18 methods with 119 changes of method, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob and Fulbeck; (5) Thelwall and Childwall; (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM L. GILKS.. ..	*Treble*	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE.. ..	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS.. ..	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
*DONALD H. NIBLETT.. ..	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in more than 16 Minor methods. The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on these bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's.
Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD G. TOOKE	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	4
RONALD E. BURT..	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
* 100th peal.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's Bob, one of Plain Bob, one of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JUNE HIND	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	2	J. PHILLIP EASTLAND.. ..	5
WALTER DAVIS	3	ALBERT E. WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.
* First peal, first attempt. First Plain method peal as conductor. All Blackwell ringers except third.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*EVELYN D. ADAMS.. ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE..	4
†IVAN A. C. BUTCHER ..	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	5
†STANLEY G. PONTING ..	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Minor and in eight methods. † First peal in eight methods.
Rung to celebrate both the 21st birthday and the engagement (Feb. 19th) of the treble ringer.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (two callings). Tenor 4½ cwt..

STANLEY SHIPP	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGEMAN ..	3
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	2	ARTHUR YARROW..	4
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.
First peal as conductor.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.
(R.A.F. Station.)
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. BURLEY	4
*A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	DAVID N. PENROSE	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* 75th peal.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ANTHONY BAX	*Treble*	†GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3
†EDWARD C. BARTON	2	‡ALBERT J. DUNK	4
GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.
Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to William Hughes, for many years captain of the Stockbury ringers, who died during the week in his 90th year, and was laid to rest the day previous to the peal in the churchyard near the tower.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

R. ANTHONY TRICKETT	*Treble*	LEONARD COPNALL	4
*ROSEMARY G. SEATON	2	MICHAEL G. MORGAN-WYNNE	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	3	J. DEREK SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*FREDERICK G. MURFIN	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	4
GORDON A. HALLS	2	†ROY MARSDEN	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal away from tenor cover. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the 20th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Forster, parents of Miss P. A. M. Forster.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Feb. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

DEREK C. JACKSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND E. FINCH	4
*RUTH A. CAREY	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Feb. 15, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BLUE BELL INN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN A. SMITH	1—2	*JOHN VERNON	3—4
*MICHAEL VERNON	5—6		

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'



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THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Ninth Annual Reunion

Despite the weather and bad road conditions 41 members and friends attended the ninth reunion held at Nottingham on February 4th and 5th.

Most members reached Nottingham in time to visit the light eight at Daybrook, where we were given a very warm welcome by Mr. Ball. After some enjoyable ringing we all left by car for Nottingham. At St. Mary's we were met and welcomed by Mr. Nichols and everyone was soon eager to begin ringing on these fine bells. Unfortunately several touches came to an untimely end through the sixth rope slipping wheel but, with Mr. Nichols' able assistance, we soon rectified this and concluded by ringing a half course of Yorkshire Royal.

Whilst some people had tea the rest went on to St. Peter's, where we found a little difficulty with our striking but enjoyed a very pleasant hour's ringing before leaving for our hotel—The Flying Horse.

After an excellent dinner we adjourned to the residents' lounge and began our meeting.

Mr. Roger Fry was elected chairman and the meeting began with the secretaries' report. Letters of apology were received from several members, including Simon Barley, who unfortunately had to go into hospital for a slight operation. We were pleased to see John Hill back with us and three members of H.M. Forces, who managed to obtain leave for the occasion. The 1955 tour, commencing at Cambridge and finishing in Cheltenham, had been very successful, with 16 members taking part during the week and 30 at the Bank Holiday week-end. The report concluded with the notice of two forthcoming marriages and the announcement of the engagement between Terry and Sheila, to whom we extend our congratulations.

The following new members were elected:—Marjorie Hunter (London), Doreen Dutton (Leicester) and Ann Cox (Guildford). It was decided that in future, to be eligible for election, the ringer must attend at least one tour.

Before electing the new officers for 1956 we expressed our thanks to all those who had held office in 1955, particularly the retiring Master (Mr. N. J. Diserens) and Miss A. Bailey, who has been our recorder since the beginning of the S.R.R. and is going to Canada for 18 months.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Society a new office, that of president, has been created, and Mr. Mark White (one of our founders and the original secretary) was proposed and unanimously elected. George Evenden was elected Master, John Sansom takes over from Audrey Bailey and the other officers were re-elected.

As we have no funds it was decided on the treasurer's advice that members would make a small contribution at all future reunions and tour week-ends, to be placed in a Post Office account as a permanent backing to cover the Society's expenses.

Proposals for the 1956 tour were made and North Yorkshire received the most votes.

The meeting ended with an invitation from Bill and Hilda Kingcott to Wrington for a peal on April 7th. The rest of the evening passed quickly and pleasantly.

The party divided for Sunday morning ringing, some of the six-bell enthusiasts rang at Woolaton and the rest attended St. Mary's and St. Peter's. After lunch we rang at Radcliffe-on-Trent, where the incumbent came up to the belfry to welcome us to his church. Then some farewells were said and the rest of us went on to Bulwell. After a regretfully short visit the party went their various ways home, but seven met again at Leicester Cathedral and six stopped at Birmingham Cathedral to help ring for Evensong.

We would like to express our thanks to all the people who helped to make the week-end so enjoyable, especially the tower captains who made us so very welcome to Nottingham.

J. W.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

In bitterly cold weather, 51 members attended the annual Llandaff Branch meeting held at Bonvilston on February 11th, coming from as far away as Chepstow, Bedwellty and Swansea. The bells were ringing quite early, under the direction of the General Master, Mr. Fred Bailey.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Trevor Bevan, and following this visitors were invited to the village hall, where a variety of delightful refreshments in abundance was placed before them. For this, a vote of thanks was given to the ladies of the church by the Branch secretary. Taking the chair, the Vicar opened the business meeting with prayer, and asked members to stand in silent tribute to the memory of the late Mr. W. Heath, of St. John's Church, Cardiff.

Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected as secretary and Mr. T. Yeomans Ringing Master. Eight new members were elected. The next meeting will be held at Llangynwyd. Further ringing followed.

R. E. C.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

In spite of the persistence of wintry conditions some 30 members, representing 12 towers, attended the meeting held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on February 25th. Of those present more than half could count themselves as belonging to the younger generation of ringers—a sign which augurs well for this Society in particular and for the Exercise in general.

Tea was served in a local cafe and was followed by the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, and the Vicar, churchwardens and local company thanked for the use of the bells and the arrangements for the meeting. It was decided to defer until the annual meeting in April consideration of the 'Bow Bells' appeal.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and continued until 8.30 p.m. The next meeting, at which nominations will be received for officers for the ensuing year, will be held at Drighlington on March 24th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Organists and Ringers Meet

Some time ago the secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association gave a talk on bells and bellringing to the members of the Incorporated Association of Organists (Swindon Branch) and at the organists' request a further meeting was arranged.

This consisted of a practical demonstration of change ringing on tower bells and was held at Stratton-St. Margaret on February 18th. The ringing room is on the ground floor and partly open to the church so the visitors were able to watch the ringing and listen to the commentary. After showing how a bell was raised, examples were given of dodging, plain hunting and simple change ringing on six bells. Considerable interest was aroused and a number of questions were dealt with by the ringers. After tea Mr. G. H. Harris. F.R.C.O., gave a short talk on the evolution of the organ and explained to the ringers the mechanism of the present-day instrument.

Although we are not likely to gain any recruits to bell ringing as a result of this meeting it was generally agreed that a gathering of two groups of church workers such as this was a good thing and should help to produce mutual understanding between them.

W. B. K.

Ladies' Guild Recruit 30 Members In Herefordshire

On February 4th the first meeting of the Hereford District of the Ladies' Guild was held in conjunction with the Hereford Guild.

It was a very cold day and very few ladies attended. However, at the meeting, which was held round the fire in the north transept of the Cathedral, 30 new members and two honorary members were elected. It was proposed that the quarterly meeting should be held in Leominster.

Following the meeting Evensong was attended in the Cathedral, after which a very pleasant tea was provided by Mrs. Davis and her helpers in the College Hall. Ringing was then continued at All Saints' until 8.30 p.m.

R. J.

Midland District

Despite the wintry weather a successful annual meeting of the Midland District was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on February 18th. Ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells of St. Mary's in the afternoon and St. Peter's in the evening.

After a short service, conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild to St. Mary's, a most enjoyable tea was partaken in the nearby Church Hall. Miss Thompson, vice-president, expressed thanks to all concerned, before the gentlemen left for St. Peter's, whilst the ladies held their business meeting.

Miss I. B. Thompson was re-elected vice-president. Miss J. M. Simpson resigned her position as secretary, and Mrs. P. A. Corby was elected in her place. Committee members were elected as follows:—General Committee, Mrs. B. G. Warwick and Miss J. M. Simpson; District Committee, Miss B. Endall, Miss L. Foulk, Mrs. P. Poole and Mrs. C. Walker.

One honorary member and three new ringing members were elected.

The vice-president thanked the members for their good attendance at meetings during the past year and said that she hoped they would keep it up. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Melton Mowbray on April 14th. It was agreed that a day's outing should be arranged for June 2nd to Darley Dale, Derbyshire, and other towers in that vicinity. A bus will leave Leicester, calling at Nottingham and Derby en route. This outing will not be exclusive to members only, and any other ringers and friends who would like to go will be very welcome. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics, as soon as possible.

J. M. S.

HAYES, KENT.—On Feb. 19th. 1,440 Minor (720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Susan Porter 1, F. Keech 2, M. Armstrong (first 'inside') 3, R. W. Stephens 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fox 1, Miss F. Smith 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, B. Pike (first 'inside') 4, F. Skelton (first 'inside') 5, K. Barnes 6. Rung for Evensong.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, C. Taplin 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Benfield 4, I. Harris 5, R. Jarvis (cond.) 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to H. E. Cook on the occasion of his 85th birthday. For a great many years he has been a regular Sunday service ringer.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, H. Burge 2, Miss J. L. Taylor 3, R. D. Wilson 4, J. C. Taylor 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. J. Taylor 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, in H.M. Forces.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. James, on Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Weeks 1, W. Mortimer 2, P. Hunt 3, H. Gummer 4, J. Potter 5, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gummer.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 240 Grandsire): Miss J. Winterbourne 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, Miss P. Hale 3, C. Calcutt (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Harris 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Stole 1, F. Whitby 2, V. Tipton 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, S. Clark 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, S. Clark 3, W. Wheeler 4, J. Aley 5, D. Collins 6, J. Stole (first 'inside') 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, A. L. Ryman 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, W. L. Jupp (first quarter) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Basil White, both members of the band.

QUARTER PEALS

HEREFORD.—On Feb. 25th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moxley (first quarter) 1, G. Davis 2, Miss R. Jarrett 3, A. T. Wingate 4, L. Evans 5, J. J. Webb 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. L. Quartermain 8. For the institution and induction of the Rev. F. H. Mountney, M.A., as Vicar.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): T. G. Hill (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hobley 2, A. C. Morris 3, D. Harrison (cond.) 4, Miss D. M. Palmer 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For Evensong.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 4th, 2,520 Doubles (1,200 Plain Bob and 1,320 Grandsire): L. Chamberlain 1, A. G. Foster (cond.) 2, Valerie W. Smith 3, G. Harrison 4, B. G. Key 5, E. Edginton 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Nix (first of Minor) 1, Miss D. Palmer 2, K. R. Foot (first of Minor) 3, T. Gwilt 4, A. C. Morris (first of Minor as cond.) 5, D. Harrison 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. S. Harris (first of Major) 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, G. Marriner 3, E. L. Coward 4, A. P. Cannon 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Una Hopkins (first quarter) 1, Glenys Thomas (first quarter) 2, E. W. Winstanley (first as cond.) 3, R. Hitchcock 4, A. Evans 5, T. Gwilym 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Jones (first quarter) 1, Anne Morgan 2, R. Hitchcock (cond.) 3, W. Harris 4, G. Harris 5, P. Roberts 6.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nutt (first of Triples) 1, A. Gibbs 2, H. Richardson 3, E. E. Whitmore 4, S. G. Robinson 5, A. Wilson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, W. J. C. Colson (first quarter) 8.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): K. G. Brown 1, A. E. Cook 2, L. Sharpe 3, C. V. Orves 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, Jas. Bailey 6.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Peters 1, S. Howard (first quarter Double Norwich) 2, Mary Fuller 3, M. Oakshett 4, G. Parsons 5, J. Euston 6, E. Talbot 7, D. Beresford 8.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Rodmell 1, Mrs. R. Ducker (first 'inside') 2, T. Goodin 3, I. Glenton 4, J. A. Broughton 5, R. Ducker (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Ash Wednesday service and to celebrate the wedding of Sylvia Iredale and Michael Harrop.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Price (aged 14) 1, B. V. Collison 2, R. D. Divall 3, A. F. Wellington 4, G. Price 5, J. A. Hilton 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, E. Brunger 8. A birthday compliment to the treble and tenor ringers.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): R. Myhill 1, Miss Cosgrove 2, J. Igglesden 3, R. Hammond 4, G. Pickett 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6, J. Taylor tenor. First in method for 4, 5, and 6, all three under 18 years of age.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss V. Godwin 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. F. Holloway (cond.) 3, Miss D. R. Castell 4, A. Edens 5, W. Godwin 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. N. Price 1, P. H. Marshall 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. H. Brice 5, E. A. Price 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8. Rung to mark 21 years' service as tower captain by E. A. Price on his retirement from office.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An eerie experience befell ringers at Bucknall, Staffs. A peal had been satisfactorily completed and the bells just lowered when they heard the peal being rung again! The explanation was that the Rector, unknown to the ringers, had recorded some ten minutes of the peal and was playing it back in the church.

A one-time ringer at Pitsford, Northants, has died (rather tragically) in Northampton in the person of Mr. Cyril Maltby. He rang a few peals around the late 1920's, but had done no ringing of recent years.

An Erin man writes: 'Page 90, issue Feb. 10th, reports that the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Erin Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Should that not read "Eerie Cinques"?'

The many friends of Mr. William Hewett will regret to hear that he was taken to St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, Ward E 3, and is under observation. He wishes to state that the ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, will continue in his absence.

Visitors to Edinburgh for the Scotland v. England Rugby international on March 17th will be welcome at the joint practice at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church (opposite Princes Street Station) from 5 to 7 p.m. on that day. Sunday ringing in the City centre is available at St. Mary's Cathedral (Palmerston Place), 10.30 and 6, and St. Cuthbert's 10.20 and 6.

Included in the 'Home Town' Leicester programme of the Midlands I.T.V. (Commercial Television) on Saturday, March 10th, 7.30 to 8.15 p.m., is a performance of tune ringing on handbells by the Beltonian Handbell Ringers, members of the band of St. John-the-Divine Church, Leicester. There will be 32 bells operating by eight persons. St. John's, which is under the leadership of Mr. S. Harrison, has the youngest change-ringing band in Leicester.

Six members of the Huyton Parish Church Girl Guide Company rang for the Girl Guide Thinking Day service at Huyton on February 19th. They were Sheila Cameron 1, Jean Flanagan 2, Janet Peers 3, Margaret Daniels 4, Margaret Hardman 5, Audrey Adshead 6. The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5 have learned to handle a bell since last September. The whole band are service ringers. Can any other tower produce a Girl Guide band?

Anthony Bax had an unusual experience in his first peal attempt at Stockbury. A late start resulted in the last half-hour of the peal being rung in nearly total darkness. Well done, Tony!

Members of the Hertfordshire County Association and old friends in the West Country will wish to congratulate Mr. J. Ferris, of Knebworth, on his 90th birthday. He has only recently given up active ringing but remains the veteran captain of the local band.

On February 4th a plaque was unveiled and dedicated at Higher Walton, Lancs, to mark the birthplace of the late Kathleen Mary Ferrier. Unfortunately a peal attempt on Higher Walton bells that day was unsuccessful, and as time was short a quartet peal was rung instead. On February 25th, at the request of the local Council, a peal was successfully accomplished to mark the occasion.

Mr. A. W. Osborne, of Reading, desires to thank his many ringing friends who sent him complimentary letters on the occasion of his diamond wedding. He desires especially to thank his old pal, Mr. Sinkins, Miss Cross, of Radley, a lad of 70 whom he taught change ringing 60 years ago, the ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, who rang a peal in his favourite method (Stedman Caters), and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Mr. Osborne's one regret is that he cannot take a rope in the belfry as arthritis prevents him climbing the steps.

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68th HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

HIS GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE RINGING OF STEDMAN CINQUES AND A RECORD LENGTH ON HIS 72nd BIRTHDAY

HENRY JOHNSON died on January 7th, 1890, and the 68th annual commemoration dinner to his memory on February 25th at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, was the first occasion when no ringer was present who knew this outstanding character in English ringing in the flesh.

Ald. A. Paddon Smith was this year's chairman. With that geniality that ever accompanies him, that wide knowledge of the affairs of St. Martin's Guild, of which he was secretary for 20 years, and his extensive service to the public life of Birmingham, including the office of Lord Mayor, he was an ideal chairman. Visitors and members of the Guild had a very enjoyable evening.

Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, the Archdeacon of Birmingham, Miss Marie Cross, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, Herbert Langdon, A. B. Peck, Arthur Jones, F. E. Collins and C. McGuiness.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in submitting the toast of 'The Church and State,' said they were fortunate in this country that such good relations existed between the Established Church and successive Governments of varying colour. Differences did arise, it would be wrong to suppose otherwise, but these never developed into open breaches. What better example to Christian life and sincerity could they have from the head of a State than that of their beloved Queen and her family.

THE CHURCH'S MOST POWERFUL VOICE

To the Church they as ringers were its most powerful voice to the people at large. He knew the radio and television reached millions at the same moment, but they were announcing the presence of the Church by the bells long before those mediums, and, please God, they would continue their work. Unfortunately to-day too many belfries were suffering from a lack of ringers, and there were few districts where recruits were not urgently needed.

'One reflects on the facilities now provided for the enjoyment of leisure and wonders whether we are becoming a nation of listeners and lookers rather than being active doers. Are the young people of to-day disinclined to do anything without reward? Surely not; and is not work for the Church its own and sufficient reward?

'We all realise the heavy burden of duties our clergy are carrying, but I do appeal to them to spare a little help to the struggling ringers. The belfry is a natural step for the choirboy when his voice breaks. Ringing is a fascinating art and in joining the belfry our young boys and girls are helping to continue their work in the Church.'

The Provost of Birmingham (the Very Rev. H. G. Michael Clarke), in reply, said he was not entirely satisfied with the relationship between Church and State or that the perfect co-operation, as was suggested, existed. There was always bound to be a degree of uneasy partnership between Church and State, and he had often turned over in his mind the advantages of separation. It was called disestablishment of the Church or the unsanctification of the State. Whether it would be worth while he was not prepared to state, but it was an open question.

In human marriage one had to be married or not married, but in regard to Church and State the relationship could be considerably modified without a breach. He felt that the present situation could not continue indefinitely, and if there was to be a new form of contract he hoped that the bells would still remain with the religious bodies and not be taken over by the State. He thought it was one of the sentimental attachments of English life that the bells should summon people to church. He had one request to make—that the bells should always stop ringing at the time the service was due to start, and not encroach a minute or two on the service time. On behalf of the clergy he thanked the Guild for their services in 'doing something for the expression of church life which they could not do without.'

'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' was proposed by the chairman, who said that much had been said about Henry Johnson in that room and many other rooms over the years and the story of his life had also been printed.

HENRY JOHNSON AND STEDMAN CINQUES

Henry Johnson was born in Lichfield on February 28th, 1809, and was a distant relative of the more famous Samuel Johnson. They were both good eaters and, he was told, good drinkers, and both lived to a ripe old age. Henry Johnson in his day and generation was by far the most outstanding personality in the world of bell ringing. He was the greatest composer in his day, and amongst other things he did he invented the idea of placing the turning course in Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques in the centre of the peal instead of at the end, because in the early days many peals of Stedman Cinques were lost at the turning course, and as the turning course was then at the end much effort was spent in vain. Johnson felt it would be better to have the turning course from tittums position into the handstroke home position so that if they lost peals of Stedman Cinques they would lose them at the middle and not at the end.

He could recount many interesting anecdotes related to him concerning Henry Johnson by people who knew him in the flesh. 'I am sorry to think,' continued the chairman, 'that possibly we have arrived for the first time in the history of this commemoration dinner when there will be no one to stand up who actually knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. I am afraid they have passed on.'

Johnson was a remarkable man in many ways. He was a business man and for many years he was in charge of the canal wharf in the centre of the city when he imported timber for building purposes.

Those who had been in St. Martin's belfry would have seen a tablet recording a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on his 72nd birthday in which he took part. It reads: 'This tablet is erected by the St. Martin's Society to record the longest peal of Stedman Cinques ever accomplished and rung by them on the 28th February, 1891, being the composer's 72nd birthday. 9,238 changes in 6 hours 48 minutes, the band being placed as follows:—

Amos Cresson	Treble
Job Joynes	2
Henry Johnson, jun.	3
C. H. Hattersley	4
Samuel Reeves	5
Hy. Johnson, sen	6
John Dunn	7
John Buffery	8
John James	9
F. H. James	10
Wm. Hallsworth	11
Thomas Reynolds	Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson
Conducted by Wm. Hallsworth

Thomas Reynolds, said Ald. Paddon Smith, was a man who in later years weighed over 20 stones and he was an excellent ringer. On one occasion the band went to the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques on the original 12 bells there. This was before the bells destroyed by the war had been recast. They were 'chest-cracker' bells to ring. For three and a quarter hours they rang and then, unfortunately, the two tenor men could ring no longer. They adjourned to the house of the College Youths, and afterwards, on the way home, Thomas Reynolds found that he was wearing an overcoat—and he never possessed an overcoat. A few days later it was found that the coat belonged to John Buffery, who declared that he must have been among thieves!

Henry Johnson died on January 7th, 1890, at the age of 81 years, and he was buried in Aston Churchyard. Aston Churchyard had been divided up and most of the gravestones had been laid flat, but the blue-grey granite stone to Henry Johnson, erected by the ringers of England, still stood.

The toast was honoured in silence and was followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques rung by John Chilcott, Frank Perrens, Albert Walker, J. F. Smallwood, Frank E. Haynes and George E. Fearn.

Mr. Rodney B. Meadows proposed 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' Deploring his great misfortune in having been moved from Birmingham, he noticed on his return that the bells of St. Martin's were silent, and he hoped that it would not be for long. He was particularly fascinated by the clock in Bishop Ryder's Church. He noticed that it was still five minutes past six, the time they started peals, and had been showing that time for seven years.

FAMOUS AND WONDERFUL

The Guild he was proposing was very famous and wonderful. It was wonderful in its ringing, not only in quantity but quality, and particularly in the thing the chairman mentioned, Stedman Cinques. He would like to quote from a letter written by Tommy Butler on the occasion of the visit of St. Martin's Guild to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of St. Nicholas', Liverpool: 'I have told my nephew to listen, even for a short time, as he would hear 12 bells rung as they should be rung and as few bands could ring them.'

He knew that tradition was not popular in some quarters. Tradition was something that was handed on, and in this particular case it was Stedman Cinques. In Stedman Cinques and its ringing they had not a science but an art, and in Birmingham they had one of the few places in the country where good Stedman Cinques was rung. There was little of it in the country and little of it of good quality. They were told that Stedman Cinques in Birmingham reached its peak 20 to 30 years ago, but they had still people in Birmingham who knew Stedman Cinques in those days and could hand on to them the quality of the Stedman Cinques that was then rung.

As to the present state of the Guild they had still famous men. Of the seniors there was their chairman and Albert Walker to give them good advice. The golden age between 1920 and 1930 was well represented and they had a number of young people coming on and John Pinfold, the Ringing Master, ensured that on Tuesday evenings they had good Guild practices. It was, therefore, with full confidence and pleasure that he asked them to drink the toast with emphasis on the words 'continued prosperity.'

The Master, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who replied, said Mr. Meadows rightly mentioned

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Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

that they associated their prosperity with their ability to ring Stedman Cinques, and while it might be true to say that they did not quite approach the standard of the old masters, nevertheless they did maintain a tolerably good standard and he was not without hope that they would recover the striking of 30 years ago.

'A MERRY AND JOYFUL NOISE'

In the 'Oxford Companion of Music' he noticed that under the heading of bellringing they gave a definition he had never met before. It said: 'Change ringing may not properly be considered as a branch of music but rather as a branch of mathematics applied with physical skill to produce a merry and joyful noise.' In applying that to their prosperity they should remember they had great athletes in Mr. George Fearn, who could ring peals for hours and ride bicycles for hundreds of miles, and as to mathematics, Peter Border, who lived in Coventry and rang in Birmingham regularly, was no doubt a first-class mathematician, and there were others who could still put two and two together, although it sometimes made three. As to making a joyful noise, the first one he would mention was Albert Walker, who formerly at times could be heard tinkling on the piano, and Harry Withers, who used to play the dulcimer.

He had been in Birmingham 27 years, with a break, and it seemed to him that the calibre of the ringing Exercise had changed considerably during that time. Ringing was now far more of a social activity and the number of lady ringers in the last 20 years had increased tremendously. There was a time when if they saw two or three girls in the belfry they did not expect decent ringing. That was all gone, and a fortnight ago in Bishop Ryder's Church a young Grammar School girl came along and rang London Surprise faultlessly at her first attempt.

There were two yardsticks they could apply to their prosperity. One was the enthusiasm of their ringers, and that had been prevalent for some years although their attendance had been rather less than it had been. Another was the ability of the Guild to associate with other ringing bodies, and in that respect St. Martin's Guild had been very fortunate. To mention one, St. Martin's Guild had always maintained a close ringing association with the Ancient Society of College Youths, and they had the Master of the College Youths with them that evening. He understood that the Ancient Society contemplated holding their summer meeting at Birmingham this year.

On such an occasion as that they remembered ringers who had passed on. One was a national figure and a non-resident member—Mr. Harold Poole, of Leicester, and the other was Mr. Fred Rishworth, who rang for many years at Aston and died at the age of 80. He was a kindly old man.

MYSTERIOUS PEOPLE

Canon Bryan S. W. Green, who arrived back in England two days previously from America, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and he assured the company that St. Martin's bells would be available for ringing at 10 a.m. the following day. To the visitors he gave a most cordial welcome to Birmingham.

Bellringers, said the Canon, were mysterious people. They came and crept upstairs and then they made joyous noises with the most serious expressions on their faces. The bells stop at the time of the service and then the ringers creep away.

The Canon said he did not think there was any danger of competition from radio or television, and that the beauty of their music would be heard Sunday mornings and evenings. In the countryside particularly there was something very uplifting in church bells summoning them to the worship of God, and for that they welcomed their visitors.

Squadron Leader John S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, said he was not really a visitor as he had been exported from Birmingham, imported and re-exported. A close bond of friendship had existed between St. Martin's Guild and the College Youths and in the past 70 years there had been three Masters from Birmingham of the College Youths—J. Frank Smallwood, the late Samuel Reeves, who conducted the first peal in the tower where he learned to ring, and himself.

The suggestion that the summer meeting of the Ancient Society should be held in Birmingham appealed to him very much and it would be discussed at their next meeting. The last occasion the College Youths visited Birmingham was in 1951, when Mr. Smallwood was Master. Unfortunately he was not able to be present—he was 13,000 miles away ringing a peal in New Zealand, although he did not go to that country for that purpose.

Ringing in strange towers was a pleasant function and many visitors took advantage of the facilities offered in their city—in fact some survive to come again. If any of them could visit them in London in November, when they held their annual feast, they would receive an equally cordial welcome as the visitors to Birmingham had received that day.

Mr. T. W. White, who also replied, said he was reminded of a saying of the late Dr. Johnson that 'a man needs to keep his friendships in a state of constant repair,' and this annual pilgrimage to Birmingham enabled one to put a timely stitch in any rent in the human fabric that might have occurred in the interim. He came across that day a saying new to him, 'A girl hanging in the bell ropes.' It was thought to be of North Country origin. If a girl was not married within three weeks of the third calling of her banns her friends would say to her, 'Be careful you don't hang in the bell ropes,' implying, of course, the danger of the wedding being broken off.

LOYALTY APPRECIATED

Speaking as Editor of 'The Ringing World,' he said that although 80 weekly and monthly periodicals failed to appear that week, the production of their journal had been normal thanks to the loyalty of those associated with him (applause). Despite rising costs he did not think they would be disappointed with the results of their trading in 1956. They were certainly not in the red. But the position for 1957 was uncertain and they had to wait for the result of the present wage negotiations. It might give concern to the Editorial Committee and the loyal support of all friends of ringing was necessary.

Sir Theodore Pritchett, in proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' that was accorded musical honours, felt that the qualities Ald. Paddon Smith had inherited through his association with St. Martin's Guild in his early years had given him an important standing in the commercial life of the city, had given him the right ideas of life and the proper way to relate affairs spiritual with ordinary business life.

Acknowledging the compliment, Ald. Paddon Smith said he was reminded by Sir Theodore of his uncle when he was Master of the Guild. He used to make speeches which left some of them rather helpless.

THE VISITORS

The visitors present included the Provost and Rector of Birmingham, Ald. Sir Theodore and Lady Pritchett, Canon F. F. Guy Worman, Messrs. R. B. Meadows, E. H. Edge, A. P. Cannon, T. J. Lock, G. J. Lewis, F. E. Watshaw, R. S. Anderson, J. Chilcott, A. F. Thirst, W. Williams, D. T. Matkin, P. L. Taylor, J. F. Smallwood, W. T. Elson, W. F. Stenson, J. L. Millhourse, S. Foskett, J. S. Mason, R. J. Bowden, P. A. Corby, Miss G. I. Rusby and Miss E. Grime.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

Nine towers were represented and visitors were present from Stalbridge, Yetminster, Wool and Wareham at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Bridport on February 18th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. P. Hinton (Rector). The 'Service Touch' was of Stedman Triples.

Forty members sat down to tea in the Church House, the tea being served by the Bridport ringers' wives.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds and call changes, through Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Major to London, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise and Double Norwich.

Grateful thanks are due to Bridport ringers and their wives for their hospitality and to all who helped to make this a very enjoyable meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Hawkchurch on April 28th. E. G. R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District met at Baldock on the spring-like Saturday of February 25th. A handrail beside the steps in the ringing chamber is a welcome addition. Ringing ceased at five o'clock for a short service conducted by Canon Smith, at which Miss Bates played the organ.

At the business meeting Messrs. J. Welsh (Walkern) and R. Werrett (Norton) were elected members. The next local meeting will be at St. Ippolyts, the special method being Hull Surprise. The secretary gave a report on the last officers' meeting and asked for more support if a coach is to be run from the district to the annual general meeting on April 7th at Bishops Stortford. It is hoped that the Benington Ringing Festival will be on May 26th.

Ringing began again, but attempts at Killamarsh Treble Bob Major, the special method for the day, were unsuccessful. J. S.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch took place as usual at Spalding on the Saturday previous to Lent. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. M. Apps, with an interesting address by the Vicar, Canon M. L. Synge.

An excellent tea was provided at the Greyhound Hotel, and the business meeting followed with Canon Synge in the chair. The balance sheets were accepted and showed a good balance in hand. All officers were re-elected with the addition of the Rev. M. Apps as a vice-president. Quarterly meetings were arranged at Holbeach, May 12th: Tydd St. Mary, June 23rd: Deeping St. Nicholas, September 22nd; Bicker, November 17th. The meeting also decided to subscribe five guineas to the 'Bow Bells' appeal.

Votes of thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting such a success. Ringing continued in numerous methods till 8.30 p.m.

R. C. N.

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The songs of Mr. Albert Barley, accompanied by Miss Owen, were very popular, and in a second touch of Stedman Cinques the chairman took a pair of bells. The last occasion he rang 'in hand' was in 1951, when he was Lord Mayor of Birmingham and entertained ringers at the City Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—As hon. secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and the organiser of the Stoke D'Abernon peal attempt, I write to offer sincere apologies to Mr. Grover and the Guildford Diocesan Guild if I have in any way —and completely unwittingly—attempted to usurp the prerogatives and privileges of that Guild. There was no question whatever of underhand dealings with the Church authorities, and had the matter been mentioned to me after the dedication service, at which both Mr. Grover and myself were present, I would have at once withdrawn my application. I do feel that Mr. Grover's letter was couched in unnecessarily strong terms which are quite unjustified, but, be that as it may, I do, as I say, wish to offer apologies for inadvertent discourtesy.

In common with many ringers and lovers of ancient churches, I have known this little church and its magnificent brasses for years, and I look forward, in the not too distant future, to attempting a peal on its new bells—our Society is just as interested in furthering the Art in five-bell towers as on the higher numbers! May I offer good wishes to the Guildford Guild, and success in their attempt for the first peal on Stoke bells!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough, Kent.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, I would like to back up the letter of George Grover re Stoke D'Abernon, one of my reasons being that I have been in correspondence with both the Rector and donor of these bells, and some may think that I was in the rush for the first peal on the bells. To prove that this is not the case, and also to say that my first knowledge of a peal attempt on them was your publication of February 3rd of this year, I have before me a letter from the Rector, dated **July 15th, 1955.**

An extract reads: 'Perhaps your Society of Change Ringers (meaning St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks) will visit us in due course and show us how these old bells restored should sound.' To which I replied to the effect that there was 'honour among thieves' and that if we in this area were opening a new ring of bells our Association would feel rather hurt if we fetched a band from another area to carry out this function. I also sent the names and addresses of some members in Stoke's own area so that the Rector could get in touch with those members who, I assured him, would give him all the help that was in their power, and I added that later on, when the newness had worn off, I would be pleased to accept his kind invitation to my band and self.

Why must we have these people who **must** be in the first peal on every new ring, at cost of causing lasting discontent. I would not like our old Society (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) to get a bad name owing to the greediness of one or two of its members. Well do we all remember a few years ago when an augmentation took place in our own diocese. The opening peal was rung for another Society, although our own Guild had at the time, a competent band for the job. I can assure our readers that the wound is not yet healed amongst many of our older members. Let us always remember that sanction for a peal on any bells is our privilege and not our right.

Burnham, Bucks. GEORGE GILBERT.

Owing to one of the ringers contracting cramp, the peal attempt at King's Bromley on February 4th was called round at the 18th extent and a half-peal registered. Had the peal been accomplished it would have been the first for Miss V. W. Smith, who stood in at short notice to make up the band.

WHOSE PREROGATIVE?

Dear Sir,—Why is it the prerogative of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to ring the first peal at Stoke D'Abernon?. The place is in Surrey and so the Surrey Association has an equal 'right' to the first peal. For all I know it may be in the obscure diocese of North Southwark, in which case there will be others to have a go at this magnificent ring of bells.

After all, what does it matter? There is no special merit in the footnote 'First peal on the bells,' except when it is a great achievement—in any case judging by the number of peals on five bells rung by the Guildford Guild I imagine there would have been no particular rush to ring one at Stoke D'Abernon—if someone else had not got in first!—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

[NOTE.—Stoke D'Abernon is in the diocese of Guildford.—Ed.]

PEAL FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—I would like to make a suggestion on this matter of peal footnotes. How about having a footnote to **all** peal reports in which the organiser of the attempt tells us exactly why he organised it? The sort of footnotes we might expect to see are:—

'Rung to enable X to turn the tenor in to a peal of Surprise.'

'To enable Y to ring a peal in this tower.'

'These ringers always attempt a peal on Saturday afternoon.'

The last peal I rang in was arranged because it was the first Monday in the month—a most satisfactory reason in my view.

What frequently intrigues me is not why a band should ring a peal for somebody's birthday, but why a band should ring a peal for apparently no reason whatever.

What we want is not fewer footnotes, but more. They would make interesting reading.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP GRAY.

Bristol.

JOINT MEETING AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

Dear Sir,—It is not my practice to deal with domestic issues through your correspondence columns, but Mr. E. H. Edge's letter leaves me with no alternative. For the information of members of the North Staffordshire Association and others concerned, I give the following facts:—

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford it was decided to hold the April meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. Subsequently Mr. B. G. Key, of St. Paul's band, thought it would be a good idea to make this a joint meeting with the Midland Counties Guild and the Shropshire Association. Then, at the January meeting of the 'Staffords,' it was decided to issue an invitation to the North Staffordshire Association, and I sent such invitation to Mr. Edge on February 21st. I would point out that the members of the North Staffordshire Association are not being asked to assist with any of the arrangements for the meeting, but have just been invited to join in what I hope will be a most enjoyable occasion. In any case what appeared in your issue of January 10th was merely intended as a preliminary announcement.

Surely under the circumstances it would have been more courteous and discreet on Mr. Edge's part had he first approached me direct rather than rushing headlong into print.—Yours very truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT,
Hon. Lay Secretary,
Society of Change Ringers
for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

WHO'S FOR A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD?

Dear Sir,—I welcome Mr. Walker's letter in connection with the above, which is only a question, except for that bit of bad taste—'Anything coming off the London Midland [Region] to be treated with a certain amount of suspicion.'

My experience of Regions is greater and longer than Mr. Walker's, and I don't know that there is much, if any, difference between them.

In answer to his two questions, 'Is such a Guild really going to be of any practical use?' Well, we have not formed one yet, we are only asking the question. Secondly, 'Is it going to advance the cause of Sunday service ringing?' That being the primary object of all our ringing —or should be—I would say, I sincerely hope so; and any rules and regulations to that effect, should a Guild be formed, should and would be the first consideration in forming one.

Mr. Walker continues: 'At York there are some nine "ringers of sorts" who are railway employees, but I cannot say that any of these would wish to join such a group.' What does he mean, 'ringers of sorts'? Are they regular, conscientious Sunday service ringers; if so, does it matter what sort, and how does he know their minds?

At 67 I am not seeking more work, unless it will be to the good of ringing in general, and Sunday service ringing in particular. Let Mr. Walker attend the proposed meeting and see and hear everyone's point of view, and if decided on, to help to make it what he would like it to be.

Our general manager told us what Mr. Walker told us regarding the Staff Association and Inter-Regional point of view.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

WHERE ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

Dear Sir,—I feel Mr. Norman Chaddock has struck a very important note in his leading article on 'Where are the instructors?'

Casting my thoughts within a 15 mile radius of here, not more than two towers are fully manned for Sunday service ringing. There are also a few towers which are silent altogether due to lack of ringers. This must be typical of the state of affairs throughout the country.

There would be enormous scope if a representative committee were set up by the Central Council. I am sure much good could be done by a committee of this kind and sincerely hope Mr. Chaddock's suggestion to form this is put into operation as soon as possible.

The report that this committee would make could be handed down to the various Associations and Guilds for further use.

While meetings and peals are excellent in themselves, is not our main and most important duty to help and stimulate Sunday service ringing, whether it be with the help of the Central Council, meetings or as individuals? — Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Elland, Yorks.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE

Dear Sir,—Following the success of the protest against the demolition of St. John the Divine's, Leicester, I am wondering if something similar could be done to save the Imperial Institute. The destruction of this building is included in the plan for the expansion of London University. Its great campanile contains the highest ring of bells in London, but although they are seldom heard and few have rung on them, for this and other reasons, I am sure that most will agree that it would be an act of sheer vandalism to destroy the Institute for the sake of the land it stands on.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

London, W.3.

THE SPEED OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. W. Williams was justified in querying the times of the Somerset peals, though no doubt the peals were performed correctly. I was glad to see Mr. A. P. Cannon's advice on the matter of quick and slow peals, as it aptly sums up some of the considerations.

I would like to add a little to the discussion by first expressing a little surprise at the speed of the peals by the ringers in question, as I was told, when I first suggested visiting Somerset, that they were very particular about the finer points of striking, and I should have to watch my step; yet I cannot see how at those speeds you can concentrate on more than good rhythm, for a slight lapse of concentration—not a trip—is certain to cause a break or clip, as, if a tenor is well off-balance, no matter how strong the ringer, it must bash devastatingly through any waverers. Yet it is easy to accommodate such slight unevenness imperceptibly with slower, deliberate ringing.

Secondly, while agreeing with Mr J. T. Dyke that it is wise to avoid the balance in a tall, swaying tower, it is not necessary to drive the bells hard to do this, for at any speed the front bells will be temperamental, and he who rings them must be as prepared to fight his own difficulties there, just as the tenor man must overcome difficulties of another sort.

I do not agree, however, that a bad going tenor should be rung faster than usual—it probably wants to go faster, especially when you try to turn it round on the front! From bitter experiences on some very bad ones, with dry bearings, loose fittings, and shuddering frames, I find that it is impossible to ring them properly and control them on dodges as one of a band, not with the rest trying to avoid getting smacked by you, unless rung right up to the balance. In that way, only, can a long enough pull be made to prevent the bell fulfilling its earnest desire to ring itself down as soon as possible. The alternative is strapping. Similarly it is best to ring peals of five more steadily than six because of the bigger variations of speed necessary in doing dodges properly.

There seem to be two styles of tenor ringing: the fast, strongly rhythmical style, best suited to light, old bells, and the deliberate up-to-the-balance style with time to attend to the finer points of striking. These vary from how to slow a peal down imperceptibly, even from a light bell, when you see that, from previous knowledge of the tenor ringer and the bell he is ringing, it is unlikely that the last quarter of the peal will be properly struck at the present speed.

I would like to see more attention paid to roll-ups. I find that many younger ringers simply do not know what you are talking about when you mention that 'there is a good roll-up coming at the next Wrong,' yet to me half the joy of ringing Surprise in particular comes from the anticipation and satisfying fulfilment of a great variety of these musical changes. They vary from the course ends (which need a slight easing by the back bells for the best effect), e.g., 13254678, to the sequence around the Wrong, e.g., in Pudsey, 12436758, 12347685; 21436758; 12346578; which one can begin to look forward to as soon as the coursing order becomes 32465. Hence the conductor's anguished cry, 'You are ruining this beautiful composition,' when some rabbit blots such a sequence. Then there are the little-bell roll-ups in the middle of the lead: the 1234's at the back, and 6543's, and even the back-change starting at the hand-stroke and being completed at back stroke—if the ringer who is making the back stroke lead has anticipated the sequence and got his lead spot-on!

Looking for such things makes a peal not so many changes to be got through as fast as possible, but a masterpiece of composition, to be given its full value and enjoyed all the way through. How can the tenor man enjoy it when he is caning himself to achieve some fantastic time? All this is probably as old as the hills to some, but it may help some improvers to enjoy their ringing more: nobody ever pointed these things out to me when I began to ring Surprise, and I am sure my striking must have been a lot worse even than it is now before I paid attention to this sort of thing.

Therefore on these grounds I think the slow, deliberate peal is the one to aim for if circumstances permit, and the only one to be considered if you, as tenor man, are of only average physique, or the bells heavy, bad going, or highly-musical.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK P. JONES.

Derby.

FOUR QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,— Could I ask Messrs. Carlisle and Halls how they get the **maximum** extent from a given set of courses, and, in the case of Treble Bob, keep clear of f.c.h.'s?

Also, could Mr. P. Wright say why the calling of the second half of Parker's six-part commences from a different lead-end, and is this necessary?

Next, if one curtails the 29-course block (to gain an easy calling for a certain method, for instance), could Mr. C. K. Lewis say to whom the composition should be ascribed, please?

And, lastly, is the attached composition one of the Pritchard variations, or am I correct in thinking it by John Carter?

5,056 BOB MAJOR

23456	W	B	M	H
23564	—	x		3
24536	—		—	2
32546	—			3
32465	—	x		3

Repeat thrice, singles half-way and end.

Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. FRITH.

Grantham.

MR. JOE HARDCASTLE

A correspondent suggests that Mr. Joe Hardcastle, to whose 86th birthday celebration reference was made recently, must have behind him the longest family ringing history. The Tilletts, of Ipswich, go back more generations, to John Naunton who rang peals about 1810, but Mr. Hardcastle's great-grandfather, William, rang his first peal in 1807, and in 1815 took part in the first peal of Treble Ten on Halifax bells. William's last peal, in 1862, also had in it his grandson, Mr. Hardcastle's father, an interesting account of whom appeared in 'The Bell News' of September 7th, 1889.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

There was a smaller attendance than usual at the Leatherhead District's annual meeting at Leatherhead on February 11th, partly owing to the wintry weather and also to the memorial service at Esher for Wilkins Massey. The Guild service was taken by the Vicar, Miss Collins was at the organ, and Mr. H. N. Pitstow read the lesson. Having enlisted help to overcome 'no water,' due to frozen pipes, the ladies prepared tea in St. Nicholas' Hall to which just over 30, including the Vicar and the verger, sat down.

The business meeting was held round the fire, with the Ringing Master (Mr. H. N. Pitstow) in the chair. The meeting stood in silence to mark the recent deaths of Tom Smith, of Newdigate, and Wilkins Massey, of Claygate, whose original tower was also Newdigate.

The balance sheet showed a slight decrease in the balance.

The year's report stated that only two District peals had been rung, but a large number of quarter peals for service ringing was a good sign, for in this increasingly suburban area it is becoming more difficult to get peals put on.

Two changes were made in the District officers, Mr. H. V. Young becoming assistant secretary as Alan Smith had gone to Bristol University, and Frank Oakshott in place of Gordon Peters, who now lives in the London area, on the Executive Committee.

The general officers were renominated, but a motion to the annual general meeting, that the office of Master should not be held for more than three consecutive years, was proposed by Ted Coward, seconded by Pat Cannon, and passed by a narrow majority. Surrounding towers offered to lend a band in training a local band to ring at Stoke D'Abernon.

Farnham District

The outstanding and most cheering factor at the annual general meeting of the Farnham District on February 18th was the high percentage of young ringers present.

Despite the cold weather a very large number of ringers arrived at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham, and enjoyed an afternoon's ringing under the leadership of Mr. E. J. Wells. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. R. Wills) with Mr. F. Anthony at the organ.

Tea was served in the Owen Hall to over 80 ringers and friends. A most exciting business meeting followed, due chiefly to the fact that Mr. E. J. Wells (Ringing Master) and Mr. S. Joyce (secretary) did not seek re-election. Mr. C. W. Denyer, a vice-president of the Guild, was in the chair, and on behalf of the ringers thanked Mr. Wells and Mr. Joyce for their good work during their terms of office. The annual report and the financial report were read and adopted. Seven peals were rung in the District during the year, six by District ringers. Mr. E. J. Wells had rung in 20 peals during the year, having conducted 15 of them. Nineteen new members were nominated.

After a ballot Mr. R. Corke, of Aldershot, was elected Ringing Master, with Mr. D. McPherson (Aldershot) his assistant. Mr. C. J. Beadle (Farnham) was elected hon. secretary, with Mr. R. Mills carrying on as assistant secretary and treasurer. Mr. W. H. Viggers was re-elected auditor. Mr. F. Cherryman (Pirbright) was nominated to the Executive Committee, and Miss M. A. Cass correspondent to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. R. Mills expressed the ringers' thanks to the Rector and organist.

An enjoyable social followed, Mr. R. I. Whitford, of Aldershot, being the M.C.

THE ANCIENT BELLS OF DEVON

Dear Sir,—I am very grateful to Mr. Smale for his further letter, and for drawing my attention to the bells of Marland St. Peter. I intended to visit that tower last summer on my way home from Torrington, as it seems to be a very interesting one, but the lateness of the hour and the persistence of the rain made me decide against the detour, and instead I called at another tower which he mentions—Huish—where I found the mediæval three—Exeter foundry, late 15th century, I think, and all the same casting without a doubt—to have been rehung fairly recently, in a good little oak frame which looked like one of Stokes's.

I can't pass any judgment on the fifth at Marland St. Peter until I've seen it; Mr. Smale's reading of the inscription is very different from Ellacombe's, but the mark he mentions sounds like an Exeter foundry mark, and Ellacombe gives it as such. Mr. H. B. Walters regarded the tenor there as being the work of Richard de Wymbish, a London founder of about 1320, which makes it one of the county's oldest bells.

Byrdan or Byrdall? There are very few bells remaining with the name in full, and I have seen only one, at Woodbury. Only the elder, Thomas, signed his bells with his full name; John used his initials, I.B., in very unusual letters, which appear on the bell named 'Byrdan' after him in Exeter Cathedral (the fourth). However, the name is never spelt with a 'LL' on any known bell, so until recently the generally accepted spelling was 'Byrdan.' But Ellacombe gives, on p. 296 of my copy of his 'Church Bells of Devon,' some entries from the Cathedral Act Book in all of which the 'LL' is used: he assumed, reasonably enough, that the Chapter Clerk had misspelt it, and stuck to 'Byrdan.'

Three years ago two further sources turned up information about the family; one was the City Archives of Exeter, with a deed relating to Thomas Byrdall of the parish of St. Thomas. The other was the St. Thomas registers, which contain a great number of entries relating to this quite numerous family between 1550 and 1700. The identification of the founder with the man in the deed is supported by the registers, which include the two founders, Thomas and John, sometimes with the note 'brazier'; the years of their respective deaths tally with the dates on their last surviving bells.

In the registers the name is sometimes spelt Byrdall, sometimes 'Birdall.' It is never spelt 'Byrdan.'

The 'LL' in the Cathedral archives, then, is not a clerical error, and it seems almost certain that for some reason best known to himself, Thomas Byrdall spelt his name with a final 'N' only on his bells. Or did he? He used black-letter characters for his name, and except for its greater height 'll' in black-letter is almost indistinguishable from 'n.' Thomas Byrdall and his son used a plant of stamps which were very mixed, probably incomplete, and some of them over 150 years old. The most likely answer to the puzzle is that Thomas used either a 'll' of a smaller set than the rest of his name, or else that he used a 'n' instead, trusting on its resemblance to 'll.' I should like to see more of his bells to be certain which of these theories is correct, but I am fully satisfied, from the unanimous evidence of the documents (none of which spell his name with an 'n') that we must call these two founders—and, I suggest, the bell named after them in the Cathedral—by what seems certain to have been their true surname, Byrdall.

I fully support Mr. Smale in urging young ringers to make part of their equipment for a ringing expedition a piece of heel-ball and some cartridge paper—not forgetting a torch. And if they are in Devon, or the western parts of Somerset, they would do well to look in the crown of any mediæval bells they may find; they will sometimes see, between the cannons, impressions of coins. Pencil rubbings, two or three for each coin, each rubbed in a different direction, are best for these, and I will be very glad to see any such rubbings of coins, for they are a great help in dating the bells on which they appear. Awliscombe, Northleigh and Bradford (near Taunton) are places where these coins can certainly be found, but I am sure there are many more waiting for some enterprising ringer's pencil and paper.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Newton Abbot.

YATTON HONOURS RETIRING CAPTAIN

During an interval in ringing at Yatton, Somerset, for morning service on February 26th, a presentation was made to Mr. A. E. Price (retiring tower captain) to mark his completion of 21 years in office. In the presence of the Vicar, Preb. G. A. Beechey and Mr. Royle (Vicar's warden) and a full company of ringers, Mr. L. W. Pullin, Mr. Price's successor, presented him with a cigarette lighter suitably inscribed.

'During Mr. Price's leadership,' said Mr. Pullin, 'the band has grown in knowledge from call change ringers to a very useful change ringing company, practising several Triples methods. The other ringers and I are proud to have served the tower during this time.' The Vicar endorsed these remarks.

Mr. Price (who is parish warden), in replying, said that the whole proceedings had taken him completely by surprise and all he could say was 'Thank you all, and I hope to be a ringer here for another 21 years.'

In the evening a quarter peal was rung to mark the occasion. P. H. M.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob), on the front six: F. G. Hooper 1, A. E. Chilton 2, F. W. Midwinter 3, F. W. Vernon 4, H. Stevenson 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6.

5,104 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN.

M	I	4	B	5	W	H	234567
			—		—	2	326547
					2	2	562347
					—		352647
	—			—			523647
	—			—			235647
			—		—	3	432657
	—			S		3	324756
	—	—				2	345267
					—	3	235467
					—	3	425367
					—	—	534267
—			—			3	324567

Repeated, calling bob B only in the first course and continuing calling from the 6th course end.

Contains 6th extent in 5-6 without 2-3 in 5-6 and all the 7568s.

Rung at Hethersett, January 23rd, 1956.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Despite the rough weather, visitors from Witham, Essex, Beccles and Melton attended the meeting of the Saxmundham District at Leiston on Feb. 11th. The Rector of Theberton, Rev. H. Greenway, conducted the service, and was thanked at the tea for his address. No ringing took place after tea as an early start for home was thought advisable for the visitors.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Diana M. Gough 3, R. D. Brown 4, D. H. Paine (first as cond.) 5, D. Hibbitt 6. Rung for George Steele's 84th birthday.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freiston 1, R. Brown 2, F. P. Harwood 3, S. Jessop 4, F. Leggott 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Edith Aldrid, a church worker for many years.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. B. Schofield 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Christine Pedder 3, P. M. Dawson 4, D. Thorp 5, F. Rayment 6, D. Atkins (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Feb. 19th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. R. Iveson 1, L. G. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by all except the 6th. For Evensong.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis, jun. 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8. A farewell to the organist (Mr. R. Wagstaff), who was leaving after nine years to take up a similar position at St. Paul's, Wolverhampton.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, C. Taplin 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Benfield 4, R. Jarvis 5, I. Harris (cond.) 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Benfield 2, P. Coombes 3, S. Pulker 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1, F. Linfoot 2, A. Rogers 3, C. F. Sutcliffe 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung following the induction of the Rev. Frank White as Vicar.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Turner 1, Miss A. House (first quarter) 2, R. Hoare 3, R. Marlow 4, W. Shute 5, L. Cobb 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. Turner (first of Triples) 8. First in method 1 and 3.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (630 St. Nicholas, 630 Winchendon Place Bob): A. Furminger 1, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence 5.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Le Blanc Smith 1, Mrs. J. W. Blythe (first as cond.) 2, Miss C. E. Payne 3, C. J. Gibson 4, R. S. Payne 5, J. W. Blythe 6.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Griffen (13, first quarter) 1, G. Wykes 2, R. Buckby 3, J. Griffen, sen., 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. For Confirmation and thanksgiving service.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bluff 1, H. Goakes 2, L. Witten 3, G. Jeffs 4, T. Bevis 5, G. Bush 6, J. Haw 7, R. Price (cond.) 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,380 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 Place Bob, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Nicholas', 120 Grandsire): F. Smith 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, C. T. Hillis 4, R. J. Carlton 5, D. Staples 6. Also 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. P. Garner 1, C. T. Hills 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, R. J. Carlton 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 11th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: W. J. Newman 1, W. B. Cartwright 2, S. T. Holt 3, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 4, N. J. Goodman 5, C. Skidmore 6, J. Lloyd 7, P. Harris 8, J. E. Newman 9, D. Beacham 10, R. Woodyatt 11, T. W. Lewis 12. For the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Charles Edwardes as Lord Bishop of Worcester.

OBITUARY

MR. F. RIDOUT

The death took place on February 19th of Mr. Frank Ridout, of Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, aged 77.

He was a ringer for over 60 years, a good ringer of five-and six-bell methods, and was known as a good striker. He took his ringing certificate over 50 years ago. Always punctual for Sunday service ringing in St. Andrew's Church, and also for practice, Mr. Ridout continued ringing up to the week before his death. He will be missed locally, especially by the Okeford Fitzpaine band. He had five sons, all of whom are ringers.

The funeral took place on February 22nd at St. Andrew's Church. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, when a full church testified to the esteem in which he was held.

Mr. W. Shute (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Vacher were present.

MR. J. W. ADDISON

The death took place suddenly at his home at Thornaby, Yorks, on March 1st, of Mr. Joseph Wilfred Addison. For many years he had worked hard with his brother, Ray, to keep ringing going at St. Paul's Church, which he lived opposite. Numerous people owe their introduction to ringing to his efforts.

His daughter is now Mrs. T. Francis, the wife of the previous Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Wilf Addison had been a vice-president and auditor of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association since its re-formation in 1951, and had been throughout a most conscientious attender of the monthly meetings. His presence will be missed in many belfries on Tees-side. P. W. B. S.

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35264			—	—	
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The third session of the 22nd Council (59th annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1956.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire, at the Church of St. James, rededication of the rehung ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.), Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. All ringers welcome. Names for refreshments to John Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 7917

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—A ringing week-end is being arranged at Whitsun (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) in Dorset. The main purpose is to enable past and present members to meet each other. Cheap accommodation available. All members who can come write Dr. C. T. Brown, 14a. North Street, Wareham, before March 31st, and state if they can bring a car. 7933

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL. — Ringing commences again on Sunday, March 11th. Ringing times: Sundays, 9.45 and 2.30; Wednesdays, 7 (first Wednesdays 12-bell practice).—J. A. C. King. 7927

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, March 10th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W., at 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 7879

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langford Budville, on March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7921

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 7908

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Burbage, Buxton, on Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 7914

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m., followed by business meeting.—C. A. Bassett. 7846

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Whittlesford on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7881

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-E. District.—Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7847

HERTS COUNTY.—Eastern District.—Bengeo, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. J. Phillips, 8, Page Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please note change of date.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7843

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew, Whitworth, March 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in café.—F. Pritchard. 7926

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, March 10th, St. Margaret's, Lee, 3. Own tea. Business 6.15. St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7. Practice meeting, Thursday, March 15th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7.30.—Hutchings. Tel. TUL 0800. 7883

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at South Hackney Parish Church, Lauriston Road, Well Street, on Saturday, March 10th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m., tea and business. Trolleybus route 677. Bus route 6.—T. J. Lock. 7872

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annaul general meeting will be held in the Vestry, Kingston-on-Thames, Mar. 10th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Bells: Esher 2.45 to 4, Kingstop, after meeting only.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 7838

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—March programme. Wednesday, 14th, St. John's, South Hackney, E.9 (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 17th, as above, 3 to 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Matthew's Bethnal Green (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Wednesday, 21st, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. (learners). A cordial welcome extended to all.—Bullock, Sec. 7919

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Dundry, March 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7922

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, March 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport, Somerset. 7935

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Hilda's Middlesbrough, on Saturday, March 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for those notifying the secretary by Wednesday, March 14th, at 5.15 p.m. in the Church Hall. Meeting follows tea.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 7928

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting, Bulkington (8), Saturday, March 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to J. L. Garner Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone: Greyfriars 474. 7925

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 7906

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), Saturday, March 17th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buses from Halstead and Bures. Numbers for tea to G. Trendell, Manor House, Pebmarsh, Halstead. 7893

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Northleach (8), March 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names essential by March 14th.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyns, Cirencester. 7912

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Stokesay, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7929

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Combined meeting at Benenden (8) on March 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden, by Tuesday, March 13th.—W. P. Garner. 7894

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. N. E. Taylor, Vicarage Farm, Lynsted, near Sittingbourne, by Wednesday, March 14th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 7884

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at West Malling on Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling, Kent. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7834

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, 3 p.m., March 17th. Business meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—R. Benson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Ambleside, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names to A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7943

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7923

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Rothley, March 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. to G. M. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley, by 14th, please.—B. Stedman Payne, Hon. Sec. 7936

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Brentford, Saturday, March 17th. Bells from 6 p.m. Chiswick not available in afternoon.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 7934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on March 17th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7913

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), Saturday, March 17th. Names for tea by March 12th.—E. E. Gibson, Hon Sec. 7876

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Little Houghton, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. A. Henman, 47, Lodge Road, Little Houghton, Northants.—G. F. Roome. 7910

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paulerspury, March 17th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 7920

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—March 17th, Mr. L. A. Wilson's 80th birthday—a special meeting at Wootton Bassett. Invitation to old friends. Bells 3.30. Guild service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 7932

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Chiseldon, March 17th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7931

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Orston on Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. at Durham Ox, for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. Buses leave Newark at 1.35 and 4.35 only.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 7869

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), March 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by March 14th.—K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7940

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at North Stoneham on March 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by March 13th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7930

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 13th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7939

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Mar. 17th, at Halifax. Bells available: All Souls', Haley Hill (8), from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Parish Church (12), after business meeting to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in All Souls' Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must send names to Mr. V. Bottomley, 21, Bankfield View, Halifax, no later than Tuesday, March 13th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7905

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, March 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send their names to Mr. A. Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7942

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Frequent bus service from Derby–Nottingham, bus No. 8. All welcome.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 7918

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, March 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham, Kent. 7888

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Annual meeting (joint), Drighlington, March 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington.—E. D. Kelly, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7945

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Shareshill, near Wolverhampton, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 21st to Mr. H. Butler, 5, Pool Cottages, Shareshill, near Wolverhampton. 7916

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting. Taunton, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at St. James' Church 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Service at 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Gaumont Café for ticket-holders only. Applications, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. Business meeting in St. James' Church Hall at 3 p.m. Details of further ringing later.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 7903

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Dujon, followed by business meeting. St. Paul's (majestic 10): 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., 2.45 to 4.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. onwards. St. Peter's (8): 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2.45 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers most welcome. Names for lunch before March 26th, please, to Mr. J. W. Sinfield, 4, Queen Street, Houghton Regis, Beds. 7924

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at Cathedral at noon. Luncheon, followed by business, at Corn Exchange, 1 p.m. Tickets, members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Please apply early, and not later than March 26th, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, to the assistant hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne. Ringing, morning and after meeting, at Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham, Frindsbury and Rochester Cathedral.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7889

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held at Sherborne on May 12th, 1956.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 7911

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The cold weather experienced lately no doubt affected the attendance on February 23rd at the meeting held at Darlington's lovely Parish Church with its tall spire, which has recently gone through considerable restoration. The Rev. P. Wansey conducted a short service and the chairman (Mr. T. Cooke) read the lesson.

A very ample tea was provided in the Parish Hall, and thanks to the Vicar and warden were expressed by Mr. F. W. Cooke, and to the ladies for the tea by Mr. P. Rock.

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN FAIRIES?

MANY of us read with avid interest the tale of the Big Giant and the Little Giant, a cover feature of a few weeks ago. Well, this is the tale of the five Cornish Piskies (Pixies anywhere else). It all began when one of the senior piskies gathered his little flock around him and announced that they would be attempting a full peal of Toadstool Doubles at a certain tower on December 10th.

Thus, on that fateful day, the little folk, consisting of the senior pisky, a reverend pisky, a charming little elf, a pisky scribe and another pisky imported from the Devon moors and now working with the Dragonfly service, made their way to the scene of the day's fray. The bells, five in number with a tenor of 3½ cwt., were raised and the peal commenced in orderly fashion.

Unfortunately, after thirty minutes' ringing, the end of the tenor rope parted company with the sally and a very puzzled looking senior pisky was left with about a foot of rope in his hands and the remainder lashing about the guides. It was first suspected that sabotage work had been carried out by the rival clan, the gremlins, but unfortunately there was insufficient evidence, and after the rope had been repaired a fresh start was made. This came to grief after nearly two hours when one rebellious pisky decided that he didn't like Grandsire, so why should he ring it? It was then too late to make a fresh start, a fresh date was fixed, and the little elf who had been ringing the treble heaved a sigh of despair, as it was to have been her first peal.

The next attempt was for New Year's Eve and the little band once more assembled in the tiny belfry. Candles were procured from the altar to provide light; the senior pisky, whom we suspect was aspiring to become a junior gnome (acting unpaid), gave a stern lecture on the folly of trying to make Court places in Plain Bob. The bells were tipped out and all went well until the Dragonfly pisky suddenly disappeared, leaving a puff of blue smoke and a strong smell of cordite. He was eventually found outside the church, clasping his abdomen and groaning in agony. It transpired that the greedy little fellow had eaten three full helpings of cowslip casserole for lunch and was now paying for it. However, he made a speedy recovery, another start was made and all went well until the little elf tried a complicated series of dodging and place making in 4–5. This was not met with general approval and 'Stand' was called. The little gathering then broke up and drifted away into the gathering dusk to celebrate in true pisky fashion the arrival of the New Year.

A third attempt was fixed for Saturday, January 21st. This time only the senior pisky's chariot was able to ascend the muddy slope into the church field, whilst the remaining piskies had to leave their chariots (of inferior quality) at the bottom of the field and walk. This time the senior pisky and the little elf were only forty-five minutes late as compared with the usual hour. However, after hasty apologies, the bells were soon going once again, and this time in spite of the fact that the senior pisky nearly miscalled, the Dragonfly pisky trying to ring Grandsire when Plain Bob had been called for, and the fact that nearly all the band missed their sallies at times, the peal triumphantly came round after 2 hours 24 minutes. The band heaved a sigh of relief, bells were lowered and candles returned to their rightful places on the altar. Afterwards, outside the church, the senior pisky was heard boasting to his followers that never had he scored his first peal for any year so early in January, and was quite deflated when two of the band mentioned a peal they had rung only the previous evening.

And so the little folk melted away into the gathering dusk and left behind them one more conquered tower and (who knows?) perhaps some enraged local gremlins. This all goes to show, doesn't it, that there *are* fairies at the bottoms of our bellropes.

R. A. S.

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CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	WALTER R. HUGHES	9
HOWARD HOWELL	4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	10
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	*DEREK J. TRANTER	11
ERNEST STITCH	6	P. GEORGE GOLDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.
Rung for the 75th birthday of Mr. W. R. Hughes.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST PETER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT KNIGHT	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
MRS. G. WM. CRITCHLEY	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS	*Treble*	JAMES PHILLIPS	6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	3	ALBERT J. ADAMS	8
JOHN HILL	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
A birthday compliment to Frank E. Darby.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Treble*	BRIAN GRINTER	6
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	3	FRANK D. MACK	8
PATRICIA M. BOURN	4	ALBERT M. TYLER	9
JOAN GRAY	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Bristol.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH	*Treble*	ALFRED GREENOUGH	5
JACK BERRY	2	JOHN CASTELL	6
JAMES BLOND	3	FRANK ABSOLOM	7
ERNEST GARRARD	4	ROBERT BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
*STELLA HUGHES	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Bristol.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	JOHN H. FIELDEN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method by all.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

GERALD C. HEMMING	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	5
*ROBERT W. COLE	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	6
FREDERICK C. LYNE	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
HAROLD HUXLEY	4	*HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Stedman.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*JOHN HALLIWELL	*Treble*	WALTER WILKINSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JAMES SKEATS	6
†PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	7
ERNEST J. GOWER	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † 400th peal for the Lancashire Association.
Rung in memoriam St. David, Patron Saint of Wales, Bishop, who died in the year 544.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

HAROLD SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	*†PETER M. DAWSON	5
MRS. H. SCHOFIELD	2	FRANK RAYMENT	6
CHRISTINE PEDDER	3	*DOUGLAS THORP	7
*DAVID ATKINS	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD SCHOFIELD.

* First in the method. † First of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., March 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
VIVIENNE HORTON	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. THORNLEY. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
*MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*R. CYRIL TYLER	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
†HARRY ALEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First eight-bell peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED (73)	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*EDWARD C. BARTON	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

OLIVE M. BOULDEN	*Treble*	*DAVID STAPLES	5
MAISIE VANTOM	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
HARRY BAKER	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 300th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*DRUMMOND M. RANDALL	*Treble*	†MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
†D. MARY WARD	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	7
MARY FULLER	4	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Ten-part (C.C.C. 27). Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN T. TILSTON	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
HARRY W. HOWARD	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID PRIESTLEY (Un.)	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW (Northpn.)	5
*A. REX AGG (Ext.)	2	ALAN F. THIRST (Imp.)	6
D. KAY ADKINS (Un.)	3	JOHN R. LEEMING (King's)	7
DENIS N. LAYTON (Imp.)	4	RICHARD E. PRICE (U.C.H.)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Yorkshire for the Society.

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LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 30. Tenor 29¼ cwt. in D flat.

*IVOR JENKINS	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	DEREK TAYLOR	6
TREVOR TAYLOR	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BASIL JONES	2	JOHN WORTH	6
PETER BORDER	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (Rev.). Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. B. COOKSON (S. John's)	*Treble*	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	2	R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
*G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	4	J. H. FIELDEN (S. Cath's)	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.
* First peal of Major in the method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	5
REGINALD J. DARCH	2	C. JACK GIBSON	6
RICHARD S. PAYNE	3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*STANLEY W. COPLING	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* 100th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the seventh.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Treble*	P. MARGARET JAMES	5
WILLIAM MAUGHAN	2	E. ALAN RAWLINSON	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
*PAMELA C. JAMES	4	KENNETH LAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	BERT GOGLE	7
*CLIFFORD BIRD	4	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Triples in the method.
In memoriam Frederick Robert Borrett.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET.
THE SALISURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	*ROGER J. FOX	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal away from the treble.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*R. ANTHONY TRICKETT	*Treble*	†A. ANTHONY JAQUES	4
†HERBERT SUTTON	2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	3	*JOHN R. JOYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in three methods. † First 'inside' in three methods. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	*ERIC A. FELLOWS	3
CHARLES A. BASSETT	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the induction of the Rector, Maj.-Gen. the Rev. A. Cottam.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Southrepps, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, and three 240's of Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK T. LONG	*Treble*	ROLAND H. COOK	4
ALFRED E. HINMAN	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	3	*FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.
* 150th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Latimore, jun., organ blower at Croft Church for 25 years.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
VIVIENNE HORTON	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MAURICE J. DODD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	4
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	2	*HAROLD P. REED	5
PETER NASH	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 17 Plain methods: (1) Single Court and Single Oxford Bob, (2) Hereward Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) London, Lytham, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) College, Wavertree College, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Double, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
The greatest number of methods yet rung in a handbell peal for this Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 20, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	3—4
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 26, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	3—4
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3—4	†ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
*‡JOHN M. JELLEY	9—10		

Composed by W. F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on ten bells 'in hand.' † 500th peal for the Guild.
‡ First peal of Royal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. SMITH	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 9, WHITEHOUSE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON	1—2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5—6
MARIE R. CROSS	3—4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7—8

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BEXLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): Margaret Ward 1, D. Mary Ward 2, Mary R. Andrews 3, Judith Cox 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, C. H. J. Williams 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Bob, 360 Reverse Canterbury and 540 Plain Bob): J. Laine 1, G. Hill 2, H. Goodchap 3, P. G. Morgan 4, C. G. Jones 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung for Matins, and with the best wishes of the band to Mr. G. W. Pipe and Miss D. Matthew on their engagement.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 St. Clement's: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, H. Stebbings 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung for morning service.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, D. E. J. Watts 4, F. R. L. Blewer 5, W. W. Shorter 6. Each of the ringers 1 to 5 conducting a different Morris' 240, the remaining 60 being rung unconducted. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1 259 Grandsire Caters: G. Cartwright 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, E. Razzell 3, N. Brown 4, N. Steere 5, H. G. Pratt 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, P. Humphries 10.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Martin 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, Miss M. Turner 4, L. S. Woods 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, F. R. Scholefield 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Barking.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Morton 1, C. T. Windram 2, J. Hadley 3, J. M. Nash 4, J. G. Chapman 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for the new King's Heath Church Hall.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,344 Treble Bob Royal (Granta Variation): P. H. Whitaker 1, G. A. Halls (cond.) 2, S. Walklate 3, A. E. Thompson 4, J. B. Stennit 5, M. J. Barker 6, P. J. Skinner 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8, A. Taylor 9, H. Taylor 10.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,264 Little Bob Maor: A. G. Harrison 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, C. F. W. Phillippo 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, F. C. Roper 6, A. E. Cook 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. L. O. and Mrs. Kenyon to the parish.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 5 and 7 covering): J. Poynter (first quarter) 1, T. Sparks 2, D. A. Raxter 3, J. Lindon 4, G. Rawlings 5, F. Pugh 6, G. Stobart (first quarter) 7. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, James Phillips 3, J. Allsop 4, H. Ellis 5, B. Lunn 6, M. P. Moreton 7, C. Watts 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft 1, S. Ashton (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, R. Head 5, P. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong and for the dedication of a processional cross in memoriam Mrs. F. Andrews. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tee 1, E. J. Harding 2, S. J. Harding 3, R. J. Turner (first quarter) 4, C. H. Turner (first as cond.) 5, H. Dudman (first quarter) 6. Rung for the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. C. Webster (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, J. R. Mayne 3, H. G. Hart 4, P. D. Beedie 5, D. J. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Milsom 7.

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Jackson 1, C. V. Hare 3, Miss J. Mayes 4, P. Mehew 5, R. J. Coppage 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, C. M. Orme (cover bell) 8. For Matins, and a farewell to the tenor ringer on his departure for overseas service with H.M. Forces.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Stevens 1, C. Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, M. Stone 4, D. K. Lane 5, D. Miller 6, C. Clarke 7, R. Short (first on 8 as cond.) 8. First of Major by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): J. Adams (cond.) 1, Miss V. Naylor 2, Miss C. Hall 3, C. Bennett 4, H. Mair 5, L. Busby 6. For Evensong; also a bon voyage to Miss V. Naylor, who is taking a post in Denmark.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 4th, 1,224 Minor (720 Plain Box, 360 Double Court, 144 Little Bob): L. Sharpe 1, L. Melton (first in three methods 'inside') 2, L. Pierce 3, H. King 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Birch 1, A. F. Burley 2, P. Rowe 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, R. A. Southwood 5, D. N. Penrose 6, H. Harper 7, K. Rowe 8. First quarter for 3 and 8. Rung as a gesture of respect to the late Mrs. H. Lawrence, of Trehavern, Truro.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, G. Peters 3, A. H. Smith 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, R. F. B. Speed 6, G. W. Morris 7, F. E. Hawthorne 8. An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Summerell (first quarter) 1, C. H. Norton (first quarter) 2, E. R. Norton 3, A. E. Harris 4, W. Neath (first as cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands) on his appointment as Rural Dean.

LISS, HANTS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. T. Riley 1, H. E. Tice 2, H. J. Newman 3, D. A. Wheeler 4, A. W. Betsworth (cond.) 5, J. Hole (first quarter) 6, W. Baker 7, P. Heath 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to the Rector of Liss (the Rev. N. Barnett) and his wife on the gift of a daughter (Mary Rose).

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, R. March 3, C. Windram 4, F. Wallington 5, D. Griffen 6, G. Hollick (cond.) 7, A. Millward 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Arthur Manning, for many years ringer at this church before moving to Bidford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, in 1937.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): A. Osboldiston (15) 1, Miss C. MacNaire (13) 2, B. Groves (12) 3, A. McFall (17) 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, J. McFall 6. First quarter by 1 and 2, and first in two methods by all except conductor.

MILFORD-ON-HAVEN, HANTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, L. F. Cobb (first in method) 2, F. L. Harris 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, M. J. Best 6, J. E. Daniels 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Trigg (first quarter) 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, Miss P. H. Jones 3, D. G. Clarke 4, W. G. Jones 5, W. Thompsett 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8. For St. David's Day.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barnes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, H. Collings 3, Miss M. Miller 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. Rung as a farewell to the third ringer, who is leaving the district.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hutton (13) 1, Miss J. Mayes 2, P. Jackson (14) 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, P. Mehew 5, C. M. Orme 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer on his departure for overseas service with H.M. Forces, and a 16th birthday compliment to A. J. Tuttle.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard 1, M. Saunders 2, Miss K. Ballard 3, P. Foster 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, R. Hinton 6. Birthday compliments to the Misses K. and E. Ballard.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. W. Croft 1, S. H. Ashton 2, B. W. Lake (first 'inside') 3, R. Head (cond.) 4, K. C. Timbury 5. Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Kenneth Timbury and Miss Margaret Titmuss.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. F. B. Smith 1, J. Small (first 'inside') 2, Ruth S. Hodgson 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, Jean Morrison 5, R. E. Workman 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, S. J. Skinner 8. First quarter for 3, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for Confirmation service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Penney 1, R. F. Ewer 2, M. Frost 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, J. Ewer 5, W. Little 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, J. L. Cox 8. First quarter for 4 and 8. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: M. Frost 1, B. Cornell 2, G. Dodds 3, G. Penney 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 5, R. F. Ewer 6, J. Ewer 7, W. Little 8, W. J. Arnold 9, J. L. Cox 10. First on 10 bells for 1, 4, 7, 8 and 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. N. Blake. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Penney 1, B. Cornell 2, J. Ewer 3, R. F. Ewer 4, J. L. Cox (first 'inside') 5, W. Little 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, M. Frost 8. Rung as a birthday compliment for H. E. C. Goodenough.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Harris 1, P. Jackson 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft 5, R. Head (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Kenneth Timbury and Miss Margaret Titmuss on their engagement.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. G. Pittaway (first of Triples) 1, J. Keyte 2, H. J. Pratley 3, P. F. Coombes 4, J. Benfield 5, R. Jarvis 6, L. Harris (cond.) 7, W. Lewis 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the tenor ringer.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Piper (first quarter) 1, W. Bowden (cond.) 2, B. Edwards 3, S. G. Peck 4, C. Aldridge (first 'inside') 5, R. Motton (first quarter) 6. For Evensong and the birthdays of the ringers of the treble (21), 2nd (79) and Miss G. Iddins (16).

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. A. Lodge 1, J. E. Race 2, D. G. Mayell 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, B. W. Parker 5, H. G. Goddard 6. A birthday compliment to D. A. Lodge.

WALMER, KENT.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Woodcock 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. A. Rye (cond.) 4, J. Penfold 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, P. J. Rye 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Lt.-Col. H. A. C. Webber, people's warden.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, D. Hewitt 3, Miss M. Stephens 4, M. Stephens 5, H. Rumens 6, H. Smith 7, E. E. Holman 8, A. J. N. Boyack 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 3, 4 and 10. Rung for Matins.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Feb. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. K. Knowles 1, A. Elsmore 2, G. Darlington 3, Mrs. M. Tranter 4, D. J. Tranter 5, H. Moreton 6, A. H. Hingley (cond.) 7, A. Hubball 8, K. W. Knowles 9, J. W. Hingley 10. Rung as a wedding compliment to D. K. Knowles and Miss P. Wright.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman and 240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Short 1, M. Stone 2, D. Miller 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Dyment 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. M. Beale, interred that day.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mecham (first in method) 1, Miss D. K. Saunders 2, J. R. Wilson 3, D. A. Smith 4, Miss J. M. Clements (first in method as cond.) 5, R. R. P. Wood 6. For Evensong.

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

On a hill overlooking Droitwich Spa and an entanglement of railway lines stands the Church of St. Augustine, Dodderhill. It was here on March 3rd that members of West Midland District assembled for their annual meeting.

The church was originally cruciform in shape but subsidence in the 17th century resulted in the nave collapsing. All that remain to-day are the chancel and transepts of the former church, making the present church T-shaped. The tower, which, after the disappearance of the nave was removed from the crossing to the end of the southern transept, contains a beautiful ring of eight bells. During the afternoon members and friends gave varied performances on these bells with two courses of Grandsire Triples by bands of ladies.

At a short service the Vicar (the Rev. L. W. Chidzey) gave a talk on the history of the church, and then joined the Guild in an excellent tea in a Droitwich cafe.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Vice-president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; secretary, Stella Hughes; Central Committee, Maureen Fellows and Samela Thomas; District Committee, Maureen Fellows, Evelyn Fletcher, Molly Flynn and Samela Thomas.

In her report the secretary stated that with one exception meetings during 1955 had been well attended. She also mentioned the history which was made in the District during the year by a peal at Shirley, Warwickshire.

The next meeting will be held in Warwickshire, probably on the first Saturday in June.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Some 35 members and friends attended the March meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Market Lavington. Visitors were present from Bath and Radstock. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Collins), and the choir of young ladies was in attendance.

Tea was served in the School Room. The Vicar welcomed the ringers, this being his first meeting since his induction as Vicar of Market Lavington. Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London and Beverley Surprise Minor. S. C.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

A very enjoyable meeting of the Society was held at Marden on February 18th. Ringing from 3 until 4.15 consisted of rounds and call changes and some well-struck touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

The Vicar of Marden conducted the service, and Mr. G. I. F. Thomson (president of the Society and Divinity master at the Boys' Grammar School) read the lesson.

Tea in the schoolroom was followed by the meeting, held in informal style round a roaring log fire. One new member was elected.

Choir practice in the church prevented us from returning to ring until 7.30. The meeting ended at 8. Our apologies to Mr. W. R. Manser and Mr. L. Holness. P. Y. B.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Beverley Minster on February 11th at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Collwyn Hargreaves) and the local ringers. Forty-five members attended.

The Minster bells were raised and rung to various methods until the service. This was held in the Minster choir and conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. George Storer (chaplain to the Society).

Tea, provided by the Minster Wives Guild, was served in the Parish Room, followed by the annual business meeting. Replying to a welcome by the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, the Vicar said he was pleased to see so many young people present, and thought this was a happy augury for the future of ringing.

A surprise item was provided by Mr. T. H. Huddleston and six of his young ringers from Driffield, who gave a first-class display of handbell ringing. They played many favourite tunes on 36 handbells to the delight of the company.

At the invitation of Canon Vesey and ringers of St. Mary's Church, members then adjourned to the tower of St. Mary's to conclude a successful meeting by further ringing.

Officers elected were:—President, Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley); vice-presidnt, M. G. Braithwaite (Beverley); secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington); assistant secretary, Miss A. Davie (Beverley); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Rodmell (Patrington); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. C. Barker (Beverley); Committee, Mr. A. Taylor (Beverley), Mr. R. Ducker (Sutton), Mr. F. Wilkinson (Pocklington), Mr. F. W. Dale (Hessle), Mr. W. Tyson (Bridlington).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Seeboard unfortunately had a breakdown, so a recent peal at Bodiam, Sussex, progressed under an increasing shadow. By 6 o'clock, with five 120s still to go, the ringers were mere blobs and the ropes almost completely merged in the general gloom. As an impish gesture the engineers switched on for a few seconds and then plunged the church into total darkness. Power was restored just in time for the Rector to entertain the band to tea.

Mr. H. Reynolds, of 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate, is the new hon. secretary of the Eastern Division, Sussex County Association.

Mr. Frederick A. Finch, of 14, Lancaster Gardens, West Ealing, is again in office as hon. secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association.

Mr. A. P. Cannon writes that the claim for the first peal at Horningsham, Wilts (p. 148), is somewhat late. The first peal was rung here on June 23rd, 1929—Bob Minor—conducted by Mr. W. C. Shute. Other correspondents are also thanked for the information.

Mr. Joseph E. Grensted, who rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Borden, Kent, on March 3rd, rang his last peal in the method 49 years ago at Rochester Cathedral on February 2nd, 1907, before leaving for Canada. He has recently returned to this country and received the congratulations of the band on his performance.

A bell-ringing father, whose 20-year-old daughter is a student nurse, has a surprise awaiting him. His daughter has learnt to handle a bell, and she writes: 'Just wait until Dad knows!' She adds: 'This is my biggest and most glorious vice.' When her fellow students heard of the bell-ringing they commented: 'Willie's completely mad'; but she adds: 'Believe me, I love it!'

The Central Council Library has had a most valuable addition by the gift of some 60 books from the president of the Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis. They are, with two exceptions, foreign books. A list will be published in our next issue. Another substantial gift comes from Mrs. Joan Padmore, grand-daughter of the late Thomas North.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hoodless have left Nottingham for Southsea.

Kent County Association have arranged for their dinner this year to take place at Rochester on Saturday, October 27th.

A suggestion for an Easter present—a quarter, half-year or annual subscription to 'The Ringing World.' For particulars see column 1 of this page.

Six bachelors rang a peal on Leap Year's Day at The Leigh, Gloucestershire. Much to the disappointment of the band, there were no members of the fairer sex waiting outside the church at the conclusion of the peal, in spite of much publicity!

A candid footnote to a peal we received this week was 'Rung just for experience.' This was a very good reason seeing that four of the band were attempting their first peal of Major, and it was also a first in the method as conductor.

Mr. Norman Harding is now rate collector and financial assistant to the Freebridge Lynn Rural District Council.

Mr. J. H. Bullock, of 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex, writes that he understands that a recording has been made of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. If so, he would like details. He also asks if there are any recordings released of the bells of St. Peter's, Evercreech, Somerset.

Mr. Jim Bennett, who is now back at Grundisburgh after his round-the-world trip, will tell the story of his experiences in our next issue.

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PEAL RINGING IN SCOTLAND

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WHEN we come to investigate peals rung in Scotland we find there are only 52 of them. Of course, there are only 12 towers to begin with, but even so, the average per tower is very small. The first peal in this country was probably one rung at Old Steeple, Dundee, on May 21st, 1873. It was of Grandsire Triples. There have been three other peals at this tower—in 1905, 1908 and 1927.

The second peal in Scotland and the first peal of Major (Kent Treble Bob) was rung on September 27th, 1877, at Inverness. This is the only peal which has ever been rung there. These two peals come before 'Bell News' commenced publication (which is my chief source of 'supply' for that period).

Only two other peals were rung in the 19th century—both at Edinburgh Cathedral (10). The first was of Grandsire Caters on August 31st, 1886, and the other, Kent Treble Bob Royal on August 5th, 1895. Both were, of course, the first of Caters and Royal in the country and were rung by visiting bands. This tower has heard eight peals in all, which makes it second in order of numbers of peals. The remaining six were in 1902 (two), 1904, 1927, 1952 and 1953.

Another Edinburgh tower, St. Cuthbert's (8), has the highest number—18. Eight of these were rung from 1902 to 1908, and eight from 1922 to 1938. The other two were in 1950 and 1952. The third tower in the capital city, St. Andrew's, has not had a peal yet. Both the other 10-bell towers, Glasgow Cathedral and Inveraray, have had four peals. At the former they were rung in 1922, 1937, 1948 and 1951, and at the latter in 1938, 1939, 1951 and 1954.

The remaining 8-bell towers not already mentioned are Alloa, Dundee (St. Paul's), Leith and Paisley. The last tower has had most peals of this group—six. They were rung in the years 1922, 1927, 1929, 1938, 1947 and 1954. Both St. Paul's, Dundee, and Leith had their only peals in 1927 (the frequency of 1927 in the above towers denotes a 'tour'). Alloa's five were in 1927 (!), 1935, 1938, 1950 and 1952.

There is only one 6-bell tower in Scotland—Dunkeld Cathedral, and this has not yet appeared in the peal columns of the ringing Press. Thus, there is not a great deal to say about ringing in Scotland. The majority of the above peals have been rung by visiting bands and they are spread fairly evenly through the years. Thus before 1914, 17 peals had been rung. Between the wars came a further 23, and since 1945 there have been 12. None were rung in 1955 (as in the case of Ireland, also).

FIFTY YEARS RINGER AT NORTH WEALD

A watch-chain medallion in the shape of a bell fashioned in solid gold was presented to Mr. Harry King, captain of the band at North Weald, Essex, on February 19th, to mark his 50 years as a ringer at St. Andrew's, North Weald. With the presentation was a book containing 49 signatures of contributors who were ringers or associates of St. Andrew's Guild.

The Vicar (the Rev. Bernard Adeney) made the presentation, and among those present were Mr. F. C. Gant (general secretary of the Essex Association), Mr. J. H. Crampion (Master) and Mr. C. Willmington (secretary) of the South-Western Division.

Before the morning service a quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung by Janet Evans 1, S. King (conductor) 2, L. Cordell 3, N. King 4, H. King 5, J. Lodge 6. After the service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by F. Gant (conductor) 1, Wendy Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, C. Willmington 4, H. King 5, J. Crampion 6.

Golden Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. John George Jefferies

MR. & MRS. J. G. JEFFERIES celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday, March 3rd. Mr. Jack Jefferies (as he is known to all his friends) has lived most of his life in the village of Mangotsfield, which until quite recently was 'truly rural,' but has now become part of a large housing estate, which surrounds the city of Bristol. At Barley Close Farm he has carried on his dairy farm, and can quite well remember selling milk in 1d. and ½d. measures.

Mr. Jefferies has been a keen bell-ringer for over 55 years, and has been captain of Mangotsfield ringers for 30 years, a position he still retains. His two sons and two of his three grandsons are also ringers, and sometimes enjoy ringing a peal together.

A very popular personality, Mr. Jefferies has done a lot of spade-work for ringing. He is a College Youth, a Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and a Past Master of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

He was congratulated by his fellow-members of the Gloucester and Bristol Management Committee at their meeting in Gloucester on Saturday, March 3rd.

On Monday, March 5th, a representative band of the Gloucester and Bristol officials rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, and amongst the ringers was veteran Fred Leaker, who arranged and rang for Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies' wedding fifty years ago. Mr. Jefferies afterwards entertained the ringers and friends at the local hostelry, who thank Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies for their hospitality.



MR. J. G. JEFFERIES

The band in the quarter peal consisted of F. Skidmore (general hon. secretary) 1, F. G. Leaker (vice-president) 2, C. R. Harding (Master) 3, A. C. Baker (Management Committee) 4, W. F. Scudamore (hon. secretary, Bristol Rural) 5, A. V. Bennett (hon. secretary Bristol City) 6, R. G. Hooper (Ringing Master, Bristol Rural, conductor) 7, W. Cook (Bristol Rural) 8.

MAJOR WITH SEVEN PAIRS OF HANDS

Peals at Pendleton are rare but that on February 19th was indeed a special occasion as the band included Frank Barraclough and Basil Jones, each of whom has lost an arm, amputation being at the shoulder. The apparent ease with which they handle and strike any bell is amazing.

Pendlebury, at the end of last century, was one of the most active towers in Lancashire. It was here that the late Harry Chapman conducted the first peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major for the Association, and the decades to follow saw many more peals. A member of the band for many years was the late Henry Shuker, that friendly man so popular and familiar at Council meetings. Another member was his pal, Sam Greenhalgh, who joined the Association in 1892 and rang about 100 peals.

The bells were completely restored in 1908 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and are in good tone, but a 5,120 under three hours today is not exactly a free gift, writes 'Dee Cee Vee,' though our giant guest-star artist and conductor simply toyed with the tenor.

UNRINGABLE TOWERS RECORD

Dear Sir,—I have nearly completed my survey of the unringable towers in the British Isles and the assistance I have had from most counties has been of great help, but in order to complete my lists I must appeal for the following information.

Counties in which I have only partial information are as follows: Bucks, Hunts, Lancs, Lincs, Northants, Oxon and Somerset: also I have no information at all on the following: Berks, Cheshire, Notts, Suffolk.

If some enthusiasts could help me with these counties, I would be grateful.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

Despite the very cold weather about 40 members attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Division at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 25th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and included methods up to Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

A short service was held at 4.30 p.m. conducted by the Rev. L. E. Meredith assisted by the Rev. J. Tibbs. The service included the special hymn for bellringers in the revised version of 'Ancient and Modern.' Tea was enjoyed in The Old Parsonage attached to the church.

At the business meeting Mr. F. Dallaway was elected to the chair. An apology for absence was received on behalf of Mrs. Percy, who wished the meeting every success. The statement of accounts revealed a balance of £27 12s. 10d., a little lower than last year due to a large increase in the levy. In his report for 1955 the secretary stated that 11 meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 25. Twenty-two elected members were welcomed to the Association, including two non-resident members. He was pleased to report that the condition of the bells in the Division was good. The two trebles to complete the octave at Wadhurst were dedicated on May 28th, and Bexhill bells were in ringing order once again.

The following officers were elected for 1956:—Secretary, Mr. H. G. Reynolds (Mr. R. W. Pankhurst not wishing to stand for re-election); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Giles; auditor, Mr. T. A. Hunnisett; Committee, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. G. Beeney.

Mr. Verdon proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Division for their good services during the past year, and Mr. Percy (general secretary of the Association) pointed out the marked increase of affiliated towers during the past three years. It was unanimously decided on a suggestion from Mr. Rogers that a letter be sent to the Master of the Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) on behalf of the meeting expressing regret on hearing of the illness of his wife and wishing her a speedy recovery, and hoping to see him at a future meeting of the Division. A collection was made towards the Bow Bells Appeal, which realised £1 10s.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the organist, and the ladies for preparing an excellent tea.

R. W. P.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING IN SOMERSET TOWER

Dear Sir,—In the olden days when oil lamps were the means of lighting the belfry there was little chance of suddenly being cast into pitch darkness; but by modern electric light . . . Oh, yes, it can and has happened. It did down Yatton way in Somerset.

Now by means of a handyman's work, a couple of switches, batteries, etc., that go with it to make light, an emergency lighting system has been installed, and should the power fail either ringers or others in the belfry can pull cords, and the danger of flying ropes in the darkness has gone. Though the emergency light is only a glimmer compared with the mains, it is sufficient to finish a touch or quarter peal.

Has any other tower thought of the dangers of a 'blackout,' and are there any other installations?—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Bristol.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association, held in Shrewsbury, attracted a gathering of more than 80 members and visitors from a wide area, who during the afternoon rang touches on the 10 bells of St. Mary's and also on the 12 at St. Chad's. The service at the latter church was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Chapman, who said this was the last time he would have the privilege of welcoming the Association as he was shortly leaving for Stoke-on-Trent. All present heard this with the deepest regret, as during his stay in Shrewsbury the Vicar of St. Chad's has been a most valued friend and supporter of ringers.

After tea at the County Cafe the annual meeting was held in St. Chad's Parish Room. In his report the Master (Mr. A. Pritchard) said that 1955 had been a fairly successful year; six meetings had been held with an average attendance of 42, and the ringing at these had on the whole been good. Thirteen peals had ben rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Bob Maximus, and including Association 'firsts' of Lincolnshire Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Atcham bells had been rehung and the first peal on them rung by the Association.

The balance sheet presented by the hon. treasurer showed a balance in hand on the year's working after paying for 200 reports. This was considered highly satisfactory, and a special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. F. H. Bennett for his grand work during the year.

Officers for 1956 were elected as follows:—Master, Mr. A. Pritchard: hon. secretary, Miss E. V. Jones: hon. treasurer, Mr. F. H. Bennett: trustees, Messrs. A. S. Bayley and E. Fox: auditor, Mr. Hughes. A ballot for Central Council representative, rendered vacant by the departure of Mr. L. Hewett, resulted in the election of Mr. F. H. Bennett to this post.

An invitation was received from the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society to join in a joint meeting at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th, and it was agreed to support this. Other meetings will be held as follows:—March, Oswestry; May, Market Drayton: June, High Ercall; July, Atcham: September, joint meeting with Hereford Guild, venue to be decided: November, Whitchurch.

After the usual votes of thanks the company returned to St. Chad's tower, where further ringing was enjoyed until nine o'clock.

HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR

The method: -36-14-1258-36-14-38-14-58, 2nd place lead-end. 4ths place bob: f.c.c.'s 32465, 43265, 53624, 65432, 63542 and 56423.

5184 by R. F. B. SPEED.

23456	M	B	W	H
45362		2	—	
45623		X		—
52436		X		
42356	—	X		—
25634		2		—
25346		X		—
54326	—	X		
34256	—	X		—
53462	—	2		
43652	—	X		—
42563		3	—	
43265		X	—	—
24365	—	X	—	—
54263		X	—	
34562		X	—	
32465		X	—	—
32654		X		—
32546		X		—
24536	—	X		
43526	—	X		
53246	—	X		—
23456	—	X		—

FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE MAJOR BY ALL-DEVON BAND

In the 'Royal Oak' afterwards, we were trying to work out how many attempts the Guild had had for it; we failed, but settled for 12 or 13. The first was some time in 1951, and like all the rest, except one at Honiton Clyst, was at Wolborough: they varied in duration between ten minutes and two hours. Sometimes the ringing was good—sometimes . . . well, least said soonest mended: but, conditions being what they are in Devon, it was quite an achievement. Very few of us rang any Surprise Major between one peal attempt and the next, and the arrangement of each attempt was a triumph of organisation, for there are not more than a dozen Surprise peal ringers in the county, and they live as far as 57 miles apart, and are busy men; well over a thousand miles must have been covered in the course of the attempts, one of the regular participants covering over 70 miles by train each time.

We felt a little humble, afterwards, conscious that we were the lucky eight to have our names under the peal. Any of the attempts might have been the successful one, and it was a pity that two men, in particular, couldn't get away for this one—E. J. Taylor and Tom Myers. We always felt more confident that this might be 'It' when they were in the band, and it was almost unfair to sneak through it without them. What's more, they came the furthest to the attempts. And there was Elizabeth Brown, too; she might have been in it if she hadn't had to run away to Wiltshire.

Well, there it is; it will be quite a novelty for one of us to meet Fred without the certainty of hearing, 'When are we going for that Cambridge again?' But what do I hear, floating through the tobacco-smoke across the pint pots? Heigh-ho, they're talking about Yorkshire now.

J. G. M. S.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

For their annual meeting the Eastern Branch again visited Loddon, and some 28 members and friends braved the arctic conditions to make the gathering a happy one.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Ninham), the Association president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) reading the lesson. The business meeting after tea was presided over by Mr. E. R. Goate, Branch chairman.

Branch officers elected were:—Chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate: secretary, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead: Ringing Master, Mr. Godfrey G. Walpole (in place of Mr. H. W. Barrett, appointed Association Ringing Master). Miss D. E. Lidbetter and Mr. S. Copling were elected as Branch representatives on the Association Standing Committee. Messrs. Forder, Chapman, Bird, Bailey and Ford were elected to the Branch Committee.

The recent belfry election of Mr. and Mrs. B. Warwick, of Blaby, was ratified, and the following new members were also elected: Mr. P. T. D. Cattermole, Miss S. Hewitt and Miss P. Randelsome.

Subject to usual permission being obtained, a practice meeting is to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on April 14th, a meeting proper at Pakefield on June 16th; other dates for 1956 are September 29th and December 1st, venues yet to be decided.

Certain of the Branch officers having received appeal literature in respect of the 'Bow Bells' Fund, some discussion ensued. It was finally agreed that the question should go before the Association's Standing Committee.

The meeting took the opportunity of congratulating personally Mr. Nolan Golden, who recently rang his 1,000th peal. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. C. R. Ninham, the organist (Mr. Bond), Mr. Barrett (Master of the local company) and Mrs. Barrett and her lady helpers for the excellent tea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'CRAFT' GUILDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. F. Stenson, in his letter published on March 2nd, 1956, reports the views of Mr. R. B. Meadows about the proposal for the formation of a Railwaymen's Guild. Mr. Meadows is opposed to what he calls 'craft' guilds because, in his opinion, they cut across the diocesan and county guilds and he goes on to say that the Police Guild is not liked for that reason.

So far as I know the only 'craft' guilds existing at present are the Guilds of Clerical and Medical Ringers, the National Police Guild and, if it is still in being, the Royal Air Force Association.

I am a member of the Police Guild and I cannot see in what way it harms the interests of the territorial societies. Its members meet together as a body only for the annual meeting and dinner, and they ring very few peals as a guild. To me the success of the annual gatherings is sufficient justification for the existence of the guild.

The majority of members about whom I know anything pull their full weight in their diocesan and county guilds and in many cases they can be counted amongst the most enthusiastic and loyal supporters. At a function in Leicester a few years ago there were present, with others, the president and a vice-president of a diocesan guild, a district secretary of a county association, the Master of the College Youths and three ex-district secretaries of county associations, all of them active members of the Police Guild. Does this show that 'craft' guilds cut across diocesan and county guilds? I think not.

If the Police Guild is unpopular, the reason, in my opinion, is not the one given by Mr. Meadows, but lies in the fact that membership of it is confined to ringers with interests other than ringing in common. For the same reason the various university societies are not liked by some ringers.

I do not, however, accept that the Police Guild is generally unpopular and I know that the university societies are not. I therefore feel that those railwaymen who are in favour of the formation of a guild for members of their 'craft' need not fear that they will incur the hostility of the Exercise at large. I, for one, wish them every success if they form their guild.—Yours sincerely,

J. G. A. PRIOR.

London, S.W.12.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Pudsey on October 15th, 1955, because of falseness.

This peal was taken from an old copy of Treble Bob, Part II., and I carelessly omitted to check the figures.

I hope the band and the Yorkshire Association will accept my sincere apologies and I append the composition so others will not fall in the same trap.—Yours, etc.,

R. BETTLEY-COOKE.

Leeds 6.

5,088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By Wm. Sottanstall

23456	M	In	Out	5ths	W	H
54326	2	—	—	2		
43526		—		—		
35426		—		—		
37526 4		—			—	—
37246 5		—				—
34256				2		

Twice repeated.

BOW BELLS APPEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. A. F. Wellington's query ('Ringing World,' page 121, Feb. 24th), I should like to express agreement with his proposition concerning a centralised payment of ringers' donations, via the Central Council. There are two points which I should like to raise, however.

Firstly, if there is a C.C. official willing to act as receiver, would it not be better to send all (ringers') donations direct to this official? There are doubtless many ringers who would wish to contribute individually.

Secondly, without presuming to instruct the church authorities of St. Mary-le-Bow, I feel that we ringers should press for a 53 cwt. tenor. Although there are several very good twelves with tenors around 42 cwt. (St. Nicholas', Liverpool, are generally reckoned to be the finest in the country), the familiar Bow Bells would surely not be quite the same without the extra metal. Modern bell-hanging would, I think, give a reasonably handy ring at this weight.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow.

PEALS AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—The subject of the 'freak' peal of Plain Bob Major rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry should have been allowed to die a natural death. However, I am very surprised at Mr. E. C. Gobey, thinking 2 hrs. 35 mins. a fast time for a peal on the Foundry bells.

I have rung 62 peals there at an average time of 2 hrs. 25¼ mins. Fifty of these have been on the back eight at an average time of 2 hrs. 22½ mins. Even the slowest, 2 hrs. 38 mins., is only three minutes more than Mr. Gobey's 'fast' time, and that was a 5,120. My next slowest was 2 hrs. 32 mins. Even when Mr. Gobey rang a 9,120 on February 16th, 1924, the time was 4 hrs. 37 mins., which works out at 2 hrs. 35 mins. or 2 hrs. 36 mins. for a 5,056. Did Mr. Gobey think that was fast or slow?

It is true that in recent years peals have tended to be rung quicker, but ringers who ring these fairly regularly in the evenings do not arrive by train until 6 p.m. and the return train leaves at 9.1 p.m., which does not allow for any minutes to be lost.

In my opinion, Mr. Gobey ought to have more sense than to query the truth of the composition. At least three members of the band (apart from the conductor) can vouch for the accuracy of the peal.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Ringing Master, St. Thomas', South Wigston.

A GENUINE INQUIRY

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of March 2nd I note a cryptic paragraph beginning, 'It is a pity that so many people indulge in wishful thinking when adding footnotes to their peals.'

If this unnamed correspondent refers to a recent peal at Great Bromley, I must protest that it is an even greater pity that he is apparently unable to distinguish between a peal column and a gossip column, as in this instance no footnote was appended, a note being inserted in Belfry Gossip in an honest attempt to ascertain the facts.

Incidentally I wonder if this correspondent is so certain of his facts, as I have been shown a 1912 record which shows that Canon Papillon rang 14 peals for the Essex Association, which is not quite the same as ringing and conducting dozens at one tower.—Yours sincerely,

R. DUESBURY.

Thorington, Essex.

[Note.—We also thank Peter J. Eves for his letter making the same point.—Ed.]

ADVANTAGES OF A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Although not a mover of the proposed Railwaymen's Guild and feeling at first opposed to its formation, I have nevertheless exchanged views about it with a number of railwaymen and non-railwaymen friends. As also you yourself, sir, in a speech at the Henry Johnson Dinner have associated my name with the matter, perhaps I might have a few lines of your space to put forward a personal opinion which to some extent modifies what I wrote privately to Frank Stenson a few weeks ago (quoted by him in 'The Ringing World' of March 2nd).

Let us admit that there are already enough ringing associations without our adding another, especially an exclusive non-territorial guild. Railwaymen would not wish to bring themselves into disfavour by asking to be treated as a separate body within the ringing Exercise. It ought, then, to be made clear at the start:—

1. That the proposed guild would not wish to be considered for Central Council representation.
2. That peals would not be rung for the proposed guild, but for the local association as appropriate in each place.
3. That non-railwaymen ringers would be welcome at any ringing meetings. No doubt joint meetings with local associations could usually be arranged.

The formation of a Railwaymen's Guild is not as aimless as might appear, the significance being in railway staff facilities. To put the matter plainly, railwaymen, who in general work odd and awkward hours, are less able to attend ringing occasions than they would like, but would be seen more often in the tower if ringing were recognised as an organised activity by their Railway Staff Association. To be organised you require some kind of a guild.

Would ringers, I wonder, be willing to look more kindly on the proposed new guild if they are assured that its real purpose is not to seclude railwaymen ringers into periodical 'clan' gatherings, but to assist many of them towards ringing with their friends up and down the country more often than is now possible.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Bath.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—The report of a so-called peal of Stedman Triples at South Wigston makes one think. I myself am just a novice at this great art, and after reading F. S. C.'s letter I think it is better to stay put than get mixed up with these so-called 'peal snatchers.'

On looking back in 'The Ringing World' (page 89), I note that six of the band were amongst the leading peal ringers of 1955, and one, I am told, has over a thousand peals to his credit.

If peals have to be rung like this just to make up the number, please save me from B. G. W.'s band.—Yours, etc.,

W. G. SMITH.

Leicester.

TENOR CLAPPER REMOVED FOR VISITORS

Dear Sir,—In the '20's after much negotiation we obtained the use of Bow bells for a short visit.

Judge of our surprise, while waiting to ascend the tower, we heard two hefty men descending carrying a body on their shoulders. The body turned out to be the clapper from the tenor. Left to our own devices, we rang some very bad Grandsire Caters. Perhaps that is what they expected. I am pleased to report better receptions at all other London and district towers.—Yours truly,

T. H. VALLANCE.

Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE BRISTOL MEETING, 1955

MINUTES of the second session of the twenty-second Council (58th Annual Meeting), held in the Chapter House, Bristol, on Whit Tuesday, May 31st, 1955.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Dean of Bristol and by the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

PRESENT:—

Life Members.— Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Viggers.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. R. O. Fry, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. P. A. F. Chalk, Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. R. G. Corby.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association. — Mr. A. Mould, Mr. W. L. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Mr. J. E. Lilley, Mr. T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. P. Border, Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. —Mr. A. L. Barry, Mr. T. Boreham, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver, Mr. J. J. Webb.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. E. Edmondson, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association. — Mr. J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association. — Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. N. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Miss K. Higgins.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Nobles, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild. — Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. C. Glenn, Mr. J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. J. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway, Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association. — Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. H. Stalham, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Guild. — Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild. — Mr. D. Burnett, Miss M. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. —Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association. — Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented ..	26	72	—
Partially represented ..	18	38	24
Not represented	10	—	15
	54	110	39
Life Members ..		5	2
Hon. Members ..		11	8
		126	49

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 7 Life Members, making a total membership of 181. There were vacancies for one Representative Member and five Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid except those of the North Wales Association.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. F. Ainsley, Miss P. J. Ayris, Messrs. C. A. Bassett, E. W. Biffen, F. D. Boreham, T. R. Butler, G. H. Cross, F. Dunkerley, J. P. Fidler, E. G. Fenn, S. Foskett, T. H. Francis, A. Harman, J. E. Hobbs, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. H. J. Mansfield, W. N. Park, F. Precey, A. H. Pulling, J. W. Raithby, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Messrs. C. W Roberts, C. J. Sedgley, B. F. Sims, J. F. Smallwood, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, C. Wallater, R. St. C. Wilson, J. R. Worrall and E. A. Young.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. H. W. Barrett (Norwich), A. L. Barry (Gloucester and Bristol), P. Border (Ely), R. O. Fry (Bath and Wells), Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (Kent), Miss K. Higgins (Oxford University), Mr. D. Hughes (Hon. Member), Miss M. Lidgey (Truro Diocesan), and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (Lancashire).

TELEGRAM TO MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

The President read a telegram of congratulation sent by the Secretary to Mr. E. Alexander Young, formerly secretary of the Council, on the occasion of his 90th birthday on May 20th.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

No elections or re-elections were made.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following former members of the Council, the members standing in silence: Messrs. J. W. Milner (Chester) and F. Warrington (Ely).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 8th, 1955, and circulated to members, were adopted subject to the substitution of Mr. J. Segar for Mr. C. Glenn in the list of new members presented to the President.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—
('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

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('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The formal report of the Standing Committee was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

(a) Handbook Sub-Committee.

('Ringing World,' June 24th, 1955, pages 393-5, July 1st, 1955, pages 409-10, and July 8th, 1955, page 426)

Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Arising from the report, notice of motion to amend Rule 11 was given by the Hon. Secretary.

(b) Roll of Honour Sub-Committee.

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. It was agreed that the Secretary send an official letter of thanks to all who had contributed to the successful completion of the Roll.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 363)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

'RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 363)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. J. Willis.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 3rd, 1955, page 350)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 378)

Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 363)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 364)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Woolley, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers.

ALTERATION TO RULE 4

On the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, Rule 4 (Section ii.) was amended by inserting the words 'Non-Territorial' between 'the' and 'Societies.' The Section to read 'The representation of the Non-Territorial Societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the Schedule to these Rules unless modified on application to and by permission of the Council.'

MOTIONS

(a) The following motion was proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett, in lieu of motions (a) to (g) inclusive on the Agenda paper, with the agreement of the respective proposers and seconders and with the consent of the Council:—

'That this Council, while not encouraging the ringing of peals which are not in accordance with its decisions, resolves to recognise all true peals rung in conformity with the conditions laid down for peals in 1951 (see "The Ringing World," page 187, in the issue of March 25th, 1955), as subsequently amended; except that the Council is not prepared to recognise any peal rung to surpass a previous peal in length, number of methods, or in any way which does not comply with its rules and decisions.'

Mr. N. Chaddock proposed, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded, an amendment to delete all after the words 'as subsequently amended.'

This was carried.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

(b) Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, and carried:—

'That such decisions made by the Council since its inception as have not previously been rescinded or superseded be now rescinded, and that the decisions as presented to the Council at this meeting, or as have been amended thereat, be substituted and incorporated in the Council's Handbook.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. H. Dallaway, it was agreed that the invitation to visit Leicester in 1956 be accepted.

The Secretary reported that an invitation had been received from the Irish Association to visit Dublin in 1958. It was agreed to defer a decision until the 1956 meeting.

NEW COMMITTEE

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed, Mr. H. J. Poole seconded, and it was agreed that a committee be appointed:

(a) To consider nominations for the position of President, and to make a recommendation.

(b) To consider and submit to the Council suitable designs for a badge of office for the President.

(c) To consider the appointment of a vice-president of the Council.

(d) To alter any rules that are necessary.

It was agreed that the committee should consist of three members of the Standing Committee, to be nominated by that committee, and three other members, Messrs. P. A. Corby, J. A. Freeman and T. J. Lock.

VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, and carried with acclamation.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Dean and Chapter of Bristol for the use of the Chapter House; to the Dean for officiating at Holy Communion that morning and for his welcome later in the morning; to the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (Mr. C. R. Harding) for his welcome; to Mr. F. Skidmore (Secretary of the Association) and the Reception Committee for local arrangements; and all incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of their bells.

A civic reception was afterwards given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Red Lodge.

BEWDLEY HOLD THEIR FIRST DINNER

The young, keen and flourishing band at St. Ann's, Bewdley, Worcs., held their first annual dinner on February 13th. Although the weather did its best to wreck the function, all the cars reached their destination and all but one of the 24 acceptances were present.

The Rev. R. A. Jones (Rector) presided, and the toast of 'The St. Ann's Association' was proposed by Mr. B. C. Ashford, secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and acknowledged by the Master. The Master proposed 'The Visitors,' and Mr. H. V. Cooper, Stourbridge, replied. Afterwards Messrs. Ashford, Cooper and A. Glazzard (Master of Hartlebury) gave a delightful programme of handbell ringing.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

The new editor of the Australian ringing journal, 'Ringing Towers,' is John Cummins and the treasurer is Mrs. Margaret Goodyer.

Congratulations to two members of the New South Wales Association who have recently qualified as doctors; they are Geoff Logan, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and Dick Bailey, of All Saints', Parramatta.

St. Mary's Cathedral has recently lost two ringers. Ted Shechy has completed his studies as a wool classer and will be working away from Sydney, while his brother John has gone to Springwood to commence his studies for the priesthood.

A peal attempt at Parramatta for the wedding of Bobby Ferris, their tower captain, broke down after 1 hour and 40 minutes.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM H. THEOBALD

We deeply regret to record the passing on February 20th, at the age of 85, Mr. William H. Theobald, an esteemed member of the Leytonstone band, which made history between the wars in furthering the art of Spliced Surprise Minor ringing.

Unfortunately, Mr. Theobald had been confined to his room for several years past through arthritis, and although he could no longer take any active part in ringing, his keenness never waned. His old friend Mr. E. D. Smith used to visit him frequently, as did several others of his old associates, and through them he kept in touch with ringing in general. Whenever one visited him he always had a cheery greeting, and loved to talk of old days.

Mr. Theobald was a native of Marlow, and it was in the tower of All Saints' where he first learnt to ring, and rang his first peal in 1889, conducted by the late J. W. Washbrook. On moving to the London area he quickly progressed and became a member of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone. He joined the Essex Association in 1907 and at one time held office as district secretary and later as auditor until ill health intervened.

Mr. Theobald rang 188 peals on all numbers from Minor to Maximus. Although most were rung for the Essex Association, he rang many for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association.

With his passing goes another link with the old Leytonstone six-bell band, whose quality of ringing was of the highest standard, and still remembered by many.

He was cremated at the City of London Crematorium on February 23rd. In addition to family mourners, Mr. E. D. Smith and Mr. J. H. Crampion attended.

HIS PEALS

Doubles—Grandsire 1.

Minor—Plain Bob 1, Surprise (including one of Spliced Surprise in 23 methods) 43.

Triples—Grandsire 3, Stedman 23.

Major—Plain Bob 4, Treble Bob 22, Double Norwich C.B. 7, Cambridge Surprise 15, Superlative 5, London 2.

Caters—Grandsire 3, Stedman 27.

Royal—Plain Bob 2, Treble Bob 13, Cambridge 3.

Cinques—Grandsire 2, Stedman 9.

Maximus—Treble Bob 3.

Total: 188.

CANON JOHN MOSS

The death of the Rev. Canon John Moss occurred on March 3rd after a short illness. He was Vicar of Bilsborrow, near Preston, and Rural Dean of Garstang. It did not matter whether it was a peal attempt or a meeting, Canon Moss always made a point of meeting the ringers. His wife always came on the scene with refreshments, and in this way they became known to a wide circle of ringers in Lancashire.

The funeral took place at Bilsborrow on March 6th and was attended by the Bishop of Blackburn (Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddesley), the Suffragan Bishop of Lancaster (Rt. Rev. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall), the Archdeacon of Lancaster (Ven. W. G. Fallows) and a large number of clergy from the Garstang and Preston Deaneries. The Lancashire Association was represented by the vice-president and the Preston Branch secretary. Ringers were present from Broughton, Leyland, Penwortham and Scorton. The bells were rung fully muffled before the service and after the committal.

Mr. Moss was 64 and his death is much regretted. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss, his two sons having been killed in World War II. E. R. M.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER E. LONGMAN

The Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild is much the poorer by the death of one of its most respected members, Mr. Walter E. Longman, of All Saints' Church, Lawton, who died on February 20th. He had been in indifferent health for about 12 months but his death was unexpected.

The service he had given to the church was an example to all with whom he came in contact, and at his death he was a churchwarden, a position he had held for a number of years. He was also a member of the choir from boyhood days and a ringer of no mean ability. Mr. Longman had rung about 70 peals, ranging from Doubles upwards, and during the years when Lawton ringing was at its peak he took part in many Surprise peals. He was elected as a member of the Central Council but owing to illness was unable to attend.

He was laid to rest in the shadow of the tower he had served so well on February 23rd. Representatives of the Chester Guild and North Staffs Association attended the funeral.

After the memorial service on Sunday, Feb. 26th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by his ringing friends with the bells half-muffled. The band consisted of: Robert Arrowsmith (Lawton) 1, Phillip S. Whalley (Wolstanton) 2, Brian Ferneyhough (Alsager) 3, William Massey (Wolstanton) 4, Thomas Arrowsmith (Lawton) 5, George W. Biddulph (Wolstanton) 6, Douglas R. Whalley, conductor (Wolstanton) 7, Alex. Booth (Lawton) 8.

The ringers wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Longman, Nancy and Daniel.

MR. WILLIAM E. SPICE

Following a short illness, the death occurred at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on March 6th, of Mr. William Edward Spice, of Tunstall, Sittingbourne.

He was 67 years of age and for the past 45 years had belonged to the Tunstall band of ringers, of which he became captain and secretary following the death some nine years ago of his father, William Spice, sen.

Although not keen on peal ringing, he partook in a number of peals during his lifetime, the first being a peal of Grandsire Triples at Penshurst in May, 1904. He was, however, a regular and reliable ringer for Sunday services at Tunstall, where he was for many years a member of the choir, served on the parochial church council, and was always a willing helper in decorating the church for the usual festivals. Because of his professional skill as a gardener, his decorative work was always much admired. It may truly be said that 'Bill' Spice, as he was known by his many friends, was of sterling character and a most likeable disposition. He will be sadly missed at Tunstall.

The funeral took place at Tunstall on March 10th. Immediately following the committal in the churchyard, members of the Tunstall band, assisted by local ringer friends, rang the bells half-muffled.

Among the many floral tributes to his memory there was one from the members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, of which the deceased became a member some 50 years ago.

MR. WILLIAM EVANS

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. William Evans, late of Lyonshall, Herefordshire, at the age of 67, at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Old Radnor. He was for about 10 years (until 1934) Ringing Master of the Kington District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and had rung 33 peals.

A skilled motor mechanic, he worked for many years with the firm at W. H. Burgoyne and Sons in their haulage and tent-hire business at Lyonshall.

The funeral took place on February 27th at Old Radnor Church, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Williams, assisted by the Rev. I. Price.

The bearers were local ringers, who, after the service and assisted by Mrs. E. Chandler (assistant secretary and peal recorder, Hereford Guild) and Mr. A. Williams (Almeley), rang the bells half-muffled.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Old Radnor ringers and one from the Kington District ringers.

On the following Saturday a half-muffled peal of Minor was attempted at Old Radnor by a representative band of the district, of which Mr. Evans was Master, but after ringing five extents in just over two hours, 'Stand' had to be called, much to the disappointment of the ringers and parishioners, owing to the very bad 'go' of the bells, particularly the 5th and tenor, which had given its ringers more than enough! It is hoped that a further attempt may be made at another tower. The ringers were: Leslie Evans 1, Mrs. E. Chandler 2, Laurence T. Mainwaring 3, Frederick R. Harris 4, A. Bryan Ellsmore (conductor) 5, Austin T. Wingate 6.

Cheddar Tower Is Alive

Two years ago there was no ringing for Christmas at Cheddar, the band having gone to pieces. Since then a gratifying revival has taken place with a record of unbroken ringing for Sunday service. Tribute to this was paid at the annual ringers' service by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. George).

The service was preceded by a number of younger ringers playing hymns on handbells. Unfortunately the captain, Mr. E. C. Wickham, was prevented from attending through indisposition. The lessons were read by Mr. Richard Brown, vice-captain, and prayers and hymns were taken from the Association's form of service.

5,024 Glenparva Surprise Major

By Rev. H. LAW JAMES

5ths	Out	In	H	23456
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2	3		X	65423
3	3		X	56342
3	3		X	35264
3	3		X	23456

First rung at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on January 25th, 1956, conducted by B. G. Warwick.

Method is Whitwick with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

Founders' Names Wanted

Dear Sir,—I would be very grateful if you could insert in your columns a request for the names of the founders of the following rings of bells:—

Bramshott (St. Mary) 6 bells, Highclere (St. Michael) 8, Heckfield (St. Michael) 5, Kingsthorpe (St. John) 6, Lane End (Holy Trinity) 6, Monk-Sherborne (All Saints) 5, Putney (St. Mary) 8, Rotherwick (unknown) 6, Roade (St. Mary) 5, Rochester Row (St. Stephen) 8, Selborne (St. Mary) 5, Silchester (St. Mary) 5, Sherborne St. John (St. Andrew) 6, Southwark (St. George) 8, Weston Favell (St. Peter) 5, Waterloo (St. John) 8.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN T. HALE.

Farnham.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Preliminary Notice

The third session of the 22nd Council (59th annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1956.

In accordance with Rule 13, notice of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary not later than six weeks prior to the meeting.

Details of other arrangements will be given later.—E. A. Barnett, Hon. Sec.

BIRTH

CARPENTER.—On March 10th, 1956, at Friar's Craig Nursing Home, Coventry, to Marjorie and David, a son (Stuart David). A brother for Anne. 7962

ENGAGEMENT

ARTHUR—GIBSON.—The engagement is announced between Kenneth Arthur, of SS. James and Basil's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Margaret Gibson, of St. Hilda's, South Shields. 7952

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—Homely accommodation. Highly recommended. Moderate terms for ringers.—Mrs. L. G. Walters, 1, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, N. Devon. 7973

PUBLICATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

Would any ringer care to purchase or hire Grocery and Provision Shop, outskirts of Norwich? Good sound business. Very good living accommodation. — B. Gogle, 87, Reepham Road, Hellesdon, Norwich, Norfolk. 7972

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire, at the Church of St. James, rededication of the rehung ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.), Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. All ringers welcome. Names for refreshments to John Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 7917

COMPLETE YOUR FILES.—Back numbers of 'The Ringing World' are available at the 'R.W.' Office, price 6d. per copy, post free.

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PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, March 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. 7935

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N. District — Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), Saturday, March 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buses from Halstead and Bures. 7893

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Harpenden, Herts.—Special practice, Saturday, Mar. 17th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. C. Jacklin (captain). 7965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Combined meeting at Benenden (8) on March 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. —W. P. Garner. 7894

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 7884

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at West Malling on Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome — gentlemen cordially invited. — Jill Haffenden. 7834

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—March programme. St. John's, South Hackney, E.9, Saturday, 17th, 3 to 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Matthew's Bethnal Green (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Wednesday, 21st, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. (learners). A cordial welcome extended to all.—Bullock, Sec. 7919

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Brentford, Saturday, March 17th. Bells from 6 p.m. Chiswick not available in afternoon.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 7934

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Orston on Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30. Buses leave Newark at 1.35 and 4.35 only.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 7869

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), March 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 7940

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7939

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be on March 20th, not the 27th.—A. B. Peck. 7958

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM. — The new ring of eight bells by Taylor's, of Loughborough, in West Bridgford Parish Church will be dedicated by Bishop J. R. Weller on Thursday, March 22nd, at 7.30. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp. 7976

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 24th, Mark. Bells (8) 5 to 9 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 7960

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, March 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by March 21st.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7971

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Birkenhead, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by 21st at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7969

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY and GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER
at
THE GAUMONT RESTAURANT, WESTOVER ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH
SATURDAY, MAY 5th, 1956, at 6 p.m.
Chairman:
Rev. J. L. Featherstone,
Vicar of St. John's, Surrey Road
Tickets: 11s. 6d. each
Application for tickets to Daniel T. Matkin, 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth (Central). Phone Bournemouth 6342 7966

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Frequent bus service from Derby–Nottingham, bus No. 8. All welcome.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 7918

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7964

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Bristol, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 20th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 7956

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), March 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7957

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Badgeworth, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7975

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham on Saturday, March 24th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names by March 21st to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. 7947

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, March 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Special method, Hull Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7950

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, March 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham, Kent. 7888

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Annual meeting (joint), Drighlington, March 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington.—E. D. Kelly, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7945

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour, Deane Road, Saturday, March 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea only. Lovely eight (20 cwt.). All welcome.—Thornley, Sec. 7970

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Nomination meeting, Drighlington, March 24th, 3 p.m. Tea—please notify Sydney Barron, 40, West Street, by first post on 24th. Buses (Queen Street) 2.30, and every 20 minutes.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7968

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, March 24th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea 4.30 at Red Lion Inn. Names, please, by Wednesday, March 21st, to Mr. R. Belton, Westgates, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester. 7959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wendover, March 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. No name, no tea. 7955

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Wareham, Saturday, Mar. 24th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, by March 21st. Also available, Lytchett Minster. 7954

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Shareshill, near Wolverhampton, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 21st to Mr. H. Butler, 5, Pool Cottages, Shareshill, near Wolverhampton. 7916

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, March 24th. Bells 4–6, 7–8.30. Tea available. 7974

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Northiam (6), Saturday, March 24th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. W. Button, Amak, Northiam.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 7949

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting on Monday, April 2nd, at Honiton (St. Paul's). Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business after. Names for tea by March 29th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 7963

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at Cathedral at noon. Luncheon at Corn Exchange. Tickets in advance by March 26th, members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., also information leaflet including business agenda, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Ringing at Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham, Frindsbury and Rochester Cathedral.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7953

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 4, tea (1s. 6d. per head) and business to follow. —F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec. 7967

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Usual arrangements but fuller details next week.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 7951

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Friezland, Saturday, April 7th. For teas please notify Mr. L. Dawson, 29, St. Mary's Drive, Greenfield, Oldham, by March 31st.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7948

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD OF BELLRINGERS. — Northern Section. — Quarterly meeting at Llangattock, near Crickhowell, Breconshire, on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 p.m. —G. Davies, Hon. Sec. 7944

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 28th, at Prestwich. Details later. 7946

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. C. Webster (first on 8) 1, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. G. Hart 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, D. J. Taylor 5, H. D. Butler 6, P. D. Beedie 7, C. Milsom 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge): A. Denson 1, S. Shipp 2, O. E. R. Knights 3, D. A. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

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THE GRECIAN HANDBELL RINGERS

On my way home from school one afternoon some sixty odd years ago I saw a poster which read:—

'Come and see The Grecian Handbell Ringers.
Fresh from Greece.
See and hear them play.
Admission one penny.'

My friend Harold suggested we should get our parents to treat us because it happened to be a special feature in connection with the Annual Carnival, so it was agreed that Dad should be asked to pay, and then compare results. Before approaching Dad I had second thoughts on the subject, for he happened to be leader of a good team of handbell ringers and he might not like me to patronise a party from Greece, but in my eagerness to comply with the bidding on the poster I resolved to chance it, for after all he could only refuse to let me see and hear handbell ringers from abroad.

When I mentioned the subject to Dad I fully expected him to say I ought to support home talent, but to my surprise he became interested in the wording I saw on the poster and told me to find out where the ringing was to take place. The next day I found out the performances would take place in a large marquee, but nobody could tell me what time train the Grecians would reach the town, so Harold and I had to be content with the knowledge that our entrance fees had been promised when the eventful evening came.

When the evening did come both of us found plenty of people entering the marquee, but we managed to get a seat at the back and, after a short wait, the stage curtains were drawn aside to show about twenty-five handbells on a table. Then came four men in red and white striped costumes with black faces. They began to play and, strangely enough, the tune was one I had often heard at home on handbell practice nights, and as I looked from one ringer to another the whole truth was revealed to me in a flash. Yes, there they were, Dad and three of his band posing as 'The Grecian Handbell Ringers fresh from Greece.'

Of course, Harold and I soon felt we had been duped, and when the performance was found to consist of two tunes with a course of Grandsire Triples in between we decided it was not good value for money, so a scheme to stay and hear another performance was hastily decided upon. This scheme consisted of sitting down behind the back form quite close to the side curtains while the audience went out and the next assembly began, but our calculations were soon upset, for two men appeared from nowhere and commenced hitting us on various parts of our heads with bladders. This attack was kept up until we reached the exit in spite of Harold telling them that my Dad was leader of the 'Grecians,' which only made them give us a few more whacks to end our visit. Harold went home after declaring the show a fraud, and he also resolved to give handbell ringing a wide berth in future, but I desired to investigate matters a little further and ascertain some more information about the affair.

The next morning I found things far from normal on my arrival downstairs, for Dad had come home from his 'Grecian' performances after Mum had gone to bed, and whether he was unable to restore his black face to normal by the removal of a new kind of make-up, or whether he was very tired and forgot about it, I could not find out, but you can readily picture what a shock Mum had when morning came! How Dad removed the stuff from his face and beard is a mystery to me, and what became of the pillow slip could not be ascertained, for my first question received a sharp reply; therefore I deemed it advisable to apply the 'silence is golden' rule.

Looking at the poster, which had not been removed, the words, 'Fresh from Greece,' caught my eye and, after pondering for a short while, I came to the conclusion that the Grecian Handbell Ringers were only connected with Greece by grease paint on their make-up. No doubt the disguise hoodwinked a lot of people and the ringers worked hard to give the public a good show for the modest sum of one penny, but for myself who had heard the tunes many times at home it was a disappointment until the humorous side of the affair became the subject of a good laugh, and when a goodly sum was handed to the hospital authorities it was a gratifying result to all concerned.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	6
PETER BERESFORD	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	7
ANN BARR	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	8
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
ALFRED BALLARD	5	GEORGE E. OLIVER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ALFRED J. MOULD	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	6
HAROLD MARCON	2	*MRS. M. I. PAILING ..	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	3	†JAMES H. PAILING	8
FREDK. A. SALTER	4	ALLAN SIMPSON	9
MRS. A. SIMPSON	5	*PETER M. GILES	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal on ten. † First peal of Caters. First peal on ten as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Mould, and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hoodless, who have left Nottingham for Southsea.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 27¼ cwt.

ALAN J. BROWN..	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
JAMES FEARNLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*MRS. GAYNOR E. BARLOW	*Treble*	ROBERT ARROWSMITH ..	5
†PHYLLIS HOLBORN	2	‡DAVID MANNING	6
†PHILLIP S. WHALLEY ..	3	RONALD T. BARLOW ..	7
†WILLIAM MASSEY	4	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung just for experience.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EWART A. ANDREWS ..	*Treble*	HAROLD E. RAXTER	5
*REV. ALBERT WEBB ..	2	ROBERT W. COLE	6
ANTHONY J. BRAZIER ..	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal on eight bells
Rung as a compliment to Councillor Ewart A. Andrews, during his year in office as Mayor of the Borough of Evesham.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

JAMES THORLEY..	*Treble*	*C. DONALD MANN	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	2	IRVIN SLACK	6
MARGARET S. RHODES ..	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ..	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by P. BRICKELL. Conducted by R. BETTLEY-COOKE.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
H. LESLIE WYKES	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	6
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	REGINALD T. BERRIDGE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR ..	*Treble*	†DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	5
†DAPHNE R. CASTELL ..	2	†KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	6
†JAMES ADAMS	3	†ROBIN A. HODGSON ..	7
CHARLES COLES	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	CHARLES F. TOVELL	5
HUBERT C. CROME	2	JOHN WILSON	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN.. ..	3	LESLIE HOUGHTON	7
*GEOFFREY R. DREW ..	4	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a farewell to John Wilson on his joining the R.A.F.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	JAMES W. JEFFERY	5
*MRS. K. SNELLING	2	†KENNETH SNELLING.. ..	6
GEORGE APPS	3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ..	7
LEONARD STILWELL.. ..	4	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Major. † 500th peal.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

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

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A PEAL OF 5056 HUNGARTON SURPRISE MAJOR

No. 7. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	†JOHN A. ACRES	6
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 50th peal together. † 200th tower-bell peal for the Guild. The conductor has 'circled the tower.' The first peal in the method, which is Lyme with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	2	GILES C. GALLEY	6
J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
*PETER F. WINDLEY	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
REGINALD ROWLEY	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	7
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

LENA SKEET	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	GEORGE JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Basil White, of Henfield.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

FREDERICK SEAGER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	BARRY SULLIVAN	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

G. F. CARTER (Imp.)	*Treble*	*C. FORSTER-JONES (Bed.)	5
D. BERESFORD (King's)	2	J. L. MORRIS (Qn. Mary)	6
GEOFF. F. BRYANT (U.C.)	3	†J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	7
*HOWARD COLLINGS (U.C.)	4	ALAN F. THIRST (Imp.)	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 OVERTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

The first peal in the method.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	JAMES W. METCALFE	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOHN F. WOOD	6
STANLEY ANDERTON	3	ALAN PENDLEBURY	7
PETER CROOK, SEN.	4	RICHARD P. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung half-muffled as a memorial tribute to John Moss, Priest, Vicar of Bilsborrow, Canon of Blackburn Cathedral, who died on March 3rd. He was the donor of the tenor bell at Bilsborrow.

SOUTHPORT. LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

NORMAN HEAPS	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
*ROGER LEIGH	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
*EDWARD W. ROAST	2	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	PETER J. EVES	7
PETER J. CAME	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to P. W. Saltmarsh.

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

BRIAN PIDGEON	*Treble*	JAMES D. UPTON	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	R. JOHN KELLAND	6
PERCY J. MAYNE	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
JACK SALWAY	4	WILLIAM H. WARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

Rung for the Restoration Appeal for £15,000 for St. Peter's Church.

OVERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

'—,58,—,16,—,56,—,36,14,—,12,58,16,—,56,3.

2nds place lead-end. Clear proof scale.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CECIL PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN CARTER	4
SIDNEY SKINNER	2	ERNEST W. ROWE	5
KENNETH DAWE	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Christine, daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

WHITESTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores of New Grandsire, four each of Bob Doubles, Old Doubles, Norfolk, three each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, seven of Grandsire and eight of Stedman. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	SIDNEY SKINNER	4
ERNEST W. ROWE	2	JOHN QUICK	5
CYRIL DEEM	3	JIM BRIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal of nine Doubles methods for all.

Rung as a 26th birthday compliment to Cyril Deem.

TETSWORTH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Stedman, 480 each of Old, Northrepps, All Saints', Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 4½ cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD	*Treble*	*FRANK A. BARRETT	4
VERNON GREEN	2	*CLIVE HOLLOWAY	5
ROBIN TREBILCOCK	3	†CLIVE WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

* First peal in 11 methods. † First peal.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Fortune, St. Columb, Kennington, Norfolk, Old, Northrepps, All Saints', Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALEC GAMMON	*Treble*	DAVID C. WOODWARD	3
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	VERNON GREEN	4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

First peal in 14 methods for all except the treble ringer.

Rung as a farewell compliment to Malcolm Journeaux, who has joined H.M. Forces.

THE LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
IVOR GOULTER	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
DAVID W. BEARD	3	DAVID BEACHAMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

Rung on Leap Year's Day by six bachelors. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

STEPHEN K. WHEELER	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	JOHN WILSON	5
HUBERT C. CROME	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung as a farewell to John Wilson on his joining the R.A.F.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

CYNTHIA B. HALL	*Treble*	ALFRED E. G. OWEN	4
*BRIAN R. JONES	2	RICHARD F. DAVIES	5
ROBERT NICHOLLS	3	THOMAS H. ONIONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cynthia B. Hall.

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

JOHN THORLEY	*Treble*	D. MARGARET HAWLEY	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
MARGARET S. RHODES	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately with different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	4
REV. ALBERT WEBB	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Wavertree College and Childwall, (2) College and St. Clement's, (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Fulbeck Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Thelwall, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN HUGHES	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	*PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in as many as ten methods.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. DESMOND PAINTER	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
STANLEY SHIPP	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

PEATLING PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, consisting of four extents each of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and six of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*†JOHN M. JELLEY	4
*†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in ten Doubles methods. † 50th peal together.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE A. COOKE	*Treble*	*JOHN COUZENS	4
*GEORGE GREEVES	2	*BOB ALLCOCK	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 16 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 26 six-scores of Grandsire (one Morris' 240 and ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	3
EDWARD C. BARTON	2	*RALPH BIRD	4
ALBERT DUNK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal in two Doubles methods. Mr. A. Dunk has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	*PHILIP N. TUBBS	7—8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First attempt for a peal on handbells. The conductor's 600th peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major away from 7-8.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 11, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN ST. JAMES' BELFRY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in E flat.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	*DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
		*TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	*JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on an 'inside' pair.



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PEAL RINGING IN IRELAND

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WITH the article on ringing in Wales, my main task was over, for there only remained places where very few peals had been rung. Over the past almost two years I have written about approximately 95,000 peals rung in the English counties. The Welsh article covered the 1,754 peals rung in that country. In the rest of the world we find that 219 peals have been rung in Ireland, 50 in Scotland, 49 in Australia, eight in New Zealand, three in South Africa, two in Canada and one in the U.S.A. No wonder change ringing is an English art!

Now for the peals rung in Ireland. Usually, the period commences with the peals published in 'Bell News,' which started in 1881. In this case it is possible to include all the peals which have ever been rung in this country. The first peal ever was rung on July 27th, 1872, at Waterford Cathedral (8) by the College Youths. It was of Grandsire Triples. Another in the same method followed on December 9th, 1873, also at Waterford. This is recorded in 'Church Bells,' vol. IV., page 31. The next peal I have come across is one at Lurgan (8) on July 31st, 1877 ('Church Bells,' vol. VII., page 459). This, too, was Grandsire Triples. These are the only peals I have found before 'Bell News' commenced publication, and it wasn't until 1897 that the first peal in Ireland is recorded in its columns. This was at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, at the opening of the new ring of 10. It was the first peal of Royal in Ireland. The 10 were augmented to 12 in 1910, although it wasn't until 1927 that we learned of the first peal on the 12—the first peal of Maximus to be rung outside England. Actually, 18 peals had been rung on the 10 before the first war broke out. There were 20 from 1916 to 1936 and there have been two since 1945—in 1949 and 1953. The total of 40 makes it second on the list of towers for peals.

Most peals have been rung at Arklow (8)—51. No less than 42 of them were rung from 1899 to 1909—an average which compares very well with many English towers. There were 13 peals in 1904, including two by a touring band on one day (W. Pye and Co.). It can be surmised that there must have been a 'leading light' to have rung so many in this period, and the answer is—J. Washbrook, one of the most famous ringers of all time. It was his enthusiasm which led to most of the pre-first-war peals. Gabriel Lindoff is also a name which must not be forgotten when we are thinking of Ireland and Irish peals. He, too, has left his mark on the Exercise. After the first war only three peals were rung at Arklow before the second war—in 1918, 1927 and 1931. There were six from 1942 to 1950 (Ireland did not quite prevent it being said that, despite the ban on tower bell ringing in England during the war, no year was peal-less, for they missed 1941, although one or two were accomplished in 1942).

After Arklow and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, there is a big drop to the next tower in order of peals. Only three others have reached double figures. Holywood (8) has 20—the first in 1904 (on W. Pye's tour), and 16 since 1946 (none last year). The remaining three were from 1931 to 1936. Dublin, St. George's (8), has 15, as follows: 1902, 1903, 1909, 1930 to 1940 (5), 1942, 1944, 1947 to 1953 (5). Hillsborough (8) has 14—in 1904, 1909, 1931 and 1949 to 1953 (8).

We now turn to consider the towers in descending order of numbers of bells. The only 12-bell tower has already been mentioned. There are six 10-bell towers and one of these (Wexford) is still virgin territory, I believe. This means that it is the only unconquered 10-bell tower there is. Very few peals have been rung on the other five. At Derry Cathedral there have been five peals (1930, 1931, 1936 and 1951 (two)); at Dublin, Christ Church Cathedral seven (1899, 1901, 1904, 1927, 1928, 1936 and 1953); at Dublin, St. John-the-Baptist's, two (1899 and 1904); at Enniskillen Cathedral three (1936, 1951 and 1953); and at Limerick R.C. Monastery one (1949). Thus only 18 in all, and mostly by touring bands.

The remaining 8-bell towers have figures as follows: Ballymena four (1931, 1936, 1951 (two)); Bangor four (1909, 1936, 1951, 1953); Belfast, St. Thomas' three (1904, 1909, 1931); Bray nine (1900 to 1909 six, 1927, 1953, 1954); Carrickfergus nine (1931 to 1936 five, 1947 to 1951 four); Coleraine four (1931, 1936, 1949, 1953); Drogheda five (1901, 1904, 1931, 1952, 1953); Kilkenny Cathedral one (1949); Limerick Cathedral two (1938, 1949); Lurgan eight (1904 two, 1909, 1931, 1947 to 1953 four) and Waterford Cathedral three (1904, 1905, 1949). The two Cathedrals at Cork still appear to be virgin territory.

As for 6-bell towers, none had been conquered before 1949, when a peal was rung at Drumbo. We now find five of the seven have had peals — Bandon one (1950); Belfast, St. Donard's (8), (all since 1950); Doneraile one (1954); Drumbo four 1949 to 1953); Rostrevor one (1950). There remain Blessington and Dublin, St. Andrew's, to appear in the peal columns. No peal has yet been rung on the only five-bell tower—Ross.

The best peal-ringing period in the history of the country was when J. W. Washbrook was resident there. Eighty-two peals were rung from 1899 to 1909. This is closely approached in the 11 years from 1945 to 1955, when 70 peals were rung (none in 1955, though). Apart from these two periods, very few peals have been rung except on the occasional 'tour,' e.g., 1931 and 1936. So much for the 'Emerald Isle.' Peals include all published up to February 3rd, 1956.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District

The hospitality shown to visitors at Baglan has to be experienced to be believed. Such an occasion happened on March 3rd, when the Guild's quarterly meeting was held there. One never fails to be impressed by the beautiful Church of St. Catherine, which is always worthy of a visit; also the spire and the six bells are on a par with the church.

Members attended from Gorseinon, Sketty, Llangynwyd, Llandilo, Cadoxton, Neath, Aberavon, Porthcawl, with the local band. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the Master, Mr. E. Morris.

The District secretary expressed the thanks of everyone for the excellent tea provided. At the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. J. Llew Jones) welcomed all to Baglan, and said he was always pleased to entertain members of the Guild of Bellringers. The statement of accounts was read and duly adopted. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dyffryn. Mr. D. J. Lewis expressed pleasure in seeing Mr. E. Phillips back again.

After a rope had broken early in the evening some of the members finished the day by going on to Aberavon. J. A. H.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton District

The Rev. Canon Alfred T. G. Blackmore, Rector of Bottesford, welcomed the Melton District meeting to his lovely parish church—'The Lady of the Vale'— on March 10th. Bottesford is the last parish in the Diocese of Leicester and furthest from the Cathedral City. On several occasions meetings at Bottesford have been very poorly supported, but this time the lovely ring of eight was put to good use by a gathering of nearly 50 ringers.

Mr. A. Ward, the captain, and members of the local band were at the tower in good time to meet the visitors, many of whom arrived at an early hour. A bright and cheerful service took place at 4.30, and although Canon Blackmore insisted that he was giving a 'little talk' and not an address, he held the attention of his hearers with an informed discourse on the origins of the use of bells in Christian worship. Mrs. A. Wheeler, of Kirby Bellars, assisted very ably at the organ.

A very fine tea was served at the Bull, when Canon Blackmore joined the company. Mr. J. H. Cook, District chairman, presided at the business meeting, and announced, to the great pleasure of all present, that Canon Blackmore had joined the Guild as an honorary member—the first in the District.

The District secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby, stated that the list of members to appear in the following Guild report had been fully corrected, and in accordance with the rules of the Guild persons whose subscriptions were in arrears would not appear as members. Members were asked to make this policy widely known and to point out to any who complained that their names would appear next year provided their subscriptions were brought up to date.

Mr. F. J. Williams was present from Blythe, Notts, and gave details of the arrangements he had made for the District outing in Nottinghamshire on Easter Monday. The next District meeting was arranged, subject to permission, to be held at Buckminster on April 28th.

Mr. P. A. Corby expressed the thanks of the District to Canon Blackmore, Mrs. Wheeler and the Bottesford ringers for the success of the meeting.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Sudbury District was held at Lavenham on March 3rd. This famous church proved a good attraction and the meeting was well attended. Visitors were present from Norfolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire, as well as the other Districts in Suffolk.

The Rector (Canon H. W. S. Cotton) conducted a short service and gave the Guild and visitors a very warm welcome. He also took the chair at the business meeting after tea, at which Mr. S. J. Twitchett was re-elected Master and Miss R. J. Seabrook secretary and treasurer.

After some discussion it was decided that instead of having a District dinner this year a supper and social evening should be held at Lavenham on June 23rd, in conjunction with the Lavenham Ringing Day. It was also suggested that a few peals might be rung at various towers in the District during the morning of that day, and anyone interested in helping to make up a band is asked to contact the secretary.

After the meeting further ringing from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise Major took place at the tower until 8.15 p.m.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, June A. Grieveson (first 'inside') 2, D. H. Paine 3, C. D. Linington 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. Brown 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Erith (first quarter) 1, F. Southgate 2, H. Bacon 3, D. Andrews 4, F. H. Erith 5, A. R. Andrews 6, A. G. Butlin 7, R. Duesbury (cond.) 8.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Mar. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: W. Slaughter 1, D. Beresford 2, E. Talbot 3, G. Peters 4, G. Olliver 5, A. Bull 6, H. May 7, J. Euston 8. With thanks to all 'mothers.'

BROMESBERROW, GLOS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, Joy Smith 2, Mrs. H. Wilson 3, W. D. Wilson 4, R. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, R. Chew 6.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: K. Everett 1, P. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, H. Stebbings 6. Rung for morning service.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: J. E. Rootes 1, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 2, S. H. Hoare 3, D. Kay Adkins 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne 7, T. W. Shepnard 8.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Broadhead 1, Miss V. Flint 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. F. Barrie Flint and Mrs. Flint, also to Miss Valerie Flint, a faithful ringer at Cawthorne for the past 18 months.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. King 1, D. Attwater 2, A. J. Ede 3, G. T. Jennings 4, W. Slaughter 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, M. P. Moreton 4, B. Lunn 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, J. Bell 8.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): B. Allen (first quarter) 1, P. Williams 2, M. Ling 3, P. Hurcombe 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, C. Wixey 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Bernard Allen, who is joining the R.A.F. Also on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Bob, 240 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): W. R. Wixey 1, M. Ling 2, P. T. Hurcombe 3, C. Wixey 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. J. Pugh 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. L. A. Wilton and Mrs. E. M. Jelf, both of whom were members of the above church.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Bailey (first of Triples) 1, E. H. Smith 2, R. K. Russ 3, H. Hatto 4, C. Tigwell 5, F. G. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hatto.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. Carless 1, C. A. Barron (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Funnell 3, G. Hughes 4, Miss M. P. Flynn 5, R. Carless 6, W. C. Dowding 7, J. Blake 8. A farewell to Mary Funnell.

LONDON.—At the Parish Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints, on Mar. 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Knauss 1, W. A. Hughes 2, C. W. Rideway 3, G. J. Boomsma 4, A. S. Lewry 5, R. Sumner 6, H. G. Weedon 7, L. J. Fox (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, W. H. Poole 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Northrepps, Old, All Saints', Southrepps, Clifford, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and 180 Plain Bob): K. Tasker (first quarter) 1, C. M. Woodward 2, D. C. Woodward 3, R. H. Jones 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Dorothy M. Pickering 1, Hazel N. Craven 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 4, Avril Thackray 4, J. E. Hilson 5, D. Angell 6, A. H. Craven 7, L. H. Savage 8. A farewell compliment to the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Browning, O.B.E.) on accepting the living of St. George's, Edgbaston.

WEST HARTLEPOOLS, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 11th, at St. Oswald's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. K. Lawson 1, H. Short 2, F. Robson 3, Miss M. James 4, T. Templeman 5, J. Clouston 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, G. Wright 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Fred Robson, who has completed 50 years as a service ringer at this church.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 College Bob: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, D. Staples 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOMBOURN, STAFFS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Parkin 1, P. J. Barker (cond.) 2, Miss S. Thomas 3, C. Wallater 4, Miss S. Hughes 5, I. D. Thomson 6, J. Allen 7, G. Hughes 8. Rung after a peal failure.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

There arrived in England on March 2nd Tommy Turner and Pat Cahill. Tommy has been in Rhodesia several years, and returns home to Barrow, where he has been a member of the Lancashire Association for 21 years. Pat, one of the youthful band at St. Paul's, Durban, is looking forward to spending a year in the U.K., beginning at Salisbury. Both joined the regular band for practice at St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, before leaving.

Fellow ringers will congratulate Miss Jean Evans, a Hythe (Kent) ringer, on having been made a Queen's Guide.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead informs us that he is now collecting Surprise Major compositions!

A new series of articles, mainly for beginners, under the general title of 'Technical Tittle-Tattle,' by A. Y-B., will start next week.

With regret, we record the death of the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, who until last year had been president of the East Grinstead and District Guild for 17 years.

Mr. George P. Elphick, of Lewes, asks for definite information as to the oldest maiden bell in the country. He questions the claim of Broadwindsor, Dorset.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has written for 'The Ringing World' a most useful series of papers entitled 'The Sunday Service Conductor.' In a sense it is an introduction to Mr. W. G. Wilson's book, 'On Conducting.'

The bells at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, were rung half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. Charles Whiting on March 10th. Members of the local band and friends from Aldeburgh were among those who rang 1,240 changes of Kent Treble Bob and a short touch of Stedman Triples.

St. Budeaux, Plymouth, has a band of six Girl Guides and their captain. They started ringing last October and have reached a state of proficiency to qualify for regular Sunday Service ringing. The Guides are Christine Rogers, Margaret McClinchey, Doreen McClinchey, Ann Hiscock, Veronica Elliott and Ann Warren.

The Surrey Association have decided to increase the subscriptions of both resident and life members as from next January.

Owing to tower repairs, ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, will be suspended from April 16th until further notice.

Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, is making slow progress after his recent serious accident.

Mrs. William Easter, of the Rochester District, is now out of hospital and is enjoying better health.

Should junior members be allowed to vote at Guild meetings? This question has been engaging the attention of the Executive of the Guildford Guild.

Evesham, Worcestershire, has a ringing Mayor. Cclr. Ewart A. Andrews rang a peal of Plain Bob Major on March 3rd during his Mayoral year.

Six of the ringers who participated in the peal at Tiverton for the Restoration Appeal for £15,000 for St. Peter's Church are members of the local band The peal was arranged by Mr. E. J. Taylor before his accident, and the band sends its best wishes to him for a good recovery.

Older ringers in the Rochester District will learn with regret of the sudden death of Mr. Daniel Thomas Hill in his 80th year. For a great many years he was a member of the Kent County Association and before the last war was an active member of the Chatham and Rochester Cathedral bands.

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MR. J. BENNETT'S ROUND THE WORLD TRIP

Mr. Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, sends us the following interesting account of his world's tour, during which he rang in Australia and Canada.

On a recent trip round the world by sea, land and air, it was my great privilege and pleasure to meet and ring with several of our friends in Australia, as well as at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. May I, through 'The Ringing World,' say how grateful I am to them, not only for ringing arrangements during my stay of eight days in Melbourne and four in Sydney, but also for their very kind hospitality. Certainly no one could possibly have been better treated.

Before arranging my tour I wrote to Mr. Philip Gray (then resident in Melbourne and leader of the Cathedral band), who kindly supplied me with information generally regarding ringing in Australia, as well as leaving word with his successor of my hoped-for visit.

Of the several shore excursions en route, one was at Freemantle and another at Adelaide, but as these were one-day visits only, ringing arrangements were hardly possible. From Freemantle a coach trip took us to Perth, where I managed to look in the ringing chamber of St. George's Cathedral; there were eight ropes minus sallies. At the Cathedral, Adelaide, I was unable to reach the belfry.

On arrival at Melbourne on Sunday, January 15th, my namesake, Mr. Alan Bennett, was waiting at the hotel to greet me, and took me round in his car to view some of the city's beauty spots (there are many), and then to his home for the day. Mrs. Bennett insisted on my spending another evening with them the following week. Such is Australian hospitality.

During my stay at Melbourne I was able to ring at St. Paul's Cathedral on four different days, viz., two Sundays, practice night and a Saturday meeting specially arranged for my benefit. On two occasions we had the 12 going. After the Wednesday practice and Saturday's special, excellent teas were provided and served by the lady members of the band. Mr. Jack Roper is the very amiable and popular leader, and I'm pleased to say he has several promising learners as well as experienced ringers in his band, one of whom is Mr. Jack Spencer, who took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques which was rung there in 1934 by a mixed band of Australian and English ringers. Under such leadership and pleasant atmosphere and a really good ring of 12, I feel sure change ringing will progress in Melbourne in spite of the fact that several move away while in the learners' stage.

On arrival at Sydney on Monday, January 23rd, I received the same kind welcome and treatment. Mr. Tom Goodyer, having arranged ringing on all four evenings of my stay, called at the hotel and took me in his car to the Cathedral of St. Mary Basilica, where there is a fine eight with a 15 cwt. tenor. After ringing, and a wonderful view of the sights of Sydney from the top of the tower, Mr. Goodyear drove me round to view two other towers in the city containing bells. At St. Benedict's there is a heavy six, which are rung about once a year, and at St. Philip's an almost unringable eight. After this a drive both ways over the wonderful Sydney bridge and around the city. This was not the only pleasant trip I had in Tom's car.

On Tuesday we visited Parramatta and, after ringing, an excellent late tea was served, during which we were joined by the very genial Irish Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Walker (83), who gave me a warm welcome and certainly kept us well entertained until a late hour with an inexhaustible supply of amusing stories of his young days at home.

On Wednesday we rang at Turramurra. At both these towers there is a handy ring of six with 10 cwt. tenors (approx.), and both are situated roughly 16 miles from the centre of the city. On Thursday we rang again at St. Mary's Cathedral for a special service, and afterwards at Christ Church St. Lawrence, a fairly heavy six with a long draught.

This concluded my ringing in Australia, and time to say goodbye to real good friends came all too soon. Those present at every tower were Mr. and Mrs. Goodyer, Messrs. Jack Cummin and F. ('Chook') Fowell, and Mr. Clarke at three of them. It must have been the small (or large) hours of each morning before any of them reached home. Mr. and Mrs. Cummin both took time off from work next day and came on board the S.S. 'Orsova' to see me off with parting greetings, others wrote or telephoned same. I offer my heartfelt thanks and best wishes to all the ringers with whom I came in contact 'down under.'.

IN CANADA

On arrival at Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver (via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu), a letter from Mr. E. W. Izard was waiting with a warm welcome and an invitation to come and join in the ringing at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., on the Sunday, and the offer to hold the usual weekly practice any evening suitable to myself. Victoria is 83 miles from Vancouver and is reached by two-a-day each-way boat services. Owing to the distance I was able to make the journey once only. The bells are a very fine eight with a tenor of nearly 30 cwt. and go excellently, and are a replica of those at Westminster Abbey, and were dedicated on July 12th, 1936. They are the only ring on Vancouver Island.

Mr. Izard is the respected leader, having held that position since the bells were installed, during which time he has taught 40 recruits up to method ringing and has at present a fully efficient band, included in which are his son and daughter. There are also a few learners. Even with the unavoidable absence of three, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were very creditably brought round, and this at a very isolated ringing outpost. The bells are rung regularly twice on Sundays and for the weekly practice. After the practice Mr. Izard very kindly drove me to his home for refreshments and a pleasant hour's chat with his family, and then to the landing stage to catch the midnight boat back to Vancouver, which was reached at 7 a.m. ('home with the milk,' and worth it).

On the journey across Canada, from Vancouver via the Rockies and prairie to St. John's, N.B., it was a great pleasure to meet Mr. Lewis Cockey, late of Ealing, London, and now resident in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Although arriving at a late hour Mr. Cockey met my train, three hours behind schedule owing to a real blizzard across the prairie. The 30 minutes' stop was fully occupied discussing ringing and ringers; I was the only one he had met since leaving England last July. Mr. Cockey is comfortably settled (in about four feet of snow) in Winnipeg, but misses the bells very much, and ringing friends at home. What ringer wouldn't?

On the round trip I travelled in three liners, one aeroplane and about 3,400 miles by the Canadian Pacific Railway, plus several hundred miles here and there by coach, car, train, tram, bus, boat and shanks' pony.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Increase of Subscriptions Proposed

The Master, Mr. R. Davies, opened the annual general meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on March 10th by asking the members to stand in silent tribute to Mr. W. Massey, of Esher, who passed away on January 30th. An apology was received from Mr. P. S. Davis, who was sick.

The committee's report, presented by the secretary (Mr. W. F. Oatway), disclosed the disquieting fact that over 100 members were in arrears with their subscriptions for 1955, and members were asked to remedy this as soon as possible. The report mentioned that only ten peals had been rung during the year, but also noted that Sunday service ringing had been well maintained.

After the adoption of the report, the meeting, on the proposition of the Master, unanimously elected Mr. A. Arnold, one of our oldest members, who, because of an infirmity, had difficulty in getting about and had tendered his resignation, to be a vice-president.

Mr. S. W. F. Kimber, treasurer, presented the statements of accounts, which were adopted. These showed a loss of only 3s. 6d. on the year's working, despite a loss of over £3 on the 75th Anniversary Dinner held in May.

With the exception of the treasurer, all retiring members were re-elected, with Miss K. E. Weller succeeding Mr. Kimber, who had decided to relinquish office in anticipation of his National Service commitments later in the year. All general and District officers were thanked by the Master for their services and co-operation during the past year.

The meeting decided to increase the subscriptions of both resident ringing members and life members as from next January.

It was decided to send a donation to the St. Mary-le-Bow restoration appeal, and to add to the amount any donations affiliated towers might like to forward to the general secretary, Mr. W. F. Oatway.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Rector of Esher for the use of his bells during the afternoon, to the Vicar of Kingston for taking the service, the use of the vestry for the meeting and use of the bells, and to Messrs. F. E. Hawthorne and R. F. B. Speed and their willing ladies for a splendid tea.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

By kind invitation of the local ringers, members of the Guild met at Brighouse on March 3rd. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon until time for service, which was conducted by the assistant priest, and the lessons were read by two of the members.

An excellent tea was then enjoyed in the Parochial Hall by 30 members and visitors. At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Master. A vote of thanks to the local ringers was ably proposed by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe. Coupled with this was a welcome to visitors from York Minster. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Cross Stone on May 5th. No Guild trip is being arranged this year, but the Marsden ringers invite others to join them on June 9th.

Upon returning to the tower several other ringers arrived, and it was unfortunate for the visitors that they had to depart then, because the best ringing took place in the evening. Everyone was fitted in in methods up to Cambridge Major. A good lower in peal at 9 p.m. concluded a good meeting.

PEAL RINGING IN WALES & MONMOUTH

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's article on peal ringing in Wales and Monmouth was not sufficiently comprehensive for many of our readers who hail from the Principality. We give below two of the letters we have received on the subject. The elaboration will be welcomed by all who love Wales.

Dear Sir,—As an exile from the Principality I was most interested in the article on the above subject by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. I am, however, disappointed that he sees fit to confine the matter to a mere two columns, and feel that in view of the small number of towers concerned a more comprehensive survey could have been given.

In connection with the statement that 55 peals have been rung at Llanelly, I would ask Mr. Felstead if he is aware that there are two places under this name in South Wales, one in the county of Carmarthen and one in Brecknock: both churches have the same dedication and both have rings of six. I feel that it is extremely unlikely that 55 peals have been rung in the former town, and I query that number for the latter.

While agreeing that a large number of peals have been rung in the Brecknock (Llanelly) tower, the statement that there have been 11 since 1946 is, I feel, inaccurate, particularly as Mr. Felstead says none last year. The last peal at Llanelly, Carmarthen, was on August 19th, 1954, and this prompts the question, have the totals for these two towers been mixed up? The peal books of the late George Popnell show that he rang 19 peals at Llanelly, Brecknock, between 1922 and 1938: however, the Rackham family, who rang at this tower for many years, undoubtedly rang more than this. Mr. S. T. Rackham, who was the conductor in this tower for many years, died some years ago, and did no ringing for some time before his death, and as far as I know there has been very little ringing in this tower since the war. I feel I must also criticise Mr. Felstead in this instance for, in the main, limiting his list of mentions to 25 peals and over. In an area such as Wales there are a number of towers containing magnificent rings which but for their geographical situation would undoubtedly have had many peals rung on them. Two of the most inaccessible are St. David's and Barmouth. Two counties have but one ring of eight—Cardigan and Anglesey—while Radnor possesses two—Presteigne and Knighton. All these towers have had more than one peal recorded, and as the total of peals rung in Wales must be small compared with those rung in some English counties, they should, I feel, have been mentioned.

In the heart of industrial Monmouthshire, Ebbw Vale has one of the best eights in Britain, while in the centre of the county Usk has had 24 peals rung on its fine eight. At Bassaleg, near Newport, there is a ring of six steel bells and a number of peals have been rung on them. Other Monmouthshire towers where the peal total must be well into double figures are Bedwellty, Llangibby, Marshfield and Peterstone-Wentloog. Llantrisant, Glamorgan, was also once a popular tower.

History tells us that the first College Youth peal in Wales was rung at Llanstephan, that Bertram Prewett called the first peal of Surprise at Llangollen, that Edwin Barnett, senior, called the first peal at Monmouth, and that the Union Youths rang an early peal at Chepstow.

Why, Mr. Felstead, couldn't we have had the peal totals at all these interesting towers? Please don't tell me that you are limited to space or I should be tempted to remember that your article on Yorkshire was published in two parts.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

PEALS IN NORTH WALES

Dear Sir,—Re the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's article on page 134 in 'The Ringing World,' Northop, Flints (8), is omitted. There have been several peals rung there and this church is well worth a visit. It is on the Chester-St. Asaph road, about 15 miles from Chester. The first peal on the bells (Double Norwich Court Bob Major) was rung by a visiting clerical band before 1925. I have rung in two peals there myself, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Treble Bob Major, 1925 and 1927.

Rhyl, Flints. (8).—First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in Wales, rung by Midland Counties Association (the Burton band) on August 13th, 1883. Other peals rung here being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major (10,400 changes) in six hours and five minutes on February 9th, 1924, conducted by R. Sperring (still Welsh record), two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, one in 1925 (conducted by E. Jenkins) and one in 1927 (conducted by F. Bennett). One peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a welcome for the Queen's recent visit. These bells are now difficult to get for a peal.

Bodelwyddan, Flints. (8).—Two peals of Kent Treble Bob were rung here by Liverpool ringers before 1886. The first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung here by the Wrexham ringers, conducted by the late F. E. Dawe, in 1886. I have taken part in five peals here from 1912 to 1927, including Grandsire Triples, London Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. (There have been other peals, I think.)

Abergele (6).—Three or more peals of Doubles have been rung here and one Minor (?).

Llangollen (8).—Peals have been rung here. I rang in one of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1925.

Llandudno (8).—Several peals have been rung here. I have been in four.

Ruthin (8).—One peal of Plain Bob Major has been rung here.

Llandegai (6). —Two peals of Doubles rung here, the first in 1908.

Portmadoc (8).—I think about six peals have been rung here. I rang in one of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Barmouth (8).—Two or three peals, all by tourists, I think.

Machynlleth (8).—One or two by tourists, also Dolgelly, as far as I know.

Rhuddlan.—Some peals of Doubles.

Beaumaris, Anglesey.—Trebles added 1925. Seven or eight peals have been rung here. I rang in four: Plain Bob Major (conducted by I. Piggott), Stedman Triples (conducted by W. T. Pegler), Plain Bob Major (conducted by A. W. Brighton) and Grandsire Triples (conducted by W. T. Pegler). The others were Grandsire Triples (conducted by R. Sperring), Yorkshire Surprise Major (conducted by E. Cawser) and Grandsire Triples (conducted by J. Griffiths).—Yours truly,

ALBERT J. HUGHES.

Bangor.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 7th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1. W. D. Ashdown 2. Mrs. G. E. Retter 3. J. Salway 4. D. Callard 5. G. E. Retter (cond.) 6. A. Holway 7. E. Morgan 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. E. E. Retter, wife of the captain and mother of the treble and 6th ringers.

OTTERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 28th, 1.320 Stedman Doubles: S. Skinner (cond.) 1. J. Carter (first of Stedman Doubles) 2. C. Savage 3. E. W. Rowe 4. J. Quick 5. R. Pitman 6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Wirral Branch Annual Dinner

The eighth annual dinner, entertainment and dance, held once again at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on February 11th, was thoroughly enjoyed by over 120 ringers, relatives and friends.

The Branch chairman, Mr. W. R. Stanley, welcomed the guests of honour, the Rural Dean of Birkenhead (the Rev. E. O. A. Thomas) and Mrs. Thomas, who was presented with a bouquet of spring flowers by Miss Ethel Pemberton. The chairman was supported on the top table by the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Rogers), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. J. Martin) and Mrs. Martin. The company included Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Pemberton (vice-presidents), Mr. C. B. Pemberton (Assistant Ringing Master) and ringers from St. Mary's, Birkenhead, Bromborough, Bidston, Moreton, Neston, Oxton, Wallasey St. Hilary's, Wallasey St. Nicholas' and West Kirby. Visitors welcomed were Messrs. J. Ridyard and R. Kenrick (Southport) and Mr. J. Roberts (Liverpool, now with the R.A.F. in Lincolnshire). Mr. Trevor Sutton also made the trip from Gloucestershire to maintain his unbroken sequence of attendances.

After an excellent meal the toasts were rapidly proposed and drunk, brevity being the order of the day. Miss Daphne Wain must be commended for responding so ably to the toast of 'The Ladies,' although 'butterflies in the tummy' interfered with her appetite. Toasts were interspersed with entertainment provided by Mr. Phil Kernot (comedian), Mr. T. Seed (bass), with Mrs. C. Matthiae as accompanist, and the Wirral Handbell Ringers.

The company then adjourned to the lounge to indulge in further liquid refreshment whilst the ballroom was cleared for dancing. The orchestra was quickly installed and dancing continued practically non-stop until midnight with but a short interval for light refreshments. So all too soon a much looked forward to function ended and the committee members are to be congratulated on once again arranging such an enjoyable occasion.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held on March 3rd at Ranmoor, where a company of 60 members and friends rang on the light 10 during the afternoon. Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Pain).

During the proceedings it was interesting to note that the president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, had received an appeal from London concerning the restoration of Bow Bells. Several members promised to subscribe privately, and after a short discussion it was decided that the Society donate £2 2s. to this noble cause.

Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds to London Major and a course of Cambridge Royal together with Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Despite the snow and icy roads some 30 members representing nine towers attended the annual meeting of the Western Branch held at Swaffham on February 25th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar. At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected. The next interim meeting is to be held at Great Ryburgh on April 14th; the quarterly meeting at Sculthorpe on May 26th, subject to permission.

Votes of thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting so successful and to all officers and members for their support during the past year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE'S BELLS AND BOW

Dear Sir,—Mr. Goodfellow informs us in his letter of the proposal to demolish the tower of the Imperial Institute and suggests that ringers protest to their M.P.s on the matter. I agree that its removal would be an architectural loss, but the plain fact is that from the ringing point of view this swaying structure has always been a dead loss! I do not think that a lone protest here and there would carry much weight with an M.P. on such a matter.

There is little time left now to attempt to preserve the past. The thing now is for the whole Exercise to look forward in an attempt to preserve this fine ring of ten! As the tenor weighs close on two tons, why should they not be installed in the tower of St. Mary-le-Bow Church as the back ten of the ring of twelve scheduled to replace the ring destroyed by enemy action nearly 15 years ago. Two trebles could be cast from the salvaged metal of that ring. And the Ancient Society of College Youths would still be able to ring these bells on public occasions connected with Royalty. Just the job! Could anyone expect more?

That your paper should publish an appeal in connection with Bow Church and bells and, the following week, inform us of the possible removal and break-up of the Institute ring is, indeed, ironic!

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry.

OUR HEADINGS ON TOPICS

Dear Sir,—I feel I must thank the writers of the following front page articles: 'Into Print,' 'Where Are Our Instructors?, 'Acid Test of a Good Ringer,' 'Expansion of Our Art' and 'Sunday Service Ringing.' I think 'Into Print' (February 10th) seems to have been an inspiration, so here is my little quota, for as a lifelong aspirant of our art I have held Sunday service ringing in the same groove as W. Birmingham's Sunday service ringing article, and, as he states, 'After all it is good Sunday ringing we desire, and the outside listeners are only concerned with good striking,' or Colin E. Verdon's 'But what of the vast multitude of the "listening public," who neither know nor care what is being rung so long as the striking is good.' Therefore, in the cause of good striking and Sunday service ringing fraternity. I hereby make a statement which I feel will have a great deal of support.

In turning over from the front page what do we see? Two hundred and fifty to 300 names appear under peals which are registered. We should all be greatly shocked if we knew the percentage of those ringers who did ring for Sunday service. I give way to a certain percentage on the condition that the tower that they do really represent did have as little as a Minor set for their own church's Sunday service.

I have time and time again tried to give a lead towards good striking which I feel is the cause of our art. It is as much our part to the Church and its peoples as the sermon. It is an art. Let us try to keep it one and I do suggest to any of our fraternity to be wholehearted towards each other, giving and taking, but firstly and foremost must be your own church bells and your Sunday service ringing, and I ask you to make this your life.—Yours faithfully,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

[Note.—In the Editor's opinion the percentage of peal ringers who regularly ring for Sunday services is extremely high.]

JOINT MEETING AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to enter into a prolonged correspondence on the question of this meeting or to over-emphasise the point I made in my earlier letter.

The report I referred to, however, made an unqualified and unequivocal statement as follows:—'A joint Festival of the Society, the North Staffs Association, Midland Counties Guild and Shropshire Association, will take place at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th.' Anyone not present at the meeting could only interpret the report, not as of an invitation yet to be made, but as an arrangement already agreed. The meeting at which this statement was made was held on January 21st, and the report was published in 'The Ringing World' on February 10th. The invitation from the Archdeaconry Society, as Mr. Bennett has stated, was not made until February 21st.

The North Staffs Association holds meetings on either the first or second Saturday of every month, and as the March and May meetings were both fixed for the second Saturday of the month it is purely a matter of good fortune that the date of the joint Festival does not clash with our April meeting. Whether this Association would be called upon to do any work in connection with the joint Festival is quite irrelevant.

In view of the fact that at the time of publication of the statement this Association had not been approached by the Archdeaconry Society to find out whether it had a meeting or other engagement fixed for that day, or even was willing to participate in a joint meeting, the Association and its officers were placed in the invidious position of having been apparently committed to an engagement of which they knew nothing, so it was felt desirable that the misapprehension occasioned by the report should be officially dispelled through the same channels by which it was created. The decision to do so was made only after discussion of the matter by officers and other committee members of the Association.

I would add that I take the strongest exception to the personal tone of Mr. Bennett's letter, which was discourteous and which cannot be conducive to the good spirit which is essential for the success of joint meetings and pleasant relationships.—Yours faithfully,

Stoke-on-Trent. EWART H. EDGE.

LINCOLN 'TIPS' WANTED

Dear Sir,—On page 539 of 'The Ringing World', August 22nd, 1924, appears a letter by the late Arthur Craven laying claim to the authorship of Rochester Surprise, and also giving the figures of 'Norton,' 'Ripon,' 'Lincoln' and 'New London' Surprise, all of which he claimed to have produced in May, 1923.

Upon reference to Corrigan's collection of Surprise Major methods, I find that 'Lincoln,' as published by Craven, is listed as 'Beddington' (method No. 23). Similarly 'New London' appears as 'Thorp' (method No. 312). 'Norton' and 'Ripon' appear in the collection as given by Craven.

I would be interested to learn, if possible, when and in what circumstances the names of the two methods referred to were changed, and whether peals have been rung in them (a) under their names by Craven, and (b) under their changed names. I would also welcome details of the authorship of the method given in the collection as 'Lincoln' (method No. 201) and how this came to supplant the Craven version.

Clarification appears to be especially necessary regarding 'Lincoln,' as otherwise a mixed band meeting for a peal in the method(s) could find that the only thing they had in common was the f.c.e. 24365.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford.

ORIGINALITY OF COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Speed rightly points out on page 139, the question of originality of composition is a very old problem and is never likely to be settled satisfactorily.

I would like to endorse his suggestion that 'would-be' composers study carefully the productions of the old masters from Annable and Reeves up to date. This will give them a sound grounding on which to assess the originality of a composition, and though they may find that others do not agree with them the present-day composers are, in the main, quite prepared to agree to differ.

Mr. Speed attributes the 6,720 of London to T. B. Worsley, but it is, in fact, a transposition of the reverse of W. Harrison's peal:—

23456	M	W	H
54632	—	—	3
53246	2	—	—
62345	—		—

four times repeated

which reversed becomes

23456	M	W	H
45236		—	—
53624	—	2	3
42635	—	—	—

four times repeated.

As regards Mr. Overy's letter there is no question of composers not wishing to divulge their secrets, if any there be, but most of them have arrived at their own systems by carefully studying the work of older composers and by spending their spare time working out as Mr. Overy did peals which merely turned out to be variations of a peal already composed. After much patient research they hit upon a new idea and exploit it. For example, it is within living memory that the three part plan with 2–3 fixed in Treble Bob was first exploited. Hitherto 5–6 had been the fixed bells.

Mr. Overy's peal is a transposition of the following peal of J. W. Washbrook:—

23456	M	B	W	H
52436				—
35426	(a)			—
24653	—			—
64352	—			(a)
34256	—			
45236	—	x		
53462		x		
23564		x		—

To convert Washbrook's peal into Mr. Overy's add bobs at (a). Both must be called otherwise the touch runs round at the part end.

In conclusion, may I say that I am glad to see more interest in this side of the art, and it was not the intention of my letter to discourage anyone but to sound a warning note. Might I suggest that a way out of the difficulty is to say 'Arranged by ——' in place of 'Composed by ——.'

Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

FAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles (tenor 17 cwt.), rung in 2 hours 32 minutes. This was disputed, not the capability of the band, but time and tenor weight. I invited a responsible ringer to check on a 720 and satisfied my critics.

I am wondering if such satisfaction could be obtained for the peal of Minor rung at the Loughborough Foundry Campanile on Feb. 18th last in **1 hour 53 minutes?** ('Ringing World,' page 132). I notice a peal of Doubles 'in hand' (page 133) took more than two hours.

Finally I think it time that this nonsense of fast ringing should cease as it cannot please those who listen nor can it allow the music of the bells to be appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

Yatton, Somerset. H. A. PRICE.

LETTERS—Continued

RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL ATTEMPTS AT CREWE

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if you would please give the wider publicity to the three proposed bands for the three railwaymen's attempted peals at Crewe on June 23rd. They are by no means 'cast iron,' and would depend entirely on those who travel to Crewe.

At Christ Church, Crewe.—R. Meadows (Bath), B. Sutton (Scarborough), F. Seager (Leeds), J. R. Cooper (Ashford, Kent), A. J. Pitman (Swansea), E. Morris (Swansea), B. Threlfall (Liverpool), J. W. Griffiths (Chester), R. D. Langford (Crewe), G. A. Packer (Crewe).

At St. Mary's, Nantwich.—C. Bassett (Wadhurst, Sussex), L. W. Giles (Wadhurst, Sussex), W. R. Rich (Ditton, Kent), J. A. Hoare (Swansea), J. Brough (Nantwich), C. E. Deem (Exmouth), P. G. W. Newstead (Great Yarmouth), L. J. Day (Melton Mowbray).

At St. Mary's, Acton.—(From) D. G. Clarke (Newport, Mon.), R. E. Dannett (Chelmsford), F. Sutton (Acton), J. Brown (Ormskirk), W. C. Farrimond (Coppull, Lancs), S. Foskett (Bedford), H. Douglas (Wellington, Salop), W. J. Carter (Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent), W. F. Stenson (Crewe).

I am in touch with British Railways regarding arrangements and facilities, which I hope will be published in 'The Ringing World' as soon as available. After which I would be grateful if all concerned will write and give me some idea as to what time they may arrive in Crewe.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

PROPOSED RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Three years ago I arranged a meeting of Western Region railwaymen-ringers at Bristol and a good number attended from a wide area. It was suggested that a further meeting be held at Swindon, and an invitation duly appeared in the staff magazine asking those interested to contact me. I received one notification outside Swindon.

A further invitation was inserted in last December's magazine with a view to a meeting at Swindon early this year, and to date only five ringers have intimated their willingness to attend.

In view of the circumstances outlined, it would appear that Western Region ringers are not interested in attending meetings of this nature and I am forced to the conclusion that there is little demand for such a Guild.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Swindon.

RINGERS, LOOK TO YOURSELVES

Dear Sir,—I have never been so disgusted as I was at the last two ringing meetings I have been to. Owing to the fact that I have two young children I do not go around to other towers as I once did, so therefore looked forward to the ringing meetings which were close at hand. Each time the good ringers had their fill of Cambridge and Double Norwich, etc., while the less advanced looked on. When it came to their turn such a clashing and a clanging was never heard before, when just a little help from the advanced ones would have been such an advantage. It seems, therefore, that once a ringer can ring well, he or she becomes selfish and cannot bear to help the struggling ones.

Therefore I say: 'Good ringers, look to yourselves. Are you selfish or could you bear to be an instructor? You may be looking to these would-be ringers for Cambridge and Double Norwich in the years to come.'—Yours, etc.,

D. H. CHAMBERLAIN.

Bengeo, Herts.

VALUABLE GIFTS TO CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

The librarian of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers acknowledges with grateful thanks a magnificent gift by Mr. E. H. Lewis to the Library of the following collection of valuable foreign books, viz.:

Bader, Turm und Glockenbuchlen, 1903.
Bergner, Clocken Meiningens, 1899.
Bergner, Clockenkunde Thuringens, 1896.
Bericht, Clocken und Clockenspiele, 1875.
Berthele, Fonte de Cloches, 1890.
Berthele, Enquêtes Campanaires, 1903.
Blavignac, La Cloche, 1877.
Bohmers, Kechten der Altare, 1732.
Blanchon, Dialogue Poétique, 1899.
Bockeler, Beitrage zur Glockenkunde, 1882.
Bonneire, Panegyrique, 1818.
Bourgeois, Les Cloches de Giez, 1905.
Bulletin Archeologique, 1889.
Chambery, Cas des Cloches, 1882.
Cheron, Fondeur de Cloches, *n.d.*
Comment on fait Chanter les Cloches, n.d.
Dergny, Les Cloches du Pays de Bray, 1863.
Didron, Des Cloches, 1844.
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Ducis, La Savoyarde, 1893.
Deux Proverbes, n.d.
Eguillon, Suspension des Cloches, *n.d.*
Fuster, Les Cloches, *n.d.*
Gachot, La Cloche d'Argent, 1880.
Germain, La Cloche de Sarbazan 1573, *1892.*
Glocke, Glockenspiel, etc., 1780.
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Herblay et ses Cloches, 1900.
Hoffman, Glockenkunde des Hessenlandes, 1906.
Lassus, Les Clochers, 1905.
Launan, Clockengieber, 1834.
Lazzarini, De Vario Tintinnabulorum, 1822.
Loofe, Mittelalterliche Glockenkrenze, 1906.
Lvdovici, Campanas, 1739.
L'Eglise d'Yzeures, 1903.
Le Symbolisme de la Cloche, 1859.
Marchel, Les Fondeurs de Cloches, 1892.
Mortet, Cathédrale de Paris, 1901.
Mortet, Notre-Dame de Paris, 1903.
Napione, Saggi ed Osservazion, 1794.
Otte, Glockenkunde, 1858.
Rabut, Les Fondeurs de Cuivre, *n.d.*
Riomet, Les Cloches, 1911.
Rossignol, Une Cloche Angienne, *n.d.*
Revue de l'Art Chrètien, 1857.
Sancasciani, Le Nuove Campane, 1885.
Saporite, Della Metropolitana di S. Lorenzo, 1750.
Sauvageot, Etude sur les Cloches, 1863.
Schmidt, Glocken des Mansfelder, *n.d.*
Schinz, Kirchenglocken, 1863.
Schubart, Die Glocken, 1896.
Sehe, Historische Notizen, etc., 1857.
Signerini, Nos Vieux Chantres, 1894.
Seybold, L'Art du Carillon, 1923.
Toudouze, La Cloche, *n.d.*
Tougard, Le Clocher de l'Eglise du Mont-aux-Malades, 1889.
Travers, Carillon de Bethune, 1880.
Vuillaume, L'Horloge et les Cloches de la Bastille, 1896.

Also of two English works:

Kitchen, The Great Screen of Winchester Cathedral, 1899.
Owen, The Church Bells of Huntingdonshire, 1899.

The gift to the Library of the following books by Mrs. Joan Padmore, grand-daughter of the late Thomas North, is also acknowledged with grateful thanks:

Briscowe, Curiosities of the Belfry, 1883.
Dgedes and Walters, Church Bells of Essex, 1909.
Daniel-Tyssen, Church Bells of Sussex, 1864.
Dunkin Church Bells of Cornwall, 1878.
Ellacombe, Church Bells of Devonshire, 1867.
Ellacombe, Church Bells of Somersetshire, 1875.
Ellacombe, Bells of the Cathedral Church of Exeter.
Gatty, The Bell, 1848.
L'Estrange, Church Bells of Norfolk, 1874.
Lukis, An Account of Church Bells, 1857.
North, Church Bells of Bedfordshire, 1883.
North, Church Bells of Leicestershire, 1876.
North, Church Bells of Lincolnshire, 1882.
North, Church Bells of Northamptonshire, 1878.
North, Church Bells of Rutland, 1880.
North, English Bells and Bell Lore, 1888.
Owen, Church Bells of Huntingdonshire, 1899.
Raven, Church Bells of Cambridgeshire, 1869.
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Stahlschmidt, Church Bells of Hertfordshire, 1892.
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FREDERICK SHARPE, Hon. Librarian.

MR. J. A. AINSWORTH'S 100 PEALS

With a peal at Drighlington, Yorkshire, on February 18th, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, completed his first 100 peals, rung for 10 different Guilds or Associations in 63 different towers. His first peal was at Whicklam, Co. Durham, on October 14th, 1950. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Seven methods 1, Stedman 1.

Minor.—Three to six methods 7 (conducted 2), seven methods 8 (1), eight methods 1, 14 Surprise 1, Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 6, Double Norwich Court Bob 6, St. Clement's College Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3 (1), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Ilkeston Variation) 1, Eardisland Delight 1.

Surprise Major.—Yorkshire 12 (1), Cambridge 6 (1), Bristol 4, London 4, Superlative 3 (1), Rutland 2, four Spliced 2, and one each of the following: Belgrave, Painswick, Ashtead, Whitminster, Lyme, Aldenham, Lincolnshire, Caerleon, five Spliced, six Spliced, seven Spliced.

Caters.—Stedman 2, Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Cambridge 4, Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob (Granta Variation) 1.

Handbells.—Bob Minor 1.

Totals.—Tower bells 99 (conducted 7), handbells 1.

5,152 Edmondthorpe Surprise Major

BY SHIRLEY BURTON

5ths Out In	23456
—	63254
— —	36452
—	64352
— —	35642
—	54632

Repeat four times omitting three bobs at 'Out' once.

First rung at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on December 31st, 1955, conducted by B. G. Warwick.

Method is Biddenden with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead end.

WRAGBY BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

ON Shrove Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th, the six bells at Wragby, Yorks (after being recast and rehung), were dedicated at an impressive service by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Wilson) in the presence of a large congregation.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. d'Aubri Cullen), assisted by his predecessor, the Rev. J. H. Platt (Vicar of Cumberworth), under whom the fund for the bells was opened. The lesson was read by Major the Hon. Rowland Winn, of Nostell Priory, patron of the living, who entrusted the bells to the Vicar and wardens for their safe keeping and maintenance. The rope of the tenor bell was handed to the Bishop by Mr. Paul Taylor, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., by whom the bells had been recast. Each bell was sounded in turn by Mr. J. Brewin, a local parishioner and ringer.

The original six bells bore the inscription:—'Wm. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1786.' The tenor bell was given by Lady Winn, widow of Sir Rowland Winn, fifth baronet, of Nostell Priory, and bore the additional inscription:—'Campanis Hujas Louisa Sabine Winn, donatrix, fecit 1786.'

All the old inscriptions have been reproduced on the recast bells, also additional ones: 'Recast 1955 through the benefaction of Thomas Ellis, a regular worshipper at this church'; 'Captain the Hon. Anthony Edmund Winn, Queen's Westminsters, killed in action at the battle of El Alamein, 1942' (youngest son of the late Lord St. Oswald): 'Recast and restored in the year 1955, in which the Winn family celebrate their 300th anniversary at Nostell.'

The bell scheme has cost £1,151, a large sum, but the bells were opened free from debt. After the service the bells were rung by members of the Barnsley and District Society of Change Ringers.

Wragby Church is of great beauty. The choir, and probably the nave, was built in 1533 by Prior Alured Comyn in the ninth year of his Priorate (1524-1540). The tower was added later, certainly before 1578, by which time there were three bells, and may have been built by Sir Thomas Gargrave, Bart., owner of the Priory.

The sun dial over the south porch, dated 1812, bears the inscription:—'We resemble the shadow.' The pulpit contains panels of exquisite carving—'Adoration of the Magi,' 'Adoration of the Shepherds,' 'The crowning with thorns,' 'The taking down from the Cross.'

The lectern is probably unique, and is composed of the figure of a Christian martyr bearing a palm branch.

Underneath the east window are some fine carvings in oak. In the Winn Memorial Chapel is a fine marble tablet by Chantrey—two full-sized figures (Charles and Louisa Winn) weeping over the tomb of their brother, John Winn, Esq., owner of Nostell Priory.

There are 19 beautiful stained glass windows in the church, 17 of them being fitted with Swiss glass; this is considered the best and largest collection of 16th, 17th and 18th century Swiss glass in the country. All the seating is of oak, and the bench-ends are of the folds of linen pattern.

The pillars and arches are fine and well-proportioned. Nearly a century ago the interior masonry was stripped of its plaster and whitewash and then it was beautifully rechiselled, which gives it a mellow appearance. Mr. Charles Winn, who succeeded his brother in 1817, and his son, Rowland (afterwards Lord St. Oswald), spared no pains and expense in beautifying this fine church. In the year 1902 the present fine two-manual organ was presented to the church by the second Baron St. Oswald. It had been in the Priory 58 years, and after 50 years' use in the church it was thoroughly overhauled. In 1954 electric light was installed and an electric blower added to the organ. Now, in 1955-56, the bells have received attention, and it is to be hoped that a vigorous band of ringers will be formed and prove equal to the one that existed there at the beginning of the century.

F. A.

MR. KEN SNELLING'S 500 PEALS

Mr. Kenneth Snelling, of 68, Western Road, Haywards Heath, has recently completed his 500 peals. He expresses his indebtedness to Mr. L. Stillwell for compiling his list.

Doubles.—Three methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, Kent 1, Cambridge 2, London 2, four methods 1, four Treble Bob methods 2, seven methods 8, seven Treble Bob methods 9, seven Surprise 1.

Triples.—Plain Bob 2, Grandsire 10, Oxford Bob 1, Stedman 4.

Major.—Plain Bob 19, Canterbury Pleasure 4, St. Clement's 1, College Single 2, Double Norwich 35, Kent Treble Bob 17, Oxford Treble Bob 2.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 55, Cambridge 66, London 77, Bristol 41, Yorkshire 28, Lincolnshire 2, Pudsey 3, Berkeley 1, Londonderry 1, New Cambridge 4, Rutland 1, Horsham 1, Imberhorne 1, Berkshire 1, Aldenham 1, Ramsay 1, Norfolk 5, Spliced Superlative Cambridge 1, four Spliced Surprise 19, five Spliced Surprise 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 2.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 8, Cambridge 31, Yorkshire 10, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge 3, Lincolnshire 1, Albanian 1, New Cambridge 2.

QUARTER PEALS

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Bob Doubles and 1,140 Grandsire): M. Fox 1, Miss F. Smith 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, F. Shelton 4, C. Turner 5, B. Pike 6. First quarter in two methods by all. Rung for Evensong and to welcome the visiting preacher, the Bishop of Bedford.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Hilton 1, D. J. Laker 2, E. H. Knapp 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, E. S. Laker (first quarter) 5, A. E. Laker (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins and to welcome the Rev. J. F. Forrester Gardner, who was instituted and inducted the previous day.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): E. C. Wickham 1, F. S. Paramore 2, A. J. Peters 3, E. J. Small (first quarter) 4, E. S. Connock (cond.) 5, B. J. Clements 6, P. J. Hudson 7, M. Evans 8. A compliment to Mr. E. J. Fisher on his 82nd birthday.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Stanier 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, Miss V. Willard 3, I. Goulter 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, C. A. Wratten 6, D. J. Marshall 7, Dr. Beachamp 8. For Evensong.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Parker 1, R. Perry 2, E. W. Rowe 3, S. Skinner 4, J. Quick (cond.) 5.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. Bagworth 2, A. Brunton 3, Susan Jacobs 4, J. Tomsett 5, M. Sinden 6, N. Bagworth (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8.

OBITUARY

MR. J. C. MITCHELL

We regret to record the death, which occurred last Friday, of Mr. John Christopher Mitchell, of Streatham, of the age of 89 years.

Accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell, he attended the 317th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1954, and he there rose to take wine with the Master as representing College Youths of over 70 years' standing. He was the oldest member of the Society.

Mr. Mitchell came to London as a young man from St. Albans and was a close friend and contemporary of Percy Debenham and W. H. L. Buckingham. A clever ringer, he was the last survivor of the band who first rang Holt's Original con-conducted on handbells, on March 11th, 1889.

Mr. Mitchell had a long association with London Passenger Transport undertakings, which began in 1886, when he entered the secretary's office of London Road Car Co., Ltd. He became secretary of the Company in 1905, retaining the office through various amalgamations. From 1921 to 1923, when he retired, he was secretary and treasurer of the Underground Group.

He was elected to the council of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries in 1910, and was also president in 1917. He was a justice of the peace for London, a past master of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and an active Freemason, being a past Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The funeral service was held yesterday. A requiem mass was said at St. Peter's, Streatham, at 6.45 a.m., and cremation was at Golder's Green. The interment was at Bexhill-on-Sea.

MR. GEORGE YEO

Th death occurred on March 2nd at Long Ashton, near Bristol, of George Yeo, at the age of 86. Mr. Yeo learned to ring at Cheriton Bishop, Devon, and joined the band at Long Ashton in 1887. He was made a member of the Bath and Wells Association in the year that it was founded (1890) and held the post of secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch from 1903 to 1920, only retiring from the post of representative on the Association General Committee in 1952 due to increasing deafness.

Mr. Yeo enjoyed good health and was ringing at Long Ashton a week before his death. A good, steady ringer, he was respected and loved by all his friends, both old and new.

The funeral service on March 7th was attended by ringers from many of the towers in the Deanery and also from Bristol. After the service a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following:—E. Abrahams 2, M. J. Horseman 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, L. W. Pullin 4, G. Prescott 5, H. W. Knight 6, H. A. Price (conductor) 7, W. H. Kingcott 8.

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A SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS LETTER

Mr. Cyril Chambers, of 71, Garmouth Avenue, King's View, Durban, who was on holiday in England last year and was prevented by the rail strike from attending the Central Council meeting, sends us the following newsletter concerning ringing in South Africa:—

'Mr. and Mrs. Vic Shepherd, of Cape Town, recently spent a couple of days in Durban. At one time there was a suggestion that several of the Cape Town (Woodstock) ringers would visit Durban in a body, but now that Bob Stickley has left them and gone to Nigeria the idea doesn't look as if it will materialise. I didn't see him in Cape Town as I came through as his ship, the "Pretoria Castle," sailed from Cape Town two days before.

'About 12 months ago I wrote to the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation suggesting they might like to broadcast a bit of ringing as being done in England, conducted by me here in Durban. They wrote acknowledging my letter and saying they were interested in the idea and would get in touch with me later. Nothing happened till September, when a Mr. Neil Hepburn, of the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation, telephoned me and said he had the job of making up a programme called "Merrily on High"—a half-hour devoted entirely to bells and bellringing.

"At a subsequent interview at my office he borrowed half a dozen text books of mine and later borrowed more. The programme was eventually broadcast early in December, and though it was excellent I felt sorry that ringing in Durban had no part whatever in the programme. If I had not been so busy I could, perhaps, have put more push and go into the business to see that we Durban ringers came into the picture, but all the same I feel that the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation were very high-handed. After the broadcast I had the impression that my text books would stay at the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation indefinitely if I didn't go and collect them, but one day Mr. Hepburn came into my office, bringing all my books back and all was forgiven and forgotten!

'As my work isn't so much on the top of me now I've been able to put a bit more energy into bellringing. On January 12th we rang the first touch on six tower bells I've ever rung in Durban, a 72 Grandsire Minor. With the aid of a bit of newspaper publicity our gains in recruits exceed our losses, and we ought soon to ring a touch of Minor as a regular thing.

"A year ago another young fellow, Ivan Weiss, left Durban to take a two-years' course at Pelham in order to enter the Ministry. I haven't seen Ivan's name in "The Ringing World," but I thought I should have done as he was quite keen on ringing.

'I was sorry not to be at the Council meeting and Lord Mayor's luncheon at Bristol. The rail strike was the cause of my not being able to stay. I had to be back on the Wednesday morning to join a coach party which included my mother, on a day trip to Hereford, and I had thought I could get back as far as Worcester by 11.15 a.m. and join the party there, but the rail strike caused a rush for the long-distance buses, and at one time I thought I might be stuck in Bristol for days. However, I left at ten minutes to eight on the Tuesday morning, and by taking three local buses I was back in Kidderminster soon after two p.m. I told Mr. Barnett on the Monday evening that I couldn't stay, but I suppose he forgot to convey my apologies. One chap whose acquaintance I made at Bristol was H. J. Shuck, of Cradley. He was introduced to me by my old friend, Bernard Ashford.

'Patrick Cahill, a keen Durban ringer, is leaving for England approximately on February 9th, and by a coincidence another ringer will be on the same ship, Tom Turner, of Lancashire. Tom has been in Rhodesia for the last five years and is now going back to England, as the Rhodesian climate doesn't seem to suit his and his wife's health. Vic Sheppard wants Patrick to stand in for a quarter peal at Woodstock (Grandsire Triples, of course), and Patrick is looking forward very much to his first touch of Triples. Vic as yet doesn't know that Tom will be coming to Woodstock at the same time as Patrick, so he has a treat in store. Tom is catching the "Stirling Castle" at Cape Town and is going there in a small Hillman car.

'On Sunday, February 2nd, we had some Grandsire Doubles for morning service at St. Paul's, and it was the first time I had rung a touch of Grandsire Doubles in that tower. My two boys were in the band, which was as follows:—Patric A. L. Chambers 1, Christopher J. Chambers 2, Patrick Cahill 3, William Gardner 4, Thomas Turner 5, Cyril Chambers (conductor) 6. We rang a few 40's and 60's but couldn't manage a 120, unfortunately.'

PEALS OF THE LATE BENJAMIN KNIGHTS

The following is a list of the peals rung by the late Mr. Benjamin A. Knights, of Chesterfield, who died recently, aged 70 years. Unfortunately the list is incomplete as records of the peals he rang after 1925 are not available. From 1901 to 1925 he rang 369 peals.

Treble Bob. — Mainly Kent Treble Bob Major plus Oxford, and combined Kent and Oxford, Major and Royal—the bulk conducted by himself, 135.

Plain Bob.—Major 9 (conducted 3), Royal 1. Little Bob: Major 2 (1), Royal 1.

Double Norwich.—Court Bob Major 49 (17), Court Bob Royal 3.

Grandsire.—Triples 11 (3), Caters 12 (1).

Stedman.—Triples 17 (5), Caters 32 (18), Cinques 5 (1).

Forward Treble Bob.—Major 2, Royal 1.

Surprise Major.—Yorkshire 8 (1), Superlative 54 (16), London 13, New Cambridge 5, Norfolk 1, Peterborough 2, Cambridge 1, Bristol 3.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 2.

Total (1901 to 1925): 369.

Performances of interest included in the above are: The record length of Stedman Caters rung in 1909; a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow, conducted by William Pye; peals on an Irish tour in 1909; a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of Manchester Town Hall in 1912 (tenor 52 cwt.); a large proportion of the peals he conducted were composed by his father, Arthur Knights, and he took part in 122 peals on Chesterfield bells. N. C.

QUARTER PEALS

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (in hand): W. Rogers 1-2, E. J. Ladd (first on handbells) 3-4, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 5-6, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie (first on handbells) 7-8.

SHOBROOKE, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, a half peal of Doubles (six extents of New Grandsire, four extents each of Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, and three of April Day): C. Parker 1, C. Savage 2, C. Deem 3, S. Skinner (cond.) 4, E. W Rowe 5, S. Sharland 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Secker 1, Miss F. Secker 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Cubitt 5, R. Newman 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Mothering Sunday.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 4th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss D. Ward 1, Miss M. Mesley 3, Miss J. Wilcockson 4, A. C. Wenban 5, L. North 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, E. J. Leversuch 8. For Evensong.

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THORLEY.—On Monday, March 12th, 1956, at the Maternity Hospital, Leeds, Yorkshire, to Paddy and Martin Thorley, a daughter, Katharine May (7¾ lb. in C sharp). 7979

ENGAGEMENTS

CHAPMAN—BATE.—The engagement is announced of Dennis Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapman, of 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. B. Bate and the late Mr. R. H. Bate, of 174, Richmond Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. 7997

YARDLEY — HEPENSTAL. — The engagement is announced between Harold and Mary, both ringers at SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham. 7984

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MEETINGS

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—No meeting in Lent. 8002

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7964

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham on Saturday, March 24th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. 7947

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, March 24th. 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Special method, Hull Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7950

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wendover, March 24th. 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7955

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Northiam (6), Saturday, March 24th.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 7949

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE. — The bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) will be available to all on Saturday, March 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5, in Town Hall. Short Evensong, 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names, please, to K. G. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn. 7982

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Taunton, Easter Monday. Service at St. James' Church 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Gaumont Restaurant at 1.30 p.m., 5s. 6d. per head. Meeting, St. James' Church Hall, at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. James' (8) 11–12, North Curry (8) 10.30–11.30, Ruishton (6) 11–12. Other details will be given out at the meeting.—R. O. Fry, General Secretary. 7999

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Dujon, followed by business meeting. St. Paul's (majestic 10): 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., 2.45 to 4.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. onwards. St. Peter's (8): 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2.45 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers most welcome. Names for lunch before March 26th, please, to Mr. J. W. Sinfield, 4, Queen Street, Houghton Regis, Beds. 7924

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Appleby on Easter Monday. Bells (6) available 1.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by March 28th to Mr. C. Heelis, Burrells, Appleby, Westmorland.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 7995

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting on Monday, April 2nd, at Honiton (St. Paul's). Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business after. Names for tea by March 29th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 7963

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 2nd, to be held at North Wingfield. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. W. Wain, South View, Church Lane, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7986

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, at Ely. Ringing: Sutton (6) 10 to 11, Hilgay (8) 10 to 11, Haddenham (6) 11 to 12, Ely (8) 11 to 1 and 6 to 8.30, Wilburton 12 to 1, Stretham 1.30 to 3 and 6.30 to 8, Burwell (8) 1.30 to 2.45, Fordham (6) 1.30 to 3, Soham (10) 6.30 to 8.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. (address by the Lord Bishop). Tea 4.45 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Room. Business meeting after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 7987

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at Cathedral at noon. Luncheon at Corn Exchange. Tickets in advance by March 26th, members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., also information leaflet including business agenda, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Ringing at Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham, Frindsbury and Rochester Cathedral.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7953

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 3, tea (1s. 6d. per head) and business to follow. —F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec. 7967

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. *prompt*. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. and tea arranged at 5 o.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. This notice is essential. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6 to 7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., Claines (10), St. John's (8) and Kempsey (6) all 2 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7985

DEVON GUILD.—N.-E. Branch.—Meeting, Bradninch, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. Beed, 12, Culver Close, Bradninch.—W. Ware, Hon. Sec. 7978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western quarterly meeting, April 7th, Loughton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Rann, 16, York Crescent, Loughton. 7983

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general business meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, April 7th, in the Church Hall, Cricklade Street, at 2 p.m. sharp. Tea to follow the meeting at St. Peter's Hall, St. Peter's Road, Ashcroft Road, at 3s. per head. Notifications for tea to Mr. E. W. Wenban, William Strip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester, not later than Wednesday, April 4th. *No notification, no tea.* The following bells will be available: Kemble (6), Watermoor (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; North Cerney (6), Bibury (6), 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Rendcombe (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Cirencester Parish Church (12), from 7 p.m.; Kemble and Bibury, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Divine Service at the Parish Church at 6 p.m. —F. Skidmore, Gen. Hon. Sec. 7961

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Friezland, Saturday, April 7th. For teas please notify Mr. L. Dawson, 29, St. Mary's Drive, Greenfield, Oldham, by March 31st.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7948

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 7th, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) at Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Business includes nomination of peal secretary, also position of Stanmore band. Ringing also at Much Hadham (8), Little Hadham (5) and Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Standon (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Sawbridgeworth (8) and Thorley (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Lunch (3s. 8d.), Cavalier Restaurant, Bishop's Stortford, 1 p.m. Names for meals to Mr. H. Bird, The Nest, London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7994

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bardney, near Lincoln, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Tuesday, April 3rd.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 7993

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District. —Meeting at Stockton on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 5th, to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 7981

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 7th. Bells: St. Margaret's, 2 to 3; St. John's, 2.30 to 4; Cathedral 3.30 to 4.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea to W. A. Lacey, 117, Church Lane, Anstey, near Leicester, *cannot be accepted after Monday, March 26th.* Further details next week.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7990

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lower Heyford (6), April 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 7988

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Meeting at Staverton on Saturday, April 7th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, near Daventry, by Saturday, March 31st.—F. W. Hancock. 7992

ST. LAURENCE, WINSLOW, BUCKS.—Dedication of two new trebles and the opening of augmented ring by The Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 p.m. Buffet tea 1s. All ringers welcome. 7996

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Combined quarterly meeting at Westerham, Kent, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meetings. All welcome—good attendance, please. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 3rd, please, to Miss M. Cosgrove, 9, The Green, Westerham, Kent. —P. N. Bond and Doris E. Colgate, Hon Secs. 7991

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Southwell Minster, April 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, in Trebeck Hall, 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by previous Wednesday.—J. W. Raithby. 7989

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 7th. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) 2.30 p.m.–4 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday, April 3rd.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 7998

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Benhilton (8) on April 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting at Red Lion 4.30. Evensong 6. Bells after. Names for tea to me by April 5th, please. —W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 8001

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 7h, at Hessle. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle, E. Yorkshire. —H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 7980

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The spring quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Wroughton on March 10th and a good number turned up to ring on the recently-restored and augmented bells. Various methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung, although it must be admitted that these are the kind of bells which do not suit the drawing-room type of ringer.

The usual service was conducted by the Rev. C. Carrier, of Wroughton R.A.F. Station, and tea was provided in the school. The efforts of the ladies in arranging tea was very much appreciated, as Wroughton School stands in a very isolated spot well away from the village.

Various matters were discussed at the business meeting and it was proposed that meetings be held at Rodbourne Cheney, Malmesbury and Bishopstone during the quarter ensuing. Further ringing followed and visitors were welcomed from Chippenham, Fairford and Kempsey. The proceedings terminated with an excellent lower in peal.

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EASTER

By The Rev. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH,
President of the Lancashire Association

'Easter Day breaks! Christ rises! Mercy every way is infinite!'

So writes Robert Browning. So should echo all our hearts, as we greet this great and joyous Festival of the Church. This, too, should be the message of the bells, as they peal forth across city or countryside on Easter morning. As within the House of God the strains of the organ and the voices of the choir unite in the triumphant message of praise: 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!' So, too, from their home, high up in tower or steeple, the bells sound forth that same message, but to a wider audience, to the world at large, 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!'

At the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus, the first message of the angels to the terrified shepherds was one of comfort and encouragement: 'Fear not.' So now, at the Resurrection, the first message of the angel to the frightened women is the same; the supreme tidings of triumph are introduced by those same words, 'Fear not.' The Easter message, with its wonderful news of victory, of triumph, of joy, of opportunity, is essentially a message of encouragement; it points out the futility and the pointlessness of fear. The glorious fact of the Resurrection has brought about the conquering of death and shown the way to the overcoming of sin; it has opened the doors to life everlasting. Easter teaches us that Love and Faith are invincible, and that death is (in the words of Whittier) 'but a covered way that leadeth into light.' As W. E. Orchard has expressed it: 'The grim-barred gates of death swing back, and the glory from an endless world shines through.' Why, O why, then, should we fear?

These few thoughts about the Easter message do but express something which is well known to and highly valued by the Christian believer. He thinks of these things as he comes on Easter morning to kneel before the altar to receive his Easter Communion; he would give expression to them as he lifts up his voice in the praise of his Easter hymns. Those who meet together in God's house on Easter Day do so as brothers and sisters of the family of God; as their voices unite in their praises, so also their hearts unite in gratitude; they join together in rejoicing in the great triumph of their Lord and Saviour, and together they brush aside the fear of death.

That is one side of the picture; the family of God coming to His house with faith and love to share in the triumph of their Master. But there is another side to that picture; outside the walls of God's house the situation is all too often very different, even on Easter morning. There are many who do not come to the altar to receive the Holy Communion; many who do not lift up their voices to join in the praise of the Easter hymns. There are many for whom Easter Day is not a Holy Day, but merely a holiday from work. There are many who lie in bed on this wonderful morning. There are the unbelieving crowds of heedless, careless, lazy folk; those who turn a deaf ear to the teaching of the Church and in whose lives there is no place for God.

It is to the world at large that the bells bear their tidings of joy on Easter morning. It is the privilege of the ringers of this land to express through their art to all within hearing the call of the Church. To all alike, to instructed and ignorant, to pious and impious, to believing and heedless, the bells on Easter Day bring the news of the triumph and glory of the Risen Christ. To old and young, to rich and poor, to saint and sinner, to those at home and to the stranger in our midst, the message is the same:—

'The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluia!'

As the bells bear the Easter message far and wide throughout the length and breadth of our land, they send with it a challenge, the challenge to prove the truth of the triumph of the Christian Faith by making it a part of our own lives. This challenge comes to all who hear the bells, but it comes first of all to those who ring them; to those who would sing, in the words of H. C. Wilder's Ringers' Hymn:—

'We raise the bells for ringing
With ready mind and will,
And come before thee, bringing
Our hearts, our strength, our skill.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	ROGER O. FRY	10
ALAN F. THIRST	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
PETER BORDER	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Maximus in the method in the county.

TEN BELL PEAL

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD WHITE	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. SHARPE	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	FREDERICK C. WHITE	7
GEORGE W. BISHOP	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	8
MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
ALFRED H. WEBB	5	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung to commemorate the 138th anniversary of Appleton Festival Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

*PAULINE M. SAXTON	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
PETER N. BOND	2	DAVID R. REED	6
*MARION J. PARKER	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Roger Baldwin has now 'circled the tower.'

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*SIDNEY PUGH	*Treble*	R. GORDON CORBY	5
*PETER HURCOMBE	2	*FREDERICK TRANTER	6
G. LEONARD HEWITT	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
*GEOFFREY GREEN	4	*CLIVE WIXEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

HAROLD J. PESKETT	*Treble*	RICHARD WILSON	5
*SYLVIA STREATER	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	3	ERNEST TREAGUS	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.
Arranged for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Treagus, parents of the conductor.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung to celebrate the birth, on this day, of a daughter, Katherine May, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*BEN. S. THOMPSON	*Treble*	DOUGLAS MITCHELL	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	6
HORACE W. EASEY	3	†MICHAEL SOLLEY	7
ALBERT E. COLEMAN	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal for 20 years. † First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

S. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
*MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	6
*MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to James Parker, who called the first peal in this method on June 19th, 1926.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*DONALD J. MEAGER	*Treble*	HERBERT C. EDWARDS	5
REGINALD H. HOWSON	2	JOSEPH MARKS	6
HARRY SEAR	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
ROGER CADAMY	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the induction of Rev. A. Campbell, who is also chairman of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
*ROLAND COOK	2	J. HARRY COOK	6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 50th peal together. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	ALAN PENDLEBURY	5
JOSEPH THORNLEY	2	*BRIAN N. COOPER	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. First peal on the new bells, dedicated September, 1954.
Rung at the request of the Parish Priest to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*ERIC NICE	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	5
ALICE E. LESTER	2	†RICHARD ROSE	6
FREDERICK H. COOPER	3	†LEONARD S. SHARPE	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	†KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
GEORGE F. SPERRING	2	L. JOHN EVANS	6
*DAPHNE LESTER	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	*JOHN W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon Gwynfryn Richards as Rector of Llandudno. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Frederick Millward, son of the ringer of the fourth.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*DIANA G. WARD	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
ALBERT C. WENBAN	3	PETER D. BEEDIE	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*VALERIE MASSAM	*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEEL	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	6
JOSHUA WORMALD	3	ERNEST SPENCER	7
IRVIN SLACK	4	PERCY MASSAM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal and first attempt.
Arranged to celebrate the 80th birthday of G. W. Steel, for 63 years a ringer at the above church.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5088 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOYCE L. HAGAN	*Treble*	KENNETH LAWSON	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	*E. ALAN RAWLINSON	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
CHARLES N. LEA	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by R. BALDWIN. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire Major for all members of the band, and for the Association, on tower bells. 'Ars inordinata contemnitur.'

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Tues., March 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of London Scholars' Pleasure, three of Kent T.B., three of Oxford T.B. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

BLAYDON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

MARION CAPEY	*Treble*	E. ALAN RAWLINSON	4
MARGARET SOFTLEY	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	KENNETH LAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

WING, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956. *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 29 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	*FREDERICK VICKERS	4
GEORGE F. BURTON	2	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
*WILLIAM A. YATES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in more than eight Minor methods. Believed to be the first peal on these bells, recently rehung by Messrs. R. White and Son.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. L. J. Tatham, on his appointment as priest-in-charge of this benefice.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	GEORGE T. BUNNING	4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
*MRS. JOYCE M. CALLABY	3	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to express the best wishes of the Gressenhall ringers to Mr. G. R. Drew, who is joining the R.A.F.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of an extent in each of the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

JOHN W. RAWSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
A farewell peal to the Rev. G. Malcom from the Leicester Guild and the Midland Counties Association.

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ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., March 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

P. MACE (Jesus)	*Treble*	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	4
*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First attempt for a peal.

WORLE, SOMERSET.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, two each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*BEVAN WILLGRESS	*Treble*	†CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	4
†JOHN SCHOFIELD	2	*JOHN WATERS	5
†GLYN F. JENKINS	3	†IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor, and first in more than one method of Minor on the bells. All the band are serving in the R.A.F.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: London, Bourne, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRIAN M. BARKER	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
EDWIN J. UPTON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
WALTER AYRE	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

*JUDITH COX	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
*FREDK. W. BURNETT	2	†JOHN L. MORRIS	5
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 100th peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging and believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

Rung for St. Patrick's Day.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD HARRIS	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
†STANLEY A. HAYZLEDEN	2	†COLIN A. TESTER	5
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	*BENJAMIN W. PARKE	4
*DAPHNE A. LODGE	2	ALAN A. HILLIAR	5
HERBERT G. GODDARD	3	DESMOND G. MAYELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.

* First peal.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. A. A. Hilliar, of Bristol.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

E. SYBIL M. TONKIN	*Treble*	FRANK H. BEENEY	4
LAURA M. BEENEY	2	GEORGE BEENEY	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	BENJAMIN STEPNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by KATHLEEN M. YEO.

First peal as conductor.

Rung by the local ringers as an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	*LEN THOMPSON	4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal.

A 16th wedding anniversary peal for the conductor and his wife.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLYW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

EDGAR THOMAS	*Treble*	J. T. WILLIAMS	4
R. E. SCUDAMORE	2	E. P. SAGE	5
CHRIS. HAWKINS	3	A. J. ALCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. HAWKINS.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect for Mrs. Davies, wife of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Dr. Islywn Davies.

POTTERNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

*DAVID KNIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN ROMAIN	4
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	5
HARRY HEATH	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells for 25 years.

UPWEY, DORSET.
THE SALISURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Dorchester Branch.)
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*JAMES A. HART	*Treble*	BETTY J. MARSH	4
MRS. M. M. GOOLEY	2	JOHN W. ROSE	5
GEORGE J. W. ABBOTT	3	HENRY J. FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Helen Gooley, of Kenya, East Africa, whose wedding took place on February 11th.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods, viz.: One of St. Clement's College Bob, two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	REGINALD R. DARCH	5
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	3	*PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

Rung as a farewell to G. Anthony Sutherland, who is leaving the district for Birmingham.

A WILTSHIRE WEEK-END

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 64-68).
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.

TERENCE E. COLLINS	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
*ANN M. COX	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PURTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

RALPH SHAILES	*Tenor*	PHILIP MEHEW	4
ANN M. COX	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
*BRIAN BLADON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 100th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Mr. Shailes is the 1,000th person to have rung a peal with Mr. A. P. Cannon. Rung on St. Patrick's Day.

RAMSBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34-36-39; 28-31).
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4
*ANN M. COX	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
*BRIAN BLADON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First touch of Burnaby Delight. 50th peal as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung for Evensong on Passion Sunday.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 13, KNOWSLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In seven methods: 1,152 changes of Plain Bob, 112 Double Bob, 112 St. Clement's, 1,152 Ashbourne College, 576 Little Bob, 864 Gainsborough Little Bob and 1,040 Reverse Bob, with a change of method every lead. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7—8

Arranged by E. NIXON. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal in seven methods on handbells. First peal in seven methods on handbells as conductor.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*ERNEST J. GOWER	1—2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5—6
†VICTOR J. C. WOOD	3—4	*RONALD KENRICK	7—8

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

SCAWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT GREENGATES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.



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PEAL RINGING IN AUSTRALIA

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

OUTSIDE the British Isles, we find Australia has had the most peals—51 in all. There are actually more rings of bells in this country than in Scotland, and almost as many as in Ireland—25 in fact.

It was on April 9th, 1890, that the first peal ever rung in the British Empire outside these islands was heard in Sydney, at St. Philip's Church (8). This was of Grandsire Triples and it caused great excitement at the time. Two more peals in this method were accomplished at the end of the same year at Hobart (Holy Trinity Church—8 bells), on December 29th and 31st respectively. The day after this latter peal, New Year's Day, 1891, saw a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Melbourne Cathedral on the light eight by a completely different band (actually these four peals rung within a year had different conductors, so ringing was well established).

It was, however, six years before another peal was rung, with the first peal at St. Peter's, Ballarat. It was of Minor (seven methods) and five of the six ringers were 20 and under. The following years saw the second peal at Melbourne Cathedral—Grandsire Triples again, but on the back eight, two ringers taking it in turns to ring the tenor. This was on September 10th, 1898.

In 1903 we find three peals rung in the Dominion. Two of them were at St. Mark's, Sydney—Grandsire Minor on February 5th, and Minor (four methods) on June 13th (this latter peal does not appear to be mentioned in 'A Great Adventure,' the book written about the Australian tour in 1934, mentioned later). The third peal, also of Grandsire Minor, was rung at Parramatta on May 30th. It is this latter tower, which has six bells, that we find has the most peals in Australia—11 in all, ten of which have been rung since 1947.

In the next year, another peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung at Melbourne Cathedral on July 2nd. This was the last peal to be rung in Australia for over 20 years, although several attempts were made, including one for Grandsire Caters in 1912 which was lost through a rope breaking. The only peal to be accomplished before the famous Australian tour was Grandsire Triples at Melbourne Cathedral on September 20th, 1926.

Now we come to this tour in 1934. This memorable occasion was undertaken by 12 ringers, and seven peals were accomplished on tower bells in Austalia (there were several handbell peals rung during the tour). These were as follows: Bob Royal at Melbourne Cathedral on October 24th, Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Major at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, on November 3rd and 6th respectively, Grandsire Cinques at Melbourne Cathedral on November 11th, Stedman Triples at Ballarat Town Hall on November 13th, Kent Treble Bob Major at Sydney Cathedral on November 20th, and Stedman Triples at St. Mark's, Sydney, on November 22nd. No further peals were rung in the continent until after the last war.

Since 1944, perhaps with the greater number of immigrants into Australia, more peals have been rung than ever before (33 out of the 51 —so ringing is enjoying its greatest prosperity nowadays there). At Melbourne Cathedral there have been six since 1952; at Randwick (8) seven since 1948 (the first peal here in 1947 proved to be false!); the ten peals at Parramatta have already been mentioned. Yass (6) has had four peals—one in 1950 and three in 1952; Walkerville (6) has had two (1952 and 1953). Then there have been one each at Ballarat, St. Peter's (1953), Hobart, Holy Trinity (1944), Hobart Cathedral (1953) and Sydney, St. Philip's (1945). This completes the tally of peals.

It will be seen from the above account that only 12 of the 25 towers have had peals rung at them, so there is plenty of scope for our Australian friends yet. May ringing continue to grow and flourish at the other side of the world.

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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Llandilo on March 10th. Ringing commenced at 1.45 p.m. and continued until 4 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon T. Hughes. A very nice tea was provided at the Church Hall, where approximately 25 members enjoyed themselves.

The business meeting was opened with a very hearty welcome to the members of the Guild by the Vicar, who presided. He stated that there would always be a welcome for the ringers whenever they came to Llandilo.

The secretary reminded the members of the annual competition at Llanbadarn Fawr on May 12th, and also of the annual meeting to be held at St. David's Cathedral on June 9th. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of 17s. 1d., and one new ringing member was made.

The presence of Mr. Fred Scudamore, from Bristol, and of Capt. Griffith and Mr. D. J. Hughes, of Llandilo, both of whom are honorary members of the Guild, gave great pleasure.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for having the Guild at Llandilo, and to the ladies who provided tea, by Mr. J. T. Williams, of Morriston.

C. H. H.

THE YORK INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDY

THE new headquarters of the York Institute of Architectural Study, formerly the derelict Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Micklegate, York, were opened by the Minister of Works, Mr. Patrick Buchan-Hepburn, on March 16th.

Owing to lack of accommodation at the Institute the opening ceremony took place in the Assembly Rooms before a large gathering representative of the city and county.

The Dean of York (The Very Rev. E. Milner-White), Chairman of the York Academic Trust, presided, and also on the platform were the Lord Mayor of York (Alderman Fred Brown), the City Sheriff (Councillor A. L. Philipson), Dr. J. B. Morrell (Chairman of the York Civic Trust), Dr. W. A. Singleton (Director of the Institute), and Mr. J. B. West-Taylor (Secretary of the York Academic Trust and of the Institute).

The Dean described the conversion of the church as something of a miracle. What was formerly an inconspicuous, disesteemed, broken down building, was now, after 800 years of life, something of first-rate importance and beauty. Thousands of their older churches were clamouring for skilled handling in repair, and in York they were tackling an all-England problem and a vital one.

The Minister of Works said the past achievements, present work, and future hopes of the Institute were an exciting venture. The venture gave rise in his mind to three themes. The first was the past, for none could dispense with a reverence and an understanding of the past. He was glad that 'pseudo' architecture associated with the '20s and '30s was on the decline, and he admired contemporary architecture which arose out of a combination of modern needs and the wonderful new materials and techniques which science had made possible.

His second theme was appreciation, for he did not believe any other country had done so much in modern times to spoil its cities, towns and villages with unworthy building. The Government could now do something to prevent that, but an informed public opinion was the only real safeguard, which meant that nothing was more valuable than the courses run by the Institute.

His third theme was the one-ness of all who contributed to the creation of a building, and here again he felt that the comprehensive field of the Institute's courses could do nothing but good.

Dr. W. A. Singleton, Director of the Institute and Architect of the conversion of St. John's Church, spoke of the wide range of the Institute's activities. It was the only one of its kind in the British Isles, or for that matter, in the world. During the past decade there had been a growing need and demand for the advanced and specialised architectural training provided by the Institute. They were going forward with confidence and an era of expansion leading up to the establishment in York of the first full-time post-graduate institute of architectural study.

The Lord Mayor thanked the speakers and congratulated the Minister on his achievement in opening the Institute by remote control.

Later the Minister and other invited guests inspected the Institute.

So far as ringers are concerned, the most interesting feature of the conversion of the church is the restoration of the ancient ring of six bells which have been restored for ringing, and are to be used to show students how ancient bells can be restored to full use. The bells have been hung in a new frame and placed much lower in the tower in full accordance with Central Council principles. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., under the direction of Mr. Fred Sharpe, consultant in all matters concerning bells to the Institute.

During the Minister's inspection the bells were rung to a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor by a specially invited band: Mr. E. H Lewis, President, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers; Mr. F. Sharpe, Convener, Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council; Mr. P. L. Taylor (Messrs. J. Taylor & Co.); Mr. L. W. G. Morris, General Secretary, Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers; Mr. A. Marsh, District Secretary, Yorkshire Association; Mr. H. Walker, President, York Minster Society of Change Ringers. Mr. E. H. Lewis was the conductor.

It was not possible to issue a general invitation to ringers to be present at the opening, but arrangements are being made for the annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association to be held at the Institute on Saturday, May 12th.

H. W.

ASH, SURREY.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Miss B. Davidge (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Goodchild 2, Miss S. Sherwood 3, E. Sherwood 4, P. Sherwood (cond.) 5, S. Russell 6. For Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, on Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire 600 Plain Bob): Miss K. Tooze 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, Miss B. Russell 3, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 4, J. G. Davis 5, L. W. Moses 6.

BEDMINSTER, BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Jan. 29th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: P. Mehew 1, Miss E. Grime 2, G. E. Fearn 3, R. B. Meadows 4, R. Bowden 5, B. Bladon 6, M. S. Cloke 7, D. P. Jones (arr. and cond.) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Mar. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. North 1, A. W. Bond 2, C. Riddleston 3, A. W. Gravett 4, F. Page 5, H. James 6, H. Stalham 7, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 8. Rung on Harry Stalham's 84th birthday after meeting too late for peal attempt.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Boden 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, B. M. Buswell 3, Miss M. Patrick 4, W. L. Exton 5, P. Giles 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, K. M. Rainsden 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (six extents Candlesby Slow Course and five of St. Martin's): R. Pitman 1, J. Manners 2, C. Savage 3, S. Skinner (cond.) 4, J. Quick 5, F. Farrant (first quarter) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 18th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): E. J. Coode 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss B. Slark 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, J. Sims 5, G. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Passion Sunday Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Miss B. Slark.

QUARTER PEALS

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine R. Dainty 1, Madeline Wright (first 'inside') 2, G. P. Cairns 3, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 4, F. G. Bloomfield 5, K. Arthur 6, N. H. Hewett 7, J. Heal 8. For Mothering Sunday family service.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Bennett 1, Miss M. J. M. Day 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, J. L. Eaton 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, L. C. Willday 6. The first quarter peal on a working bell for Miss Day.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Dean 1, Miss E. Gibson 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, Miss J. Cook 4, E. Silvey 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, J. T. Clay 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday afternoon service. Also on Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. D. Poole 1, J. T. Clay 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, Miss J. Cook 4, L. J. Young 5, E. Silvey 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, Miss E. Gibson 8. For Evensong. Rung as a farewell to Miss Jill Cook on leaving to take up nursing.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 18th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose 1, Miss R. Morgan 2, J. Haw 3, H. Goakes 4, J. Bluff 5, W. Barker 6, G. Bush (cond.) 7, F. Boyall 8. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Barker (daughter of ringer of the 6th), which took place on March 11th.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Pugh 1, F. E. T. Tranter 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, C. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey (first of Bob Doubles) 5, W. R. Wixey 6. First quarter of Plain Bob by local band. Also on Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pugh 1, C. Wixey 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, S. Pugh 4, W. C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. For Evensong by the local band.

READING, BERKS.—On Mar. 18th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Brant 1, Miss J. Ropet 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, Miss A. Gladwell 4, J. White 5, K. Cottrell 6, A. Street (cond.) 7, J. Coates (first of Triples) 8. First of Triples 'inside' for 3, 4 and 6. End-of-term quarter.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): W. Ransom (cond.) 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsome 3, J. Parish 4, C. Goodger 5, E. Wakeling 6. For evening service. Also on Mar. 18th, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob): D. Peacock 1, F. Elsome 2, A. Clements 3, E. Wakeling 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For evening service.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. Sharp 1, F. R. Addison 2, P. Kaye 3, G. F. Ball 4, E. P. Rock (cond.) 5, S. Sharp 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Wilfred Addison, captain of St. Paul's, Thornaby.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Taylor 1, C. Sangwin 2, A. E. Bissett 3, R. G. Pearce 4, W. R. Hill 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, H. Stacey 8. Rung on the 90th birthday of the mother of ringers 2, 6 and 7.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, D. Hewitt (first in method) 3, L. Batley 4, E. E. Holman 5, A. J. Boyack 6, C. Willmington 7, R. J. Chapman (first of Bob Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. R. L. Blewer 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, C. W. Ottley 5, F. Ransom 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, W. D. Grainger 8. For Evensong.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. C. Case 1, H. G. Ridgway 2, Kathleen Ballard 3, T. E. Roberts 4, G. E. Green 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Fred Metcalfe, of Skipton, who has been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1891, recently celebrated his 82nd birthday. To mark the occasion he conducted 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung on the 'back six' of the parish church bells. He is a regular service ringer and at the moment is helping to instruct several learners during the week.

Will correspondents sending letters to the Editor kindly give their full postal address.

A reader (H. J. J.) asks what are the changes used in the B.B.C. interval signal.

Good work has been done at Quedgeley, Gloucestershire. Five first peals of Triples are recorded this week.

Cambridge University Guild received a fine welcome at Ashwell, where a peal of Minor was rung on March 16th. After the peal the Vicar, the Rev. John Catterick, invited the band into the Vicarage for tea, where they were able to listen to a tape recording he had made of part of the ringing. Later he drove the entire band to the station (two miles away) to catch the train back to Cambridge.

Brief reference was made in this column last week to the passing of Mr. Joseph Wilfred Addison, of Thornaby. He and his brother, Raymond, had been of great assistance at Stockton-on-Tees since the bells were restored two-and-a-half years ago. A new band was raised under Mr. E. P. Rock. The brothers Addison's assistance was not only at practices but on Sunday mornings for service ringing. The latter attendance was possible as the hours of service at Thornaby are different from Stockton. Without the help and encouragement of Wilfred Addison, progress at Stockton would have been much slower, writes Mr. Rock.

Mr. John W. Griffiths, of Chester, who has been ringing 32 years, rang his first birthday peal at Llandudno on March 17th. It was suggested that the peal should have been recorded to mark the withdrawal of trams which plied between Colwyn Bay and Llandudno. There were, however, other more acceptable reasons for the performance.

Mr. G. W. Steel, who for 63 years has been a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Yorks, rang a peal in celebration of his 83rd birthday.

Stanwell, Middlesex, bells rang for 30 services during the first two months of this year.

In connection with the peal of New Gloucester, rung at Willesden on March 15th, Mr. Alick Cutler also took part in the peal in the method Mr. J. J. Parker called in 1926.

Miss Pat Bourn, Master of the Bristol University Society, impressed Cambridge University Guild by her ringing of the tenor of St. Mary's on the occasion of the Guild's annual dinner. 'A lesson in perfection of fenor ringing,' is the tribute of our Cambridge correspondent.

Reading through the leap year number of Kington Magna Church Magazine, members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the College Youths, and also the Central Council, will find a somewhat cryptic last paragraph: 'Leap Year Note.—The Parson is still a bachelor.'

The peal at Worle, Somerset, on March 16th, by a R.A.F. serving band, was rung as a farewell to Glyn Jenkins and Cyril Lewington, who leave R.A.F., Locking, shortly for Germany and the Far East respectively. The band extend their warmest thanks to Mr. George Prescott for having everything ready for the peal and for his hospitality afterwards.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

THE Cambridge University Guild held its annual dinner in Cambridge on March 3rd. The day's festivities should have started with a peal of Grandsire Caters at Mildenhall. Unfortunately, only nine members could be found; a very possible tenth was sought diligently at four telephone numbers he is known to frequent, but fortunately for him he has a fifth place of work, the number of which has not been divulged to the Master. However, eight stalwart members rang a peal of Cambridge Major at the aforementioned Mildenhall, after much difficulty with clock-hammers and dry bearings.

The other members started to meet at St. Bene't's at 2 p.m. where, after inspection of members not seen for a year or two, and after persuading some to ring instead of going to see the Varsity play Rosslyn Park, ringing continued until 3 p.m., finishing with a 120 of Stedman in memory of the man who, 300 years after his birth, was the cause of the ringers of England restoring these bells in 1931. Then on to St. Mary's to ring on the 12. Here, in spite of modern rehanging, the back two are known locally as 'men's bells," so we were delighted to be given a lesson in perfection of tenor ringing by Miss Pat Bourn, the Master of the Bristol University Society.

After tea, ringing continued at the Roman Catholic Church. Here we got away to a bad start owing to certain members eating so much tea that they raised the 32 cwt. tenor with such vigour that they broke the stay in the process. After putting the rope right it was again rung up, stayless, and rung for the next hour by the immediate past-Master, whilst the rest of us occasionally joined in with him on the other bells to produce touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and the like.

After dinner and the loyal toast, the president, Rev. A. C. Blyth, rose to introduce the speakers and explained why we had not rung at the Guild's 'home tower,' St. Andrew's. A fortnight ago the fifth had fallen out of its bearings for the second time in a very few years. Unringable bells at St. Andrew's would be a real catastrophe for the Guild, but the president was pleased to be able to tell us that it might prove a blessing in disguise, in that the Vicar, Canon Woodard, and his parochial church council had applied for a 'faculty' and were now determined to rehang the bells.

The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by W. H. Jackson, Master of the Oxford University Society. He considered the objects of societies in general, and decided that the Cambridge University Guild measured up to them well. When man first started forming groups or societies his first object was self-preservation; in ringing, one ringer cannot exist as such by himself. From this derived preservation of the society for its own sake. Here in the ringing sphere one saw the need for continual initiation of new members, and in a University Society a large number of members must be taught to ring each year because of the ephemeral nature of the population. A successful society must mantain friendly relations with other societies; here Mr. Jackson assured us of the very cordial relations between the Guild and all the other University Societies, and pointed also to the good work done by members on going down, when they made material contributions to the well-being of many of the territorial associations of ringers.

BOATRACE DELIGHT

Ending on what is often termed a humorous note, the Master of the Oxford Society contended that the Cambridge men had misconstrued the objects of the composer of the method lately referred to as Boatrace Delight; it had been suggested that this should be looked at on the horizontal plane as Cambridge in front and Oxford behind, whereas he was sure that it should be looked at vertically, when it became Oxford above and Cambridge below.

Replying for the Guild, the Master, W. T. Cook, gave an account of the Guild's activities during the year. Sixteen peals had been rung and most of these had been published with footnotes which 'showed real progress.' Two outstanding peals were first, the Guild's first peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at the University Church of Great St. Mary in September, and secondly, the recent peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods, which surpassed the achievement of four Spliced rung by the Society from the other place. Quarter peals had been rung on most Sunday evenings during term, and these again had resulted in many firsts being scored and had contributed very largely to an improvement in the standard of ringing. Sunday ringing facilities had been greatly increased this year since the Vicar of Great St. Mary's and the other members of the Society of Cambridge Youths had invited the Guild to ring for two services each Sunday at their church. Thus together with ringing for two services at St. Andrew's, and a handbell practice, in the Master's rooms during the afternoon, Sundays had been well spent.

The Master asked if the very high degree of wastage of recruits was inevitable: he himself had taught fifteen undergraduates to handle a bell during his year of office, but only one of these had continued to take an interest in ringing. Finally, he referred to St. Andrew's bells, and said that the officers of the Guild had decided to do their utmost to assist in raising the money for their restoration, and as a start he was sending a plate around the tables for contributions from members present. This was done, and resulted in a promising inauguration of the St. Andrew's bell restoration fund. (Absent members will know the address of the secretary and can send their donations to him.)

'THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW'

The secretary, J. D. Painter, proposed the toast of 'The Guests.' He referred to the critics of ringing and some other more sincere, though in his view, misguided people who considered all so-called secular ringing to be irreverent. In these days surely the fact that we rang for Church purposes can be taken for granted; the Christian lives as such at all times, not just on Sundays. He thought that the trouble arose from trying to follow the letter of the law instead of the spirit of the law, so much so that to some minds the Ten Commandments had become interpreted as 'Thou must go to church twice on Sundays and be miserable for the rest of the week.' The secretary could see nothing irreverent in acquiring a skill (obtained only by mid-week practices), or in a mental or physical discipline (such as a peal rung for no other object), or in communal friendship (such as the ringing before a Guild dinner). He welcomed Bill Jackson and Peter Saunders, Master and secretary respectively, of the Oxford University Society; Pat Bourn, Master of the Bristol University Society; Geoffrey Bryant, Master of the London University Society; Jim Quinney and Reg. Dennis, of the Society of Cambridge Youths: and Canon Woodard, the Vicar of St. Andrew's.

Geoffrey Bryant replied for the guests. He compared University Ringing Societies with some of the larger University clubs and organisations. In some of the latter he found a considerable amount of bickering. Reading 'The Ringing World' and visiting ringers throughout the country indicated that the ringing fraternity was not wholly free from this undesirable trait. However, he found that the University Ringing Societies were much more at unity within themselves, and he hoped that on going down members who had had the advantage of experiencing this unity would endeavour to instil it into whatever associations they came in contact with.

A very enjoyable day was brought to a close by an hour's handbell ringing and a barrel of beer in Trinity Hall. W. J. R.

The 138th Anniversary of Appleton's Ringing Day

The years roll on, but the Whites and Holifields seem to go on for ever. This year's 'Fourth of March' was held on the 10th and proved as popular as ever.

At 10 a.m. seven visitors and three Whites met at the tower and rang quite a good peal of Stedman Caters, ably and quietly conducted by Walter Judge, and owing to the indisposition of Phyllis, daughter of Dick White, the visitors were entertained royally to a good lunch at the 'Thatched Tavern,' instead of at Dick's house. As the afternoon rolled on more and more visitors arrived, and by 4.30 p.m. 68 were accommodated in the 'Thatched Tavern' to sit down to a substantial tea.

In the evening the deputy Master of the Oxford Guild, Mr. Fred Sharpe (who really loves Appleton and Appleton ringers), was automatic choice for chairman, and he at once thanked the Rector for the use of the bells (all day). The Rector suitably replied. The general secretary of the Oxford Guild and Mayor J. H. Freeborn both briefly referred to the wonderful traditions of the ringing at Appleton. Dick and son, Frank White, responded in their usual modest fashion. Mr. Albert Tyler responded for the visitors who were given the usual very hearty welcome.

The beauty of the evening, in the writer's opinion, was the lack of a stereotyped programme. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tune ringing and lapping of Grandsire Caters by the White family, and old ringing songs by John and Fred White. Fred Sharpe sang an old ringing song, composed over 100 years ago by the then local schoolmaster; even the general secretary of the Oxford Guild tried his voice, but could only remember two verses of his song, and Alf Webb and Alec Woodley, of Hagbourne, kept the fun going with old folklore songs.

Every year two or three visitors come to Appleton to see what it is all about, and this year Albert Tyler and his wife brought along Mr. Hansford and Mr. Briggs, of Bristol. Frank Hansford introduced a unique feature for Appleton this year in a tape recording machine, so the 'artistes' were able to hear how *bad* they really were.

But it was all good fun and the writer is convinced, having attended many 'Fourths of March' since 1919, that as long as this type of anniversary is kept up, all will be well, but if allowed to decline, then it will be a sad day for ringing, and may be the beginning of the end of our typically English art. W. H.

SHEFFIELD.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie, on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hurst 1, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 2, F. Ward 3, D. Holland 4, J. Seager 5, W. Holland 6, B. Holland 7, R. Birch 8.

MR. MARTIN STEWART'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Many will desire to congratulate Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, the pioneer of change ringing in East Dorset, on his 80th birthday. The occasion was marked by a quarter peal on the bells of Wimborne Minster. In the evening, Mr. Martin Stewart entertained to dinner at Bournemouth the staff of D. Stewart & Son, Ltd., of Ferndown Nurseries, with whom he has been actively associated for 65 years.

Mr. Stewart's love of ringing was acknowledged by an enormous birthday cake in the shape of a bell. The health of the host was proposed by Mr. L. V. Heritage and the seven members of the staff. Mr. L. C. Walker presented Mr. Stewart with a fountain pen on behalf of the staff.

Mr. Martin Stewart was first attracted to bell ringing while a choirboy at Torquay. On coming to Dorset, he joined the Hampreston ringers and later rang at St. Peter's, Bournemouth. For many years he was a ringer at Christchurch Priory, and it was here that he rang his first peal in 1895, conducted by Mr. George Preston, who hopes to celebrate his 70th anniversary as a ringer this year.

He has given conspicuous service in the past to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, of which he was at one time Master. On the occasion of his marriage in 1912 the Guild presented him with a set of handbells, which he cherishes. In association with the late Canon Fletcher, Mr. Blout and Mr. W. W. Gifford, Mr. Martin Stewart was actively concerned with the restoration of Wimborne Minster bells in 1912. He is proud of his long membership of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—'the Royal Academy' of bell ringers, he fondly calls the Society.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

The 29th annual meeting of the Guild was held at East Grinstead on March 10th, when there was a fair attendance representing most of the active towers in the area. It was, however, a meeting with a difference: firstly, the service had to be after tea, and as the small parish hall was not available, tea was taken in the Clarendon Restaurant and the meeting held in the belfry, which fortunately is very roomy.

After conducting the service, the president, the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey, took the chair for the business meeting, which must be the quickest for an annual as it was all over in half-an-hour. The main points were, all the officers were re-elected except Mr. K. Hohl, who is now in the R.A.F. His place on the committee has been taken by Mr. F. Hicks.

Future meetings were announced as East Peckham and Mereworth in April, and Turner's Hill in May. The summer outing was fixed for September 8th and a route to Ramsgate chosen. The annual dinner is again to be held in Tunbridge Wells. An invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was accepted. The appeal for the Bow Bells was discussed, and it was decided to vote £2 2s. from the Guild funds to this worthy cause.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed and the bells set going once more, whether members were pleased with the shortness of the business or found some inspiration from it is not known, but the fact remains that for the next hour or so, East Grinstead's grand old octave was heard at its best. Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative all rolled out with near perfect striking—a fitting end to an annual meeting.

COMBINED MEETING AT BENENDEN

Kent C.A. & Hawkhurst Guild

The village green, which provides such a charming setting for Benenden's Parish Church, presented an unusual spectacle when we arrived on March 17th. Lining two sides of the triangle were about 80 sparkling cars—and then we remembered that a Confirmation service was being held, and that we should not be able to start ringing until 3.30. It all worked out very nicely, however, and it was our privilege to be able to ring several good touches as the candidates and their parents were leaving the church. As the Vicar told us later at our service, this gesture was much appreciated by the parents, several of who told him it was a perfect sequel to the ceremony in which they had just taken part.

Ringing continued until 5 p.m., when a good tea was ready at the King William IV Inn. Business meetings were held after tea by the Hawkhurst Guild and the Ashford District. Mr. John Cooper proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. S. G. Waters and J. Brown (the local captain) for their work in making arrangements for the meeting.

The followed a service at the church, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. V. B. Yearsley, who also played the organ. The lesson was read by John Cooper. A collection was taken for the Association's belfry repair fund.

Ringing then continued until just after 8 p.m. in methods up to Yorkshire Surprise Major. About 35 ringers and friends were present, representing 12 towers in Kent and East Sussex.

W. T. G.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Some 20 ringers were present at the Eastern District meeting at Bengeo on March 10th, when ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The light eight (tenor 8 cwt.) were rung until 4.30 p.m. when a short service was held in the church.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. and was enjoyed by all.

The Rector, the Rev. C. P. Hilton Briggs, himself a ringer, gladly accepted the invitation to take the chair at the business meeting and welcomed everyone to Bengeo. The main topic of conversation was the subject of four forthcoming meetings. Arrangements for the County annual general meeting at Bishop's Stortford were discussed, and it was decided to hold the next District meeting at Benington. A joint meeting with the St. Albans District at Northaw and Cheshunt, in June, was asked for, and the subject of the Bedfordshire joint meeting at St. Albans was brought up.

Diana Carter, of Hertford, and Roger Durrant and Celia Dellow, of Cheshunt, were elected ringing members, and the possibility of combined practices in the District was discussed and thought desirable. At the closing of the meeting votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies who had prepared tea, and to the Rector.

Ringing was then resumed in the tower. Methods rung included Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered.

C. E. H.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 300 Grandsire): A. Wixey 1, S. Pugh (first in three Doubles methods 'inside') 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. S. Mansfield, a former tower-master at this church. For morning service.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held in Bandon, County Cork, on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, and was attended by 80 ringers from Doneraile, Waterford, Kilkenny, Cork, Ballymodan and Limerick (St. Mary's Cathedral and Mount St. Alphonsus towers). Also present were Messrs. W. P. Pratt, Association president, Fred E. Dukes, general secretary, and J. T. Dunwoody, Northern District secretary. (The latter three travelled a sum total of 1,800 miles to attend this meeting.)

The visitors were welcomed to Bandon by the Rector of Ballymodan, Canon R. Cochrane, who also presided at lunch and tea in the Munster Arms Hotel. The business meeting took place in the hotel after lunch, with Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith in the chair, acting for Mr. David Berson, District chairman, who was absent through illness. (Mr. Benson has over 50 years' ringing to his credit, and was recently honoured by His Holiness the Pope for his services to ringing at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick.)

The election of officers resulted as follows: District chairman, Cyril W. Galbraith (Limerick), District secretary and treasurer, George Bingham (Limerick), assistant secretary, G. Harold Ellis (Limerick), Ringing Master, Roy McCormack (Cork).

After the meeting the contest for the R. R. Cherry Cup was held on the bells (6) of St. Peter's Church, Ballymodan, when eight teams competed. The judges were Messrs. Dukes, Dunwoody and Pratt, with R. McCormack as Ringing Master in the tower. The result was very close, with a win for St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, with 32 faults. St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, were second, with 40 faults, and Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick (holders), 44 faults, were third. The remaining teams finished in the following order: Ballymodan, Doneraile, St. Mary's, Limerick, 'B,' Cork 'B' and Mount St. Alphonsus 'B.' The very high standard of striking may be judged by the fact that 1,440 faults were possible. All teams rang call-changes.

After tea, Mr. Pratt, president, presented the cup to Cyril Galbraith, captain of the winning team, amidst popular applause. He also presented the Attendance Challenge Shield to Mr. Gabriel, captain of the Ballymodan team, who jointly won it with Drogheda, for 1955. Each team had 100 per cent. Sunday service ringing attendances—requiring, in the case of Ballymodan, the ringing of their six bells for at least 25 minutes before each service, and 20 minutes for the eight bells in the case of Drogheda.

The president, in some words of advice, said ringers or teams should not ring for the sake of trying to win a trophy but to the service of their church.

So ended another very enjoyable meeting in the annals of the Southern District.

5,184 Whitminster Surprise Major

BY S. IVIN

23456	W	B	M	H	
42356				—	A
63254			—	—	A
56234	—			3	A
23564	—			—	A
52364				—	
43526	—		—	—	
35426			3	2	
43265		x	—	—	
64235	—			3	
23645	—			—	
23456			A		

First rung at Totternhoe on February 4th, 1956.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'ROUGH' PEALS

Dear Sir,—Combining an observation of mine: the reluctance of some ringers to admit to having made a 'trip,' however bad or obvious it may be, with the gossip one hears and reads of 'rough' peals, has led me to formulate the following theory.

> 'Either the ringers feel that their status will be impaired by admitting to a mistake, or their self-esteem is such that they genuinely believe it impossible for a mistake to have been made by them.'

If the first alternative be true then the band which record a peal in which the changes have not been made in the prescribed manner, with due allowances as laid down in the Central Council's rules, are, to put it bluntly, lying. Should the second alternative hold, however, counsel for the defence would no doubt ask for the verdict 'Guilty but insane,' to the charge of letting loose the worst possible propaganda on the listening public.

This is the picture as seen through the eyes of a comparative beginner, and I for one am forced to wonder whether peal-ringing and all that it implies is for the advancement of the art or the self-glorification of the individual.

Do not think that I am belittling peal-ringing on the whole: I appreciate the mental and physical effort involved. But to what end? It does not seem the 'fashion' to ring peals 'to the Glory of God,' although countless bells are, in one form or another, so inscribed.—Perplexedly yours,

P. J. LAWTON.

Silsoe, Beds.

Dear Sir,—The South Wigston peal brings back memories of a peal I heard in Leicester at St. Mary's about four years ago. The striking was atrocious—even the rounds at the beginning were an omen of things to come. I think it all depends on the standards of each conductor.

I remember hearing a peal at Salford Priors (in Warwickshire) of Surprise, and towards the end the striking became careless, after two hours of good ringing. The conductor called 'Stand' only 20 minutes from the end. I believe it was W. P. Whitehead. What has happened to him? I cannot ring now, but a well struck peal is still a joy to hear.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. MOORE.

Uppingham.

THREE BRIGHTON VETERANS

Readers may be interested to have news of the following three well-known Brighton veterans.

Mr. Harry Stalham, for whose 84th birthday a quarter peal was rung at St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, on March 17th, is a representative on the Central Council, Sussex County Association stalwart, 67 years a ringer, and with a fund of ringing lore. He is still keen on peal ringing.

Mr. Frank Bennett, for whose 87th birthday a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, on January 28th, is perhaps best known as the ringer of 1,600 peals and as the composer and conductor of many peals. His many friends will be glad to hear that he is fit and well.

Mr. George Baker, now retired from active ringing, is nevertheless well known as a contributor to these columns, especially in the field of method extensions.

Of this trio, one wonders whether Brighton air, or their interest in ringing matters, can claim most credit for their longevity.

A. W. B.

5,280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Many will note with interest the 5,280 Pudsey Surprise Major, by Mr. W. E. Critchley, published in a recent issue, which has 14 of the 15 possible combination courses without the second and third in sixths place.

I should like to point out, however, that the basic block has been used previously by other composers:—

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	(3)
52364	x			—
63425		—	—	(3)
32654	x			
25346	x			
23456			—	2

Unfortunately, as it stands it is impossible to insert a shunt bob into this block to give a regular three-part. Mr. Barnett has obtained a singularly useful and musical peal by omitting the shunt block, Wrong and Before on 23456, and inserting a Before and Middle after 25346 (or their parallels in the other two-parts), which cuts out the leads false against those introduced in a full course 23456. Unfortunately, this composition gives either the second or the third three courses in sixths place.

Various other shunting alterations have been introduced, such as calling Wrong and two Homes, in place of the Middle and Wrong after 52364 (compare the peal of Belvedere by Mr. R. F. B. Speed, published recently): or instead of the Wrong (and three Homes) on 23456, calling Wrong and Home, Middle and Home. Both these have a shunting effect, while still keeping second and third out of sixths place, but used separately they give an even number of courses, which gives a number inconveniently larger than the customary 5,000 or thereabouts: and used together they again bring the basic calling round at the first part-end. One solution is to introduce yet another variation of these shunt blocks, as in the peal we rang at Maulden last November, a three-part 5,184 with the full 15 combination courses without second or third in sixths place:—

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
62534		—		—
62345	x			—
46325			—	
53624		—		—
32546	x			
24365	x			
23645			—	2

Also, Mr. Speed has obtained a one-part 5,184 on a totally different plan, with these extent qualities, which was rung recently to Lincoln, I believe.

Another variety of composition has been rung, that with a multiplicity of Befores: although these may have full (18) combination courses at the course-ends (regardless of 82's and 83's) it is well to bear in mind that a short course of Pudsey loses the main part of the music, that around the Middle and Wrong. Often, a simple 5,152 in full courses will produce more music than this last type.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Bedford.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom (cond.) 1. W. Papworth 2. F. Elsomo 3. O. Norman 4. D. Peacock 5. E. Wakeling 6. For morning service.

SWINDON WEEK-END PEAL TOUR

A small party of ringers from Beds and Surrey met at Swindon on March 16th, at the invitation of Mr. Brian Bladon, to attempt peals at some interesting local towers. At Broad Hinton, on top of the chalk 'Clyffe,' next morning, they were joined by their conductor, who had made a very early start from far-away Derby.

A pleasing peal of Cambridge Minor was accomplished, with only a few slight blemishes, in open-style on these light but quite deep-sounding bells, and it was the first time Surprise had been rung there successfully. This good start was followed by lunch in Swindon, then out to Wanborough (6, 19 cwt.), where unfortunately these grand bells, recently rehung, cannot be pealed owing to large cracks in the tower. Touches on the back five were tapped out in measured fashion, however, before proceeding to Chisledon (6, 14½ cwt.), where a Marlborough District meeting was in progress.

Fortified by high tea, the piece de résistance was to follow: an attempt for the first peal of Minor at Purton (6, 20¼ cwt.), which can be likened to a junior Hoar Cross, the tenor being a lovely soft, mellow C sharp, surprisingly deep for the weight, though it is an 18th century Rudhall bell. The band were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. Ralph Shailes, who was to ring the treble as he had done for the two previous peals on the bells. For some reason, only two Doubles peals had been rung, the last one a number of years ago, on these good-going bells. Some difficulty was found with the ropes, as the tail-ends were too short for an adequate tuck, and they were rather thin for the weight; but all put their backs into the task, and an excellent peal in seven methods was accomplished at quite a brisk pace. The tenor man was quite surprised to hear that the ringers of 3, 4 and 5 seemed to have had a tougher time than he had, but perhaps this can be explained by the unusual weights of these bells—14 cwt., 15¾ cwt. and 18¾ cwt.—only 1¼ cwt. less than the tenor! . . . a very unusual and yet beautiful ring of bells, fitted in some cases with Gillett's canon-retaining headstocks. This was Mr. Bladon's 100th peal, and Mr. Shailes was the 1,000th person to have rung a peal with Mr. A. P. Cannon. The latter showed, before retiring that night, that he still had some energy left after the day's efforts for the customary hand-presses!

Ringing for matins on Passion Sunday took place at St. Mark's, Swindon, where the party joined the locals in some good Stedman Triples. Mr. and Mrs. Bladon had arranged a big lunch, deserving the party's sincere gratitude, and soon the springs of the stalwart old Morris were sagging under six lusty passengers as it toiled undaunted over the downs to the sleeping village of Ramsbury, where the fairly heavy six (16 cwt.) had a reputation that limited the only previous peal to Doubles. They are of clear tone, with a Warner tenor, hung in old-fashioned style. Burnaby Delight was heard for the first time in Wiltshire. The local veteran, Mr. Arthur H. Watts, met the band, and showed admirable patience in standing beside the third ringer the whole three hours, listening intently to every blow: despite the not very easy 'go' of 5 and 6, and the odd-struckness of several others, there were not many bad blows either, and the locals congratulated the band on the good performance, especially the hard-working tenor man.

Thus ended the weekend's very successful ringing, and all went their various ways after sampling some of Mrs. Bladon's special cake, and the old Morris brought the last one safely home to Derby as midnight struck.

TECHNICAL TITTLE-TATTLES

(Mainly for beginners and for call-change ringers learning 'scientific')

I. 'ALL CHANGE'

'I say, Dad!'

'Yes, Son.'

'Taking me to practice tonight?'

'There isn't any this week.'

'That's a grief! Thought I'd be standing in for rounds.'

'Never mind! Next week, no doubt. But tonight ——.'

'Yes, Dad?'

'How about a bit more ringing study?'

'Well, I've read the chapter about change-production.'

'Understand it?'

'Well, er ——.'

'Evidently not! What's the trouble, Son?'

'I can see what the author's getting at, but I get confused with different meanings—I mean for the same word . . . .'

'Ah-h-h.'

'What d'ye mean, Dad, "Ah-h-h"?'

'Go on, Son! What word?'

'Well, such words as "change" and "lead" and "course" and ——.'

'Whoa! One word at a time, Son.'

'Well, take "change." It seems to have at least three meanings.'

'H-m-m! This isn't going to be easy, Son, but let me give you the general picture, first.'

'Picture of what, Dad?'

'Well, of this use of one word to give two or three meanings. In ringing, as in many things, there are two sides—the practical and the theoretical; that is, the ringing in the tower and the study of the paper-work. Or, if you like, the art and the science. And, generally speaking, in order to make progress in the art of a thing, its science must be studied.'

'Fair enough, Dad.'

'But while the science of almost any subject is something that has been carefully worked out and set down in precise terms that have been clearly defined and explained, in ringing, I'm afraid, this is not so.'

'D'you mean this book on ringing that I'm reading is no good?'

'Of course I don't. It's quite correct, as far as it goes. But that's the point. It doesn't go back far enough to lay the foundations of the science in simple terms that should have been clearly defined and explained—terms that can have only one obvious meaning—terms that are not "ambiguous," as we say.'

'But why, Dad?'

'All in good time. On the other hand our ringing literature is hardly looking far enough ahead to deal with problems in method structure and composition, as they have emerged in the last fifty years. This is what I meant by giving the general picture.'

'Yes, I see. But what about "laying these foundations" properly?'

'Well, in the first place, the terms still employed, such as you complain of, have come into use, gradually, over a long period of time, and through local custom and usage, handed down by tradition, as the art itself of ringing grew and developed. These terms suited the practice of ringing, fairly well, in the towers; especially as the "science" of ringing (such as it was in those earlier days) was imparted by word of mouth. The learner, in fact, could always query in conversation any confusion he might feel.'

'But not if he'd been reading it in a book, Dad?'

'Exactly so, Son. Yet we still employ these ambiguous terms in our writings on ringing. And that's not only just *your* present trouble; it's also been a cause of misunderstanding and futile argument among those who write of and discuss the more advanced theory of ringing; by which I mean, the lack of a precisely expressed science of ringing is such a cause.'

'I'll take your word for it, Dad. But what were you going to say about the books on ringing not going far enough ahead?'

'Well, in the last fifty years a good deal more has been discovered and learnt about composition, and also about the science of method structure and design. And although much of it is available in some form or other, yet it still remains to be set down as part of a logically developed science of ringing. And so long as this state of affairs goes on, so long will there be differences of opinion and of interpretation of such ideas as are put forward from time to time. In short, this is a check to the advancement of the science of ringing.'

'But we still have wonderful ringers, Dad, and wonderful ringing performances, as good as ever they were, and better, eh?'

'True enough. But we still have learners in doubt and difficulty, and we still have the resultant wastage from the ranks of our recruits—more so than ever it seems—though, of course, not *all* of that is due to what we're discussing.'

'But couldn't we have a sort of dictionary of ringing terms?'

'Well, in 1894 the Central Council appointed a committee for this very purpose, and the result was "A Glossary of Technical Terms." It's now out of print, and seems to have lost favour, but I want you to have a look through my copy here, and you'll see from its introduction that those responsible had in mind similar ideas to those we've been talking about.'

'That's fine, Dad. Now we can see what it says about my words of several meanings.'

'Certainly, it'll be a help. But you may still need explanation. What were your difficulties about the word "change"?'

'Here are the three examples in the chapter I've been reading:

(*a*) "To complete a peal of 5,000 or more changes."

(*b*) "And so transpose those changes to get these."

(*c*) "And in this set, they run alternately —two changes and one change."'

'Let's have a look, Son! Ah, yes, there are three distinct meanings here. I'm not surprised at your difficulty. But the remedy is so simple —merely to employ three distinguishing words or phrases . . . .'

'Such as . . . .'

'Well, let's get the true meanings first. In your first example the actual *ringing* of bells is referred to, and the "changes" here are the actual sounds produced by the different successive orders in which the bells are being rung. We can retain this word "changes" for this particular meaning only. But we shall then require something different for each of the other two meanings. In your second example reference is made to something which only *represents* the sounded changes of the first example; in other words these are the figures or symbols of those changes as you might write them down or visualise them in your mind, in successive rows. The "transposing" mentioned is a process of getting one row from another row by writing down the figures in a related order, and we can go into that another time. But here, you see, we are speaking not of the "changes" heard as rung, but of "change-rows" (or even simply "rows") as written down or seen mentally. So we can keep "change-rows" or "rows" for this.'

'Yes, that's clear. But the (*c*) example really got me beat!'

'Yes, in this example of what is called "Minimus," or change-rows produced for four bells. Better follow it in the book with me, Son.'

1 2 3 4	'But why are you drawing those
- -	little lines between pairs of
2 1 4 3	figures?
-	'Perhaps you can tell me, Son.
2 4 1 3	The figures of these change-rows
- -	represent the bells at work in
4 2 3 1	changes, the top row being rounds,
-	of course. The second row repre-
4 3 2 1	sents the first of the changes the
- -	bells ring, and is got by their
3 4 1 2	changing places in pairs—2 with
-	1 and 4 with 3.'
3 1 4 2	'Ah, yes, Dad, hence the little
- -	lines: two lines so two changes.'
1 3 2 4	'Now you're guilty of it, Son!'
o x	'Guilty of what?'
1 3 4 2	'You've got the idea, O.K., but

you're using the same word, "changes," ambiguously, as the book does, and creating for others you might be explaining it to, the same difficulty as you found. But don't worry, better men than you have been making the same sort of mistake for centuries.'

'Well, what's to do?'

'First, notice how this changing-over in pairs goes on from row to row: two, then one, then two, then one, and so on. This is what your (*c*) example means when it says, "two changes then one change." But we need some other word, as we have seen, to avoid confusion. Notice how, with each pair concerned, there is a "cross-over" of position. A good word which means this (and which has been used in theory talks and papers) is "transit." So between the first and second change-rows are two transits, then between the second and third rows is one transit, and so on.'

'Well, that's clear enough, Dad.'

'Yes, and your three examples would now read like this:

(*a*) "To complete a peal of 5,000 or more changes." (Unaltered.)

(*b*) "And so transpose those change-rows to get these."

(*c*) "And in this set of change-rows, the rows are produced successively by introducing alternately two transits and one transit."'

'O.K., Dad, but this doesn't tell us how to ring changes.'

'No. But one thing at a time! We've been aiming at a clearer picture of what is happening to produce change-rows. And it is only the next step to see that continuous transits from row to row in this way, produce what is called "plain hunting," so that when we take our rope for this in the tower we shall have some idea of what our instructor expects of us. Join up, with a line, the successive positions of any one symbol, and you at once get an idea of what that bell is to do.'

'But what's this little "o," and "x," between the last two rows of figures?'

'Well, that's really all there is to build up the complex patterns of the most advanced method design. The "o" represents no transit by the second figure (the 3) that ought to have made one, and this is called "making a place," in other words the 3 makes one more blow in that place; while the "x" shows a crossing-back of the figures concerned, known as a "dodge." If this place-making and dodging had not been introduced here, rounds would have turned up again. Actually this makes the method of "Plain Bob"; but that's a subject for another chat.'

'Well, thanks, Dad. I think I've got it now. While you're away next month, I'll read up this chapter about "Leads".'

A. Y-B.

(Next article in this series: 'Lead'?—Kindly enlighten!)

THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

INTRODUCTION

IN change ringing the art of conducting is practised in two main fields of activity—peal ringing and Sunday service ringing; and the latter may, for our present purpose, include the calling of practice touches. Both forms of conducting are, of course, based upon the same principles, and to a certain extent require the same skill; but there comes a point where their aims begin to diverge and their demands to differ, so that it cannot always be said that skill in one form of conducting necessarily implies skill in the other.

The art of peal conducting demands a very high degree of competence in calling and in all the refinements of coursing-order transposition, together with an untiring mind and powers of prolonged concentration. The peal conductor is, nevertheless, working on a fixed programme with a fixed objective, and is not troubled by the time factor nor required to improvise or change his plans at the last moment. The Sunday service conductor is not called upon for prolonged stretches of concentration and, in the main, the technical demands upon him are not so great. But he has his own particular problems, connected chiefly with fitting suitable pieces of ringing into varying spaces of time, changing his touches to allow for the late-comer or other emergency, and being able to bring the ringing to an end in a reasonably graceful manner when suddenly required to do so.

It is not the purpose of these papers to explain and expand the principles of peal conducting, for this subject has been dealt with extensively and competently in Mr. W. G. Wilson's book, 'On Conducting.' The elementary parts of the present essay may be found useful as an introduction to Mr. Wilson's treatise, but our chief aim is to assist the work of the Sunday service conductor, suggesting lines of progress for the beginner and, it is hoped, shedding for the more experienced some new light on the interesting byways that surround the well-worn paths.

There is in these sections little or nothing for the expert. The methods treated are the simplest and those most used for Sunday service ringing in six-bell and eight-bell towers, and an effort has been made to avoid prolixity without omitting anything essential to a clear understanding of general principles. It is assumed that the student is capable of pricking changes from row to row and of setting out touches by the lead-ends. Beyond these essentials no especial knowledge or skill has been looked for, and it is believed that the expositions and explanations will present no great difficulty to the earnest inquirer.

1. GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

IT must be admitted that in Grandsire Doubles the field of activity for ringer and conductor is severely limited. At the same time it may be claimed that the elementary phenomena of the method will provide much matter instructive to the young conductor and helpful in the study of general principles. Grandsire Doubles offers simple means for the study of the following three interesting points: (1) The In and Out of Course of the Changes; (2) The splicing, or amalgamating, of one six-score with another; (3) The calling round of the bells by following the principle of making a particular pair of bells course one another.

It is proposed to examine these three things in turn.

1. THE IN AND OUT OF COURSE OF THE CHANGES

The old-fashioned term is here used to that the student will recognise and understand Snowdon's use of the phrase in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' and also comprehend the meaning of the references to the matter by older writers. In these days it is perhaps more usual to refer to the theory of Odd and Even rows. It should be made clear at this point, first that there is nothing intricate about the general principles of Odd and Even rows, and second that an understanding of the elements of the theory is indispensable if the student wishes to construct touches or to call successfully in the tower.

On all numbers of bells the extent of the changes is made up half of Even rows and half of Odd rows, just as the numbers up to, say, 100, are made up half of even numbers and half of odd numbers. In the 24 changes on four bells 12 are Even rows and 12 are Odd rows; in the 120 changes on five bells 60 rows are Even and 60 are Odd. Now in all pure Doubles methods each row is produced from the one before it by the interchange of two pairs of bells; and as long as no single is called this rule is unbroken. It has been found and may, no doubt, be proved by formal mathematical processes, that as long as the changes in Doubles are produced by the interchange of *two* pairs of bells the rows are constantly *Even. No Odd row can possibly be obtained.* The result of this, as may easily be seen, is that 60 of the 120 changes (the 60 Odd rows) can never be produced as long as bobs and plain leads only are used. Such rows as 12354, 13245 and 12435, are Odd rows, and no one will ever be able to ring them in Grandsire Doubles by means of plain leads and bobs only.

This brings us to an interesting and important consideration. If we begin with 12354, which is an Odd row, and ring Grandsire Doubles with bobs and plain leads only, we shall be able to ring all the 60 Odd rows but *not any of the Even rows.*

It will therefore doubtless be manifest that in order to ring the whole 120 changes we must have some means of transition from the Even block to the Odd block and from the Odd block to the Even block. This indispensable link is supplied by the *single.* The single, as its name implies, is a 'single' change, that is the place where a row is produced from the one in front of it by the interchange of one pair of bells. *The moment we make a single we are switched from Even rows to Odd rows or from Odd rows to Even rows.* In the example given here we are ringing Grandsire and the rows are Even. So long as we go on ringing plain leads and bobs the rows will still be Even. But in this example we make a single, where, it will be seen, the row 13524 is produced from the row 13542 by the interchange of *one* pair of bells. The rows are now Odd, and as long as we go on using bobs and plain leads only we shall ring Odd rows. The only way of getting back to Even rows is by the use of another single.

54321	even
53412	,,
35142	,,
31524	,,
13542	,,
13524	odd
31542	,,
35124	,,

When Even rows are rung the bells are said to be In Course; when Odd rows are rung the bells are said to be Out of Course. Rounds is an In Course row, and when the bells are In Course, Rounds can appear. When the bells are Out of Course, Rounds can never appear.

At this point we will not go further with the theory of Odd and Even rows. The subject is a large one, capable of providing a considerable thesis, as Jasper Snowdon demonstrates in 'A Treatise on Treble Bob,' and a student wishing to pursue the matter should secure and study this remarkable book. For the conductor, enough has been unfolded to establish the fact that no six-score of Grandsire Doubles can be obtained by the use of bobs and plain leads only.

(To be continued)

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A HASLEMERE WEDDING

The wedding was solemnised by the Rt. Rev. B. M. Dale at the Church of St. Bartholomew, Haslemere, on March 17th, between Miss K. N. Bowden and Mr. Roy Silk.

The bride was given away by her father, who is secretary of the tower.

After the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss A. Carpenter 1, J. E. Clark 2, Miss E. Pearson 3, Miss M. P. Goode 4. Miss A. Martin 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett (conductor) 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8.

The many friends of the happy pair, together with the local and visiting ringers, were entertained at the wedding reception at the Parish Hall.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Southwell Diocesan Guild—Newark District . .

Forty-seven members and friends attended the District meeting held at St. Mary's, Orston, on March 17th.

Ringing ranged from Rounds and Grandsire Doubles for the learners to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Arnold-Crafts.

Tea was taken at the Durham Ox, followed by the meeting, at which the Vicar kindly consented to take the chair. Three new members were elected—Miss Pamela Goodwin (Whatton-in-the-Vale), Miss Shirley Foster and Miss Claire Foster (Southwell). The Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Arnold-Crafts, was nominated as a vice-president.

East Bridgford was confirmed for the May meeting and Barnby-in-the-Willows was chosen for July.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. W. Raithby, to which the Vicar replied, inviting the Guild to come again to Orston as soon as possible.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): D. Bryant 1, E. Turner (aged 12, first quarter) 2, H. Underhill 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, D. W. Davies (first 'inside') 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Elizabeth Preece, mother of a ringer at this tower.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Forrester 1, A. Worth 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, H. Callwood 4, R. Barratt 5, D. Brixal! 6. For Evensong on Plough Sunday.

OBITUARY

THE REV. DR. G. GOLDING-BIRD

Ringers in northern Sussex will hear with regret of the death of the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, M.A., D.D., on March 10th. Dr. Golding-Bird was Vicar of East Grinstead for 27 years, and president of the East Grinstead and District Guild for 17 years, relinquishing both offices just a year ago; and it was ironic that he should pass away while the annual meeting was in progress.

The funeral was at East Grinstead on March 15th, the service being conducted by his successor (in both Guild and parish), the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey. The Bishop of Lewes gave the address. After the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band, assisted by Messrs. A. Laker, A. F. Wellington and B. V. Collison.

On March 17th a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at East Grinstead, but came to grief at the half-way mark, owing to a persistent knocking at the belfry door, which proved to be the verger, who had a musical ensemble waiting to practise in the church and they wanted the bells to stop. The ringers stood as follows: Kathleen Shepherd 1, Pat Howard 2, I. Butcher 3, R. D. Divall 4, S. G. Ponting 5, B. V. Collison 6, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 7, A. N. Other 8.

MR. F. A. BURNETT

The death took place at his home at Portsmouth, on February 23rd, of Mr. Frederick A. Burnett, aged 82 years.

He originally joined the band at Holy Trinity, Gosport, in 1889, under the leadership of one of the then stalwarts of ringing, Mr. James Hewitt. On removal to Portsmouth he became attached to the band at St. Thomas', now Portsmouth Cathedral, and was a member until his death, although he was incapacitated from ringing during recent years.

Mr. Burnett did yeoman service for the former Winchester Diocesan Guild and the present Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, serving on its executive committee for a number of years. He was one of the original band who, under the leadership of the late George Williams, introduced Surprise ringing into Hampshire, and later took part in methods up to London and Bristol, which was no mean achievement in those early days. His wife, who predeceased him some years ago, and his son and daughter were all ringers together, and he leaves his son and daughter to carry on their activities.

The funeral took place on February 27th at Portsmouth.

MR. FREDERICK FLUDDER

All Saints', Feering, Essex, band have been bereaved by the death on March 10th of Mr. Frederick Fludder, aged 54, who met with a fatal accident on his way home from work.

A member of the Essex Association, he had been a ringer for over 30 years, having been one of the late Mr. William Keeble's pupils. For the last five years he had been steeplekeeper at Feering.

Half-muffled ringing took place after the funeral and on the Sunday, rung by Feering and Kelvedon ringers.

MR. J. C. MITCHELL

The late Mr. John Christopher Mitchell, whose death we recorded last week, was elected an honorary member of the Central Council at its first meeting in 1891, and remained a member until 1900. He was the last survivor of the first honorary members, of whom there were nine elected.

MR. WALTER SCOTT

Within a week of his 86th birthday the death occurred on March 15th of Mr. Walter Scott, of Newport, Isle of Wight. For 60 years he was a ringer at the parish church, and during that time he only missed ringing on two Christmas mornings. He rang in honour of 58 mayor-makings and served under six vicars.

Mr. Scott started ringing in 1886, and until 1913 he was one of the stoney band. He then took up change ringing and rang peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the latter being his favourite method.

The funeral was at Carisbrooke on March 19th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. Jackson 1-2, Mrs. C. Guy 3-4, W. Upton 5-6, C. A. Drake 7-8. In the evening, 1,302 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original was rung at Newport with the bells half-muffled by W. Upton 1, S. Moody 2, N. Long 3, H. James 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, D. Reed 6, A. Drake 7, W. G. Scott 8.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Taunton, Easter Monday. Service at St. James' Church 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Gaumont Restaurant at 1.30 p.m., 5s. 6d. per head. Meeting, St. James' Church Hall, at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. James' (8) 11-12, North Curry (8) 10.30-11.30, Ruishton (6) 11-12. Other details will be given out at the meeting.—R. O. Fry, General Secretary. 7999

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, at Ely. Ringing: Sutton (6) 10 to 11, Hilgay (8) 10 to 11, Haddenham (6) 11 to 12, Ely (8) 11 to 1 and 6 to 8.30, Wilburton 12 to 1, Stretham 1.30 to 3 and 6.30 to 8, Burwell (8) 1.30 to 2.45, Fordham (6) 1.30 to 3, Soham (10) 6.30 to 8.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. (address by the Lord Bishop). Tea 4.45 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Room. Business meeting after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 7987

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at Cathedral at noon. Luncheon at Corn Exchange. Information leaflet including business agenda from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Ringing at Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham, Frindsbury and Rochester Cathedral.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7953

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. *prompt*. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. and tea arranged at 5 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6 to 7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., Claines (10), St. John's (8) and Kempsey (6) all 2 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7985

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Nutfield, 7 p.m. on Friday, April 6th. 8013

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, April 7th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 8021

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at Harrold (6). Bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service, followed by tea and business meeting. All names for tea must be sent in by Wednesday, April 4th, to Miss Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. Tel.: Kempston 3178. 8022

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford (6), Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Northwich, not later than April 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8032

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Alderminster (6) on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tredington bells (6) available 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by April 4th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 8004

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 7th. Committee, Diocesan House, 4 p.m. Tea and general meeting, Diocesan House, 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Alvaston 10.30 a.m. to noon, Cathedral 2.30 to 4.45 p.m., St. Peter's 3 to 4.45 p.m.; 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Buses for Alvaston (40, 41 and 43) ex Market Place.—A. B. Cooper. 8033

DEVON GUILD.—N.-E. Branch.—Meeting, Bradninch, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. Beed, 12, Culver Close, Bradninch.—W. Ware, Hon. Sec. 7978

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, April 7th. Rampton bells (5) 3 p.m. Service at Rampton 4.15. Tea at Willingham 5 p.m. Willingham bells (6) after tea.—R. J. Housden. 8027

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western quarterly meeting, April 7th, Loughton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Rann, 16, York Crescent, Loughton. 7983

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general business meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, April 7th, in the Church Hall, Cricklade Street, at 2 p.m. sharp. Tea to follow the meeting at St. Peter's Hall, St. Peter's Road, Ashcroft Road, at 3s. per head. Notifications for tea to Mr. E. W. Wenban, William Strip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester, not later than Wednesday, April 4th. *No notification, no tea.* The following bells will be available: Kemble (6), Watermoor (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; North Cerney (6), Bibury (6), 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Rendcombe (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Cirencester Parish Church (12), from 7 p.m.; Kemble and Bibury, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Divine Service at the Parish Church at 6 p.m. —F. Skidmore, Gen. Hon. Sec. 7961

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, April 7th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. Gardner, Ivy House, The Sands, near Farnham. Tel.: Runfold 359.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8007

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Friezland, Saturday, April 7th. For teas please notify Mr. L. Dawson, 29, St. Mary's Drive, Greenfield, Oldham, by March 31st.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7948

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 7th, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) at Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Business includes nomination of peal secretary, also position of Stanmore band. Ringing also at Much Hadham (8), Little Hadham (5) and Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Standon (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Sawbridgeworth (8) and Thorley (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Lunch (3s. 8d.), Cavalier Restaurant, Bishop's Stortford, 1 p.m. Names for meals to Mr. H. Bird, The Nest, London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7994

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bardney, near Lincoln, Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Tuesday, April 3rd.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 7993

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Stockton on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 5th, to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 7981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on April 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton (6), at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 7th. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, by Wednesday, April 4th.—M. E. Ridyard. 8016

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 7th. Bells: St. Margaret's 2 to 3, St. John's 2.30 to 4, Cathedral 3.30 to 4.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea at 5.30 in St. John's School, Albion Street, for those whose names were received by W. A. Lacey (117, Church Lane, Anstey) by Monday, March 26th, as advertised 'R.W.' March 23rd. Others welcomed to meeting following tea, at which the new president will be elected.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 8019

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent not later than Wednesday, April 4th, to W. Carnwell, 33, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent. (Committee meeting 4 p.m.) —E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8011

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lower Heyford (6), April 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 7988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Emberton, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 8020

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon, Saturday, April 7th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please. Note—no name, no tea.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 8023

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Aldwinckle (5) on April 7th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 8018

ST. LAURENCE, WINSLOW, BUCKS.—Dedication of two new trebles and the opening of augmented ring by The Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 p.m. Buffet tea 1s. All ringers welcome. 7996

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. —Quarterly meeting at Aston on April 7th. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Tel.: SPR 1025. 8012

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Westbury (8) on April 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Names to F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8006

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Combined quarterly meeting at Westerham, Kent, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meetings. All welcome—good attendance, please. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 3rd, please, to Miss M. Cosgrove, 9, The Green, Westerham, Kent. —P. N. Bond and Doris E. Colgate, Hon Secs. 7991

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Southwell Minster, April 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, in Trebeck Hall, 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by previous Wednesday.—J. W. Raithby. 7989

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 7th. St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 4 p.m. Norman tower 3.30 to 4 p.m. Committee meeting, Norman tower belfry, 2.45 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday, April 3rd.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 8029

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Benhilton (8) on April 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting at Red Lion 4.30. Evensong 6. Bells after. Names for tea to me by April 5th, please. —W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 8001

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Fletching (8) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8008

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Tichborne, April 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the School House. Names by previous Wednesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 8031

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 7h, at Hessle. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle, E. Yorkshire. —H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 7980

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 14th, at Shorne (6). Names for tea to me by Monday, April 9th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent. 8024

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Uckfield (8) on Saturday, April 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Weller, 14, Church Street, Uckfield, by April 11th. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Kathleen M. Yeo. 8000

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Goxhill (6) on April 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 11th to Mr. W. Bramwell, South End, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 8009

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burgh-le-Marsh, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at White Hart Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 9th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8025

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Barkston (6), Saturday, April 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 9th, to F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. — F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8071

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Ringing practice meeting on April 14th at Lowestoft, St. Margaret's (8). No business; own arrangements for tea. Bells from 3 p.m.—P. Newstead. 8036

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Great Ryburgh on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 11th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8037

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th. Service at St. Paul's 4.15. Tea at St. Paul's Institute 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 11th, to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. Ringing arrangements: St. Paul's (10) 2 to 4 p.m. and after tea until 9 p.m., St. Modwen's (8) 6 to 8 p.m., All Saints' (6) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., Rolleston-on-Dove (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m., Winshill (6) 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.—F. C. A. Bennett. 8010

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Newmarket (6), on Saturday, April 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 'The Restaurant,' High Street.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8035

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stowford on April 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 23rd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8030

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BEAUTY AND THE BELFRY

WHO was the first lady ringer? Did she ring for the return of Charles II., perhaps? — 'Zounds, wench, hast handled thy bell passing well, i' faith!' Or were her first attempts attended by the admiring comments of Regency bucks? — 'Egad, m'lady, I vow this pretty rope all tangled round thy neck becomes thee mightily!'

Whoever she was, she showed the way to such a host of followers that it is hardly possible nowadays to enter a belfry without finding a representative of the weaker sex, either sitting mouselike in a corner among the cobwebs, or telling the conductor that he changed course with the tenor in the last touch of Stedman. The latter regrettable state of affairs has become more common since women have learnt that heated argument after the touch has broken down does not necessarily mean a complete knowledge of the method on the part of the arguers. Women are suited by nature to this sort of belfrymanship, and join in it with enthusiasm.

Female bell-ringers are of many and various types, and their progress is very erratic. Let us broadmindedly admit that, given the ideal form of transport and the ideal ringing boy-friend (if such a thing exists), these ladies may attain astonishing heights in a comparatively short space of time. Many a steady-going ringer, having assisted a timid female through her first touch of Bob Doubles, with fatherly encouragement, has been horrified to find himself curtly corrected in Cambridge Major by the same girl in the same tower twelve months later—though admittedly these are extreme cases and fortunately rare.

Many women are pushed into ringing in the first place by the efforts of so-called friends. At this stage they are either blue-eyed fluffy-haired little creatures, who cling to a sally as frantically as they did to their escort's arm on the way up to the belfry, or excitable 'teenagers, who frankly 'couldn't care less,' break a stay on the slightest provocation, and flock out, in a shower of giggles after the practice, to make a night of it at the nearest milk-bar. At this point, the writer pauses uneasily to wonder in which of these classes she belonged.

As the fair beginners pursue their ringing career, subtle differences begin to appear in them, and they blossom out as various rare and distinct specimens of the Lady Ringer.

It is difficult to know where to begin in describing the types of Lady Ringer. There is, of course, the Perfect Lady Ringer, on whom the writer looks with hopeless envy and admiration: she is neatly dressed, well made up, and she conducts Yorkshire Royal without a hair out of place—a joy to behold.

Proceeding downwards from these heights, one graduates by degrees to the lowest depths—about which the less said the better. Well, we may not be competent down here, but we're happy. Somewhere in between these extremes are some interesting species, such as the Lady Tenor Ringer; sometimes large and commanding with a fine carrying voice and a laugh like the last trump, sometimes small and deceptively gentle and fragile-seeming, until you see her swinging a thirty-four hundredweight tenor down into five-pull dodging on the front, as if she were doing crochet-work.

Then there are the Airy-Fairies, who climb ladders in impossibly high heels, stand as far as possible from the rope when ringing, and spend much of their time trying to prop up mirrors on odd pieces of belfry furniture. They are the natural enemies of the Old Hands, reverend ladies, who usually wear hats while ringing, know most of the Central Council delegates by nick-name, and consider a missed dodge as bad as a revoke in whist. They are frequently attended by their apprentices, the Earnest Plodders, who have grim expressions and a desire to Work Their Way Up.

Possibly the most appealing of the bunch are the ladies who have taken up ringing in middle life. The married ones have usually been bullied into it by their husbands, but the motives of the single ones are not at all obvious. From outward appearances, they have either been recommended violent exercise by their doctors, and found golf too expensive, or else they are doing penance for some unspeakable crime committed in youth. They are usually completely terrified of the belfry, the ropes, the other ringers, the ringing master, and of the peculiar noises in the walls, which may be rats; but they have set their hand to the sally and, like all unfortunate women who have reached a certain stage in their devotion to ringing, they cannot turn back.

D. R. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

RICHARD GRANT	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
*DONALD A. THEEDOM	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
DOREEN D. DUTTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN E. COOK	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON	11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.
A farewell peal for Donald A. Theedom, who is leaving the district.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5017 ERIN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	PHILIP A. CHALK	9
JOHN HILL	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
WILFRED WILLIAMS	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
JAMES PHILLIPS	6	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Erin Cinques by the Society and all the band except G. W. Critchley.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt, 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT.	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
STELLA HUGHES	2	JOHN PINFOLD	7
MURIEL REAY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	9
G. RONALD EDWARDS	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	*STANLEY WALMSLEY	6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	2	JOHN CHARNOCK	7
THOMAS BARKER	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	ARTHUR HATCH	9
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	5	JOHN JOLLEYS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., March 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

*JOHN L. THOMAS	*Treble*	JEAN POWELL	5
W. GWYNNE JONES	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	6
A. RYAN PRICE	3	GLYN WILLIAMS	7
JACK ALSOP	4	W. GRAHAM FLOWER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JEAN POWELL.
* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector of this parish, Canon James Davies, B.A., Rural Dean.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
JACK BAILEY	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
†VIVIENNE M. HORTON	3	DENIS A. CARLISLE	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Thurs., March 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	5
†ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
TERENCE T. JONES	3	†PATRICIA M. BOURN	7
ALAN SMITH	4	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
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EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
*STELLA HUGHES	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of 'Spliced.'

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	LEONARD E. TREVOR	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
FRANK K. MEASURES	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
Rung on the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
PHILIP MEHEW	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
MALCOLM G. HOOTON	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
*C. HENRY HARDING	4	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* 250th peal. The first peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 23, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
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ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	5
*JOHN HALLIWELL	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	6
JOSEPH THORNLEY	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Major.
The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

A. ROBIN GUY	*Treble*	RAYMOND WINTER	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
PERCY STONE	4	DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the new Coventry Cathedral by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the previous day.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN C. SLATER	*Treble*	†ALLEN MORGAN	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	†REGINALD WOODYATT	7
†‡GEORGE E. EVENDEN	4	†THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Little Bob Major. ‡ 25th peal.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	6
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	ALLAN SIMPSON	7
*JOHN F. W. REED	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

TERRY EARLE	*Treble*	*ALAN R. SYDER	5
*JACK H. BRETT	2	ERNEST BRIGHT	6
JOHN WARNER	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
RONALD SUCKLING	4	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

HONITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., March 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and All Saints' Doubles. Tenor 22 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	CYRIL DEEM	4
ERNEST W. ROWE	2	JOHN QUICK	5
L. KENNETH DAWE	3	SIDNEY SKINNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

First peal in two Doubles methods for all. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
*DERMOT T. ROAF	2	*PETER R. SANDERS	5
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal in eight methods.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Primrose, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Norwich. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MALCOLM G. HOOTON	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
R. JOHN SCOTT	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

CHILTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DAVID LAWSON	*Treble*	†FRANK A. BARRETT	4
*VERNON GREEN	2	‡WILLIAM L. GILKS	5
*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First peal of Minor in more than three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor in more than four methods.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) and three each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*VALERIE W. SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. LEACH	4
†E. MARION KEY	2	ALAN G. FOSTER	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	ERIC EDGINTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. FOSTER.

* First peal. †First peal 'inside' on tower bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Edginton, mother of the tenor ringer.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Castleton and Peveril, and one each of Leasowe, Melandra and Beeston. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

IVOR JENKINS .. .. .. *Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY.. .. 2	NEIL D. LOMAS.. 5
ERIC SIMPSON 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

This is the first peal in the 'Daffodil' group.

LIMERICK, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM W. COX .. .. *Treble*	CYRIL W. GALBRAITH .. 4
GEORGE H. ELLIS 2	*THOMAS T. MARSDEN .. 5
*CYRIL R. FOSTER 3	F. GEORGE BINGHAM .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. ELLIS.

* First peal. First peal by all in the method. First peal as conductor. All members of local Sunday service band.

Rung in honour of the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, M.A., recently installed Dean of Limerick.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Bob, (4) Fulbeck, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 27 cwt., approx.

DAPHNE CASTELL .. .. *Treble*	ALAN R. PINK 4
DONALD H. NIBLETT.. .. 2	HAROLD P. REED 5
PETER R. SANDERS 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Arranged for and rung on the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, and primary compiler of the Book of Common Prayer. It was from this church that he was led forth to die at the stake opposite Balliol College, Oxford.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven complete 720's in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Hexham and Berwick; (2) Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (4) Carlisle, Chester and Munden; (5) York and Durham; (6) Surfleet and Beverley; (7) London and Wells.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* 75th peal.

Rung as a farewell to Dr. A. M. Ramsey, Bishop of Durham, on his election as Archbishop of York.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 40 methods: (1) College Bob, Marple, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Taxel and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Vale Royal, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (3) Wilmslow, Rostherne and Bogedone Delight; (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double and Plain Bob; (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (7) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. .. *Treble*	JOHN WARNER 4
ALAN R. SYDER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
WALTER ARNOLD 3	TERRY EARLE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

The most methods rung in a peal by the Essex Association and by all the band.

SEVENHAMPTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., March 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of April Day (three callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 18 of Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN DOWDESWELL .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS F. STONE 4
MERVYN DAY 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN.. .. 5
HAROLD POPE 3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

KENNETH LAWSON .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS COOKE 4
W. NORMAN PARK 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. W. Peverell, on his diamond jubilee as a ringer at this church.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt 2 lb. in A flat.

*RONALD L. E. SHEPPARD.. *Treble*	‡STANLEY J. GEE 4
†G. CHRISTOPHER DURHAM 2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 5
‡THOMAS W. EDWARDS .. 3	GEORGE E. RUCK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

OTTERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*CYRIL SAVAGE .. .. *Treble*	*ERNEST W. ROWE 4
*JOHN CARTER 2	JOHN QUICK 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	*RONALD PITMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., March 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 35, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 17 in A.

*PETER BERESFORD .. .. 1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5—6
*JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3—4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7—8
*GEORGE E. OLIVER.. .. 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman and on ten 'in hand.'

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Reverse and Double Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 3—4
JOHN KING .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., March 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5064 SPLICED MAJOR

In three methods, consisting of 1,240 Little Bob, 1,136 Double Bob and 2,688 Plain Bob, with 330 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in three Spliced Major methods 'in hand' by all and for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY, WARKS.—On March 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. W. Perrens 1, H. G. Summers 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, R. Winter 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bruce Piper (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, Brenda Payne 3, J. T. Symonds 4, J. Hayns (first 'inside' of Triples) 5, P. Jackson 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. Rung for Evensong by Sunday service band.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On March 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Wells 1, A. Skinner (cond.) 2, O. Castleman 3, R. Barrow 4, J. Kesterton 5, N. Abel 6, C. Lynch 7, E. Bass 8. Rung for Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On March 25th, 1,320 Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Kent, 240 Oxford T.B.): E. Deacon 1, D. Sims 2, G. M. Rouse 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service; also an 86th birthday compliment to W. Barker, verger.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Henson (first quarter) 1, E. Marion Key (first 'inside' on tower bells) 2, Pamela Pearson 3, G. L. Roobottom 4, A. G. Foster 5, W. J. Leach 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. J. White 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Simpson (first quarter) 1, J. McTear 2, H. Wilson 3, G. McKay 4, J. R. Mossop (cond.) 5, S. Richardson 6. Rung for the birthday of Mr. A. Eilbeck (local tower keeper) and Mrs. Eilbeck.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lewis (first of Triples) 1, P. Wycherley (first of Triples) 2, Miss E. Overend 3, D. Robertson (first 'inside' of Triples) 4, J. Phippen 5, E. Bray 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bishop Ken, died March 19th, 1711; buried at Frome.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Peterson (first quarter) 1, T. Hill 2, P. Holland 3, M. G. Stewart 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On March 18th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, W. Baker 4, W. Sparks 5, W. Webb 6.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (1,200 Grandsire and 60 Stedman): C. Webb 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. First quarter in two methods for all, and the 100th quarter for the conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On March 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, E. L. Coward 2, A. P. Cannon 3, G. Marriner 4, A. H. Smith 5, B. Hawkins 6, W. G. Newberry 7, A. Harman 8, H. V. Young 9, A. S. Harris 10.

MARGATE, KENT.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Silman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, C. Durham 3, P. Dadds 4, R. G. Dadds 5, P. Page 6, L. Twyman 7, H. Lade 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. Gadsden, son of the captain of the ringers. Umpired and conducted by A. J. Dadds.

MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mullings 1, T. Gye 2, M. Baker 3, M. Bailey 4, J. Saxton (cond.) 5, F. Davis 6. At first attempt, except for the fourth ringer.

MILTON-ERNEST, BEDS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brian Marsh (first quarter) 1, Betty Marsh 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney 5, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss June Marsh, a member of the local band, who was married to Mr. John Shortland, at Milton-Ernest on March 3rd.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Old and 480 Plain Bob): R. A. Pearce 1, J. Duncan 2, W. M. Rowe 3, J. J. Cummins 4, R. L. Altass (cond.) 5, J. Giddens 6. For the resignation of Rev. O. V. Abram, Rector of St. Jude's. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boutland 1, T. W. Goodyer 2, G. K. P. Stacey 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, J. J. Cummins 5, L. R. A. Curran 6, J. Duncan 7, H. L. Curll 8. For the dedication of St. Jude's peal board.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On March 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Waldron (first quarter) 1, H. V. Frost 2, C. F. Sayer 3, R. W. Darvill 4, H. G. Mason 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, G. W. Debenham 8, T. J. Southam (cond.) 9, A. E. Ewer 10.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On March 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Joan K. Brown (first of Treble Bob) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, G. H. Bray (first of Cambridge Minor) 3, B. S. Chapman 4, J. M. Jelley 5, S. J. Haines 6. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On March 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Tombs 1, Elizabeth Yeld (first in method) 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, J. N. Lindon 4, P. W. Webb 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, R. Cooper 7, D. N. Layton 8. Rung for Evensong on Passion Sunday.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. G. Roworth 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, R. C. Westney 4, G. Wells 5, H. Austin 6, E. Sutton (cond) 7, E. Vincent 8. For morning service.



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PEAL RINGING IN OTHER COUNTRIES

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

OUTSIDE the British Isles, and apart from Australia, peals have been rung in four other countries—New Zealand (eight), South Africa (three), Canada (two) and the U.S.A. (one). This short article will refer to all these, for only 14 peals are concerned!

The first peal to be rung in the Empire outside Australia was in New Zealand, when Bob Triples was accomplished on January 31st, 1903, at Christchurch Cathedral. Later in the same year, on November 9th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the same place. It was nearly 50 years before another peal was rung in the country. Some of the 1934 tourists visited New Zealand after Australia, but their two peal attempts failed. Thus it wasn't until after the last war that we find further peals. The silence was broken by a peal of Bob Minor at Christchurch Cathedral on January 24th, 1950. Two further peals were rung in the Dominion that same year—Doubles (three methods) at Papanui (5) on April 29th, and Bob Minor at Hamilton Cathedral on October 22nd. These three towers are the only ones which have had peals yet out of the five rings in the country. After 1950, we have learned of three more peals, all rung in 1954. On January 23rd came a further peal of Bob Minor at Christchurch Cathedral, whilst at Hamilton came two—Bob Minor on October 23rd, and Grandsire Doubles on December 11th. We hope to learn of more progress before long.

Now we turn to South Africa's three peals. These have all been rung at one tower—Woodstock (8). The other three towers are still virgin territory. The first of the three peals was on December 15th, 1904, and was of Grandsire Triples. One ringer travelled 2,000 miles to ring in the attempt! It wasn't until 1951 that there came another peal when, on December 27th, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was accomplished. A similar peal on June 13th, 1953, was the third and last rung in South Africa. It was very interesting, last summer, to have the visit of Mr. C. Chambers from South Africa, and to learn what is being done there in ringing circles. We hope that ringing will flourish in the future.

TWO PEALS IN CANADA

Then comes Canada. The two peals there were rung in 1911 and 1945 respectively. Both peals were of Grandsire Triples. The first was rung at Vancouver at the Roman Catholic Church on Dominion Day (July 1st), 1911. Again, it wasn't until after the last war that the other peal was accomplished. This was at Victoria Cathedral on October 3rd, 1945, when there happened to be one or two ringers from this country, then in the Navy, waiting to rejoin ships. There are four other towers in Canada which have rings of bells, and we hope they will be 'conquered' before long.

Finally, the one and only peal ever to have been rung outside the British Commonwealth. This was rung as long ago as 1850 in Philadelphia, U.S.A., on June 9th. The circumstances through which it became possible to ring it are interesting, and I quote the 'Bell News' of May 31st, 1890—a footnote to the first peal ever rung in the Colonies, at Sydney. The different style to present day writing is also not without interest!

'It is necessary here to inform our Antipodean friends and all others whom it may concern that the first peal rang outside the British Islands was rung (by Englishmen) at Philadelphia, U.S.A. The late Mr. Haley (of London) was many years ago at the head of a company of handbell musicians who were making a tour of the States. In the course of this tour, he met with one or two persons whom he had known as ringers in England, and upon reaching Philadelphia, where was a ring of eight bells in good order and hung for ringing, the great novelty of a peal in such a place became apparent. Forming a band from among his handbell musicians, aided by the one or two English ringers already referred to, he called "Holt's ten-part peal" in the above mentioned city. This performance caused at the time no small excitement among the Philadelphians; the thoroughfares in the neighbourhood of the church being literally crowded with people who listened with interest to the peal; while every coign of 'vantage was sought for to view the ringers as they left the church, their appearance being greeted with round after round of vociferous cheering.

'This fact does not rob our Australian friends of the honour of ringing the first peal in the British Colonies.'

As will be seen, no date was given for the above peal, but a letter in 'Bell News,' May 27th, 1893, gives particulars. The peal was rung in 3 hours 15 minutes, and two men took it in turns to ring the tenor—the first of the two being lame in one leg and having to give up after 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Well, so much for our review of peal ringing in the English counties and in the rest of the world. A final article will try to put together various statistics from the articles which have appeared over the past two years.

5,184 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

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24536			—	—
43265	X			
64235			—	
52436		—		—
42635		—		
42356	X			—
35426			—	—
52364	X			3
65324			—	
43526		—		—
32465	X			
32654	X			—
32546	X			—
24365	X			
62345			—	3
34625			—	—
23456	X			2

First rung at Willesden on January 26th, 1956. This peal is also true for Pudsey.

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THE HOLY BELL OF ROVIERTO

An outstandingly successful and unusual repair was carried out by Metalock (Italiana) S.p.a. about four months ago. The company was consulted in regard to cracks which had appeared in the 'Holy Bell of Rovierto' in the Province of Trento, which is known as the Monumental Bell of the Fallen.

This great bell, said to be one of the largest in the world, which was subscribed to by 19 nations after the first World War as a memorial to the fallen of all countries, was cast at Verona in 1925. It was afterwards ceremonially blessed and given the name of 'Maria Dolens.'

The bell is mounted on the 13th century castle of Rovierto, which dominates the town, and is chimed 100 times each evening. The weight of the bell is 16½ tons, and of the clapper, 12 cwt. It is three metres, or nearly ten feet in height and diameter, and its exterior is distinguished by some very fine decoration, the work of the sculptor, Stefano Zuech.

Two cracks were found, one of 80 cm. and another of 20 cm., situated on one side of the bell at the point of impact with the clapper, the thickness of the section varying from 70 mm. to 250 mm.

The Metalock material used was specially processed to obtain a closer expansion property to that of the bronze. The cracks were Metalocked, both on the inside and outside, with 5/16 in. keys; the metal proved to be very hard and brittle. The repair was carried out by one operator in about three weeks, and after it had been completed, the bell was turned by 60 degrees so that the clapper would then strike the undamaged area.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

An enjoyable meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Egham on March 24th. Before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Northridge, rounds and Grandsire were rung almost continuously for the less experienced ringers.

At the business meeting, following a most enjoyable tea, the Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson, extended a welcome to Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft and to Mr. J. F. Smallwood, also to visitors from other Districts. Two new members were elected.

Ringing for the Diocesan Mission (starting April 15th) was discussed, and it was hoped that all towers would contrive some sort of ringing programme. The six District meetings planned for the forthcoming year met with approval.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting possible was proposed by Mr. W. Shepherd.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. with methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

E. A. H

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Evening Meeting at Brentford

A very enjoyable meeting of the South and West District was held at Brentford on the evening of March 17th. Ringing from 6 until 8.30 p.m., under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Price, assisted by the deputy Master, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, ranged from Rounds to Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor for the beginners, while a variety of Surprise methods was brought round by the more experienced.

The Vicar of Brentford, the Rev. Mr. Court, was most heartily thanked for the cordial welcome accorded the Association.

The attendance was somewhat thin, which is to be regretted, as a fine opportunity for beginners was missed by their lack of numbers.

F. A. F.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Mar. 1st, 1,313 Erin Cinques: F. G. Leaker 1, E. F. Hancock 2, Joan Gray 3, A. M. Taylor (cond.) 4, F. C. Mogford 5, M. E. Downs 6, Patricia Bourn 7, P. M. J. Gray 8, F. D. Mack 9, J. Gilbert 10, F. E. O. Hansford 11, Ed. F. Hancock 12. First quarter of Erin Cinques by all the band. First of Cinques for 6, 7, 8 and 12.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain, 660 Grandsire): Eunice Morley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. E. Watson 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, G. E. Watson (cond.) 4, B. S. Cope 5, A. J. Frost 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the late Bishop of Peterborough. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Trebie Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. Dacre 1, G. E. Watson (cond.) 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, Mrs. G. E. Watson 4, H. Pettitt 5, B. Hendry 6, Eunice Morley 7, B. S. Cope 8 (7, 8 covering). Rung to mark the birth of a daughter (Anne) to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stretton.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Frith 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. E. Cook (first 'inside') 3, H. R. Woods 4, W. R. Read (cond.) 5, B. Hunt 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Green 1, G. Green 2, J. E. G. Roast 3, P. Saltmarsh (first in method) 4, R. C. Clark (first in method) 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. S. Harrington (Vicar's warden), who was interred this day.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Webb 1, Miss E. M. Ricketts 2, B. A. Rose 3, P. A. Ruck (first as cond.) 4, Miss J. Barbrook (first 'inside') 5, C. J. Newnes 6, P. Bettridge 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLOWAY, N.—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on Mar. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell (first of Stedman) 2, J. C. Rigg 3, P. J. Hutchings 4, F. Ranson 5, J. Hales 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. McPhail 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, L. Melton 2, H. King 3, L. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—On Mar. 18th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,188 Grandsire Cinques: P. Kirk 1, Barbara Endall 2, E. Morris (cond.) 3, Mary C. Payne 4, Nancy Marklew 5, T. H. Bent 6, E. J. Clements 7, W. Tanser 8, J. B. Bennett 9, G. A. Olliffe 10, J. Bramley 11, C. P. Walker 12. For evening service.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Miles (first quarter) 1, M. Saunders (cond.) 2, C. Haynes 3, Kathleen Ballard 4, G. Shellard 5.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, A. W. Coles 2, W. R. Winterton 3, F. A. Barker 4, M. H. Sinden 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, J. W. Euston 7, M. F. Oakshett 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Belcham 1, P. Salder (first as cond.) 2, L. Beal 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Coombes 5, B. Cook 6, B. Howard 7, B. Sadler 8. For Confirmation service.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, B. Howard 2, A. Reeve 3, D. Belcham 4, E. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, A. House (cond.) 7, A. Cundy 8. First quarter by 4 and 8. Rung for Confirmation service.—Also on Mar. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Hockley (first of Major) 1, G. Sandwell 2, G. Blower 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, B. Howard 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. Vann 1, J. G. Underwood 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, W. Vann 4, C. Underwood 5, S. J. Merry 6, S. Osborne 7, A. R. Pocklington (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to Mr. J. Click, a member of the local band, who left for Ireland on March 15th.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Rita Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, M. Vernon 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Mar. 11th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Mrs. J. Armstrong (first on 10) 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Miss J. Peacock (first of Stedman Caters) 4, D. Priestley 5, J. Armstrong 6, A. P. Cave 7, A. R. Ling 8, T. H. Francis (cond.) 9, A. F. Thirst 10. In memoriam J. W. Addison, of Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorks.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Roife 2, F. Cooper 3, H. Fuller 4, N. Watson 5, F. Buckle 6, G. Jennings 7, J. Banks 8. Rung for children's service.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. W. Hughes (first of Triples) 1, Miss S. Hughes 2, Miss R. Smith 3, G. W. Hughes 4, A. Botterill 5, J. Eastwood 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. Stitch 8. For Mothering Sunday.

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BELFRY

There is a natural reluctance when secretaries send reports to our columns to publish complimentary references to themselves. Members of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association have written to us expressing their deep appreciation of the efficient services rendered by Mr. R. W. Pankhurst, the retiring secretary.

Mr. John Phillips has now rung peals of Erin Cinques, Caters and Triples.

A correspondent writes that the peal of 5,152 Edmondthorpe Surprise Major (p. 188) is Middleton's Cambridge, suitably transposed.

Mr. F. G. Vickers, of Ermine Street, Ancaster, near Grantham, is the hon. secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Congratulations to Mr. Donald A. Theedom on ringing his first peal of Surprise Maximus, which was rung as a farewell peal for him. Donald came to Leicester two years ago with little experience of change-ringing, but under the expert tuition of the late Mr. H. J. Poole he made rapid strides and soon became a very efficient member of the Cathedral band.

The peal at Watton-at-Stone, near Hertford, was the first there for 25 years. The band not only survived, despite gloomy prognostications from the District, but found the bells in very fair going order, considering that they were last rehung, by Messrs. C. and G. Mears, 104 years ago! This was in some measure due to the work put in by the local captain, Mr. W. Milton (who took part in the previous peal) in splicing, preparing the bells, fitting new ropes, etc., and the band are very grateful to him. As it was Mr. R. J. Sharp's 300th peal, it was rung, by special request, for his Association—Bedfordshire. It was also Mr. A. P. Cannon's 475th.

GOSSIP

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are holding their ringing week from April 9th to 13th, with headquarters at High Tor Guest House, Matlock. There is to be a peal attempt at Darley Dale on April 12th. Eighteen members have promised to attend. The hon. secretary and treasurer is the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, of Chittlehampton Vicarage, Umberleigh, North Devon.

Mr. H. J. Sanger has informed us that no recordings are available of Evercreech bells.

On Wednesday, March 21st, the Southampton and Reading Universities' Societies held a joint meeting at Whitchurch and Overton (Hants). The meeting was most enjoyable; ringing ranged from Cambridge to Grandsire.

Mr. Harry George Cobbin, the donor of the sixth bell at West Bridgford, Nottingham, died just before the dedication, which is reported in this issue. He was a ringer at St. Peter's, Nottingham, for 50 years, and was Ringing Master there for very many years.

The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Cuthbert Ackroyd, will appeal on Sunday, April 15th, at 8.25 p.m. in the Home Service, on behalf of the recasting of Bow Bells—heard for over 25 years as the B.B.C.'s interval signal—and the restoration of the historic bell tower in the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London.

Some good work is being done at Rotherham, Yorks, where six ringers rang their first quarter of Grandsire Caters, under the fatherly eye of Mr. Norman Chaddock, on March 20th. The band consisted of Patricia Maxwell (15) 1, F. Jackson 2, Norman Smith 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, H. O. Chaddock 5, J. Chaddock (15) 6, H. Woodall 7, F. Fisher 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, T. C. Ryder 10. It was the first of Grandsire Caters for 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

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THE BELLS OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW

By The Rev. HUGH EVAN HOPKINS, Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow

OF all the chimes in Christendom, Bow Bells are perhaps the best known. The earliest reference to them appears to be the children's nursery rhyme, which ends with the phrase: 'I'm sure I don't know, says the big bell of Bow.' As early as this, of course, there was only one Bow Bell, which was rung as the curfew and time signal of the City of London, first recorded in 1334 as an Order of the Common Council. It is presumed, however, that this curfew had been ringing many years before that, and in 1469 there appears to have been the first known instance of daylight saving, when the order was given that at Bow the bells should ring at 9 p.m. It is on record that some of the city apprentices got annoyed with the bell ringer because he did not strictly adhere to the appointed time, and they fixed to the wall of the church the following rhyme:

Clarke of the Bow Bell,
With the yellow lockes,
For thy late ringing
Thy head shall have knockes.

To which the clerk replied:

Children of Chepe,
Hold you all still,
For you shall have Bow Bell,
Rung at your will.

It seems to have been a long day's work for the tired City workers in those days, and it is interesting to think that the church vestry clerk had a sympathetic heart. It is also recorded that the big bell of Bow was rung at a quarter-to-six every morning (in spite of many complaints) from 1472 until September 1st, 1874.

It is, of course, being born within the sound of this curfew, and not within the sound of the ring of Bow Bells, that has for many generations distinguished a Cockney; and it is thought by many that the repeated tolling of one bell can be heard much further than the ring of a peal. There is, therefore, no serious difficulty in believing that Dick Whittington may have heard the curfew of Bow Bell in 1375 from four miles away, at Highgate Hill.

Very little is known of Bow Bells before the Great Fire of London. In 1515 a William Copeland, churchwarden, presented a fifth and largest bell; but it seems impossible to discover when the sixth was added, without which, of course, the well-known Whittington chime, including the melody 'Turn again, Whittington,' could not have been rung. It is in any case almost certainly a later invention. All the pre-Fire bells were destroyed in 1666 and all their metal was lost. The famous 'Bow Bell' peal really dates from the rebuilding of St. Mary-le-Bow by Christopher Wren. The great tenor bell was cast by John and Christopher Hodson, bell founders of St. Mary Cray, Kent, in 1669, which was two years before the building of the steeple was begun. Probably it was important for the city to have its time keeper restored as early as possible, and it is likely that it was hung provisionally on some timber campanile. The steeple of St. Mary-le-Bow is a true campanile, separated from the church by a corridor. It springs directly from the ground up to a height of 225 ft., and is generally recognised as Wren's greatest achievement of this kind.

First of all, a ring of eight bells, paid for by the £400 for which the site of All Hallows was sold to the city, was set up in the belfry. Of this, John Strype said in 1720: 'Surely for the number and melody of its bells Bow, since the fire, surpasseth former tunes.' This suggests that even in the mediæval time the Bells of Bow were noted for their tunefulness, and that the recasting of them improved them even more. In the 'General Evening News' for Thursday, June 8th, 1738, it is written that 'The tenor at Bow Church in Cheapside, which was accounted one of the finest bells in England, was cracked as they were ringing about 9 o'clock at night.' Presumably the curfew was being tolled, and the bell, which had been used so much more than the others, was worn out at the sound-bow through not having been turned. A new big bell was then cast by Phelps and Lester (the same firm as that now named Mears and Stainbank), and the inscription of this bell shows a common ignorance of Latin grammar, using the singular forms *Fecit*, instead of the more correct plural.

In 1758, the vestry pronounced that this new bell was the 'compleatest bell in Europe,' and condemned the seven other bells as 'greatly inferior.' Phelps and Lester were commissioned to recast them and add two more; and this new ring of ten was rung for the first time at George III's 25th birthday, June 4th, 1712. It is this peal which established the modern reputation of Bow Bells, which was by no means lessened when two new bells were added in 1881.

As is well known, the Ancient Society of College Youths was founded in 1637, in which year they became ringers of Bow Bells, which they have remained ever since. On January 19th, 1907, they rang a peal (Treble Bob Maximus) and reached 5,088 changes in 4 hours and 1 minute.

It is interesting, however, to note that in the library of All Souls' College, Oxford, there is a MS containing 'Orders conceyved and agreed upon by the Company excersising the Arte of ringing knowne and called by the name of the Schollers of Cheapsyde in London, began and so continued from the second day of February 1603.' If this is an authentic document, this Company would appear to have been the forerunners of the 'Ancient Society,' and to have come into existence, appropriately enough, on the Feast of the Purification at Bow Church.

The Parochial Church Council of St. Mary-le-Bow has now given the order for the recasting of Bow Bells to the successors of the original founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel. The Worshipful Company of Turners have shown the interest of their craft by giving £100 to the appeal fund to cover the estimated cost of tuning the bells. It is hoped that the recasting of the tenor bell will take place in the presence of the Lord Mayor some time in July, and if building operations allow, the complete ring will be temporarily hung and rung on Lord Mayor's Day, November 9th. The Rector sincerely hopes that by that date the bulk of the £150,000 needed for the church will be within sight.

When recast, each bell will receive its own name. The treble will be named by the bell-founder, and the second by a representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Their names will be recorded on the bell itself in token of the long association of both these bodies with the bells of Bow. Other bells will be named by the architect, the Lord Mayor, and the Rector, churchwardens and vestry clerk. The tenor bell is to be renamed 'Bow.'

An observant person will discover another old association with Bow Bells, if he notes carefully the following proposed inscriptions. No prize is offered for a correct solution, but it may give readers some moments of harmless occupation trying to trace the clues . . . .

SUGGESTED INSCRIPTIONS FOR BOW BELLS

Treble: Declare his *glory* among the heather, his wonders among all people. Ps. 96; 3.

Second: Whoso offereth praise *glorifieth* me. Ps. 50; 23.

Third: His name alone is excellent, his *glory* is above the earth and Heaven. Ps. 148; 13.

Fourth: In his temple doth every one speak of his *glory*. Ps. 29; 9.

Fifth: The *glory* of the Lord shall endure for ever Ps. 104; 31.

Sixth: They shall ring in the ways of the Lord for great is the *glory* of the Lord. Ps. 138; 5.

Seventh: I will speak of the *glorious* honour of thy majesty and of thy wondrous works. Ps. 145; 5.

Eighth: Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but unto thy name give *glory*. Ps. 115; 1.

Ninth: Give unto the Lord the *glory* due unto his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Ps. 29; 2.

Tenth: Thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the *glory* of thy kingdom and talk of thy power. Ps. 145; 10, 11.

Eleventh: O Lord my God, I will *glorify* thy name for evermore. Ps. 86; 12.

Tenor: Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Luke 2; 29, 30. (*Curfew.*)

HOW MONEY IS WASTED

The convener of 'The Ringing World' committee recently received a letter which had been addressed to 122, Lee Road, S.E.3 (no name). The people who now live there naturally opened it, and found a report of a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. This they posted on to the convener's correct address—*which has appeared regularly in 'The Ringing World' since Feb. 6th.* That cost them 2½d. As the report had not been sent to the Editor, a further 2½d. had to be spent to get it to him. The convener does not propose to spend yet another 2½d. to draw the attention of the sender that reports should be sent to the Editor, and not to him—but it is hoped that this note will once again emphasise that there is a danger of delay—or even non-appearance—if reports are sent to the wrong person. We do not object to contributors wasting their own money, but we are not so prosperous as to be able to pay unnecessary postages, simply because of their failure to understand correct procedure.

REDEDICATION

BUNNEY, NOTTS

The six bells of St. Mary's, Bunney, Notts, were dedicated at a service held during the evening of Monday, March 19th. The Vicar, the Rev. W. N. Metcalfe, officiated at the service, and the dedication ceremony was performed in the ringing chamber by the Rt. Rev. F. Russell Barry, Lord Bishop of Southwell. The bells were rung in rounds by members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and after the service touches of Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung.

It is over 60 years since these bells were rung. During that time they have been chimed by means of a unique and complicated apparatus which involved the turning by hand of a drum with attached ropes, known locally as 'mangling the bells.' The tenor bell, of 15 cwt., has been recast, and the remaining five have been quarter turned and hung in a new frame. The work has been done by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, with their usual efficiency. They were represented at the service by Mr. John Oldham and Mr. J. Fidler.

ST. GILES', WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM

ON Thursday, March 22nd, the new ring of eight bells at St. Giles' Church, West Bridgford, Nottingham, was dedicated by Bishop J. R. Weller, the service being conducted by the Rector, Canon R. F. Wilkinson. During the service the bells were rung in rounds by members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and again after the service to touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major.

The recasting of the bells was undertaken by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were represented by Mr. Paul L. Taylor and Mr. John Oldham. A note of sadness was the receipt of the news that Mr. H. R. Cobbin, the donor of the sixth bell, had died two days previously.

The tower is only ten feet square inside but the bellfounders have overcome all difficulties. Although the bells are hung in two tiers, they all sound perfectly even in tone both inside and outside, and anyone would mistake them for a heavier ring than they are. They are a first-class job.

NOTES ON THE BELLS

We are indebted to Canon R. F. Wilkinson for the following historical article concerning West Bridgford bells.

The tower was built about 1500, and three bells were hung in it. This was the usual number for a village church. In those days each bell had a special use. In 1553 the Commissioners of Church Goods reported that there were 'three bells of one accorde, hanging in ye steeple of ye same churche.' Two of these bells remained in the tower for more than 450 years, until they were taken down in 1955.

The inscriptions were:—

(1) *Celorum Christe placeat tibi rex sonus iste.* (*May this sound please Thee, O Christ, King of Heaven.*")
(2) *J. & E. Smith & Co., Chesterfield,* 1813. *GLORIA DEO.* (*Glory to God.*)
(3) *AVE MARIA.*

The bells were cast by Richard Mellers, Mayor of Nottingham, in 1499, and bear marks, which he used, and are frequently found on bells in the Midland Counties, a cross and a shield with the letter R and a bell. The first bell would be the daily service bell. Similar bells can be seen at Shelford, Screveton and Kelham, with the same inscription in small black letter. This bell is now preserved in the church and weighs about 3 cwt.

Ancient inscriptions always began with a cross, often of beautiful design.

The second bell, when seen by Mr. Stretton in 1808, also had the Mellers shield, but no inscription. It must have been cracked with long use and recast in 1813.

The third bell was the Angelus bell, or daily call to prayer at sunrise and sunset, rung in every church in mediæval times. The inscription is in Gothic capitals, and is now in the church. The shield, with a small cross, is found on several bells in Lincolnshire. When they heard the bell, people repeated these words and the Lord's Prayer.

On the top of each bell can be seen the ancient loops or 'cannons,' by which the bell was hung on a wooden headstock with metal straps. The clappers were hung by a leather band or 'baldrick' from iron staples cast in the crown of the bell.

Richard Mellers was succeeded by his son, Robert, also Mayor and bell founder. His widow, Dame Agnes, founded the 'Free School,' now the Nottingham High School, in 1513. The foundry was in Bell Founders Yard at the back of Long Row, and continued until 1791, when the last bell was cast for a cotton mill. This bell was hung in St. James' Church in 1809.

When the bells were taken down, the frame and beams were found to be very decayed and unsafe, and they had not been rung for about 30 years.

The second bell was recast by Smith of Chesterfield, who also made a bell for Parwich about that time. Probably it was conveyed by water.

OLD ACCOUNT BOOK

In the Church Account Book, which begins in 1759, we find:

1813.	June 3rd. Bell taking down	9/6
	Bell taking to Nottingham	1/-
	Nov. 5th. Carriage of New Bell from Nottingham ..	7/-
	Gill Handley for assisting with old and new bell ..	5/6
1814.	April 9th. New Bell ..	£29-9-0

The bell weighed about 5 cwt. and would cost about £200 today, being made of copper and tin, which are now very expensive.

Other entries are:—

1771.	Nov. 5th. Paid ye Ringers ..	1/6
	Dec. 25th	1/-
	New Year's Day	1/-
	A new bell rope	2/-
	A Singing Feast	5/3
	Paid ye clerk his wages for a year	£1-1-0

THE NEW BELLS

The bells are hung in two tiers, four bells in each frame of cast-iron resting on steel girders. The steel headstocks are set in ball-bearings which only need attention once in 12 years. A new ringing gallery has been erected in the tower. The total weight of the bells is two tons.

The bells are a light ring of eight of fine clear tone, and six have been cast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The other two came from Perlethorpe in Thoresby Park, where a ring of six was given to the new church by the third Earl Manvers in 1876. Five of these bells were purchased, as they could not be rung any more, and three have been recast in order to secure the right musical notes.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Treble—G sharp, 3¼ cwt.: *To the glory of God. In memory of George and Sarah Crampton. The gift of their daughter, Dorothy Rosa.* 1955.

Second—G, 3¼ cwt.: *To the glory of God. In grateful memory of Grace Cobbin. The gift of her children, Alec and Dora.* 1955.

Third—1876, F, 4 cwt.

Fourth—1876, D sharp, 4¼ cwt.

Fifth—C sharp, 5 cwt.: *To the glory of God. In memory of William Crampton. The gift of his wife, Ethel.* 1955.

Sixth—C, 5½ cwt.: *To the glory of God. In memory of a beloved wife, Grace Cobbin. The gift of Harry Robert Cobbin.* 1955. *Canon R. F. Wilkinson,* M.A., F.S.A., *Rector.*

Seventh—A sharp, 7 cwt.: *To the glory of God. In memory of George and Kate Graham. The gift of their daughters, Ada and Beatrice.* 1955.

Tenor—G sharp, 9½ cwt.: *In thanksgiving. The gift of Beatrice Eccleshall.* 1955. *To the glory of God. Part of the cost of this peal of bells was given by The Barron Bell Trust. Emma Barron, Founder. Trustees: H. W. Eldred, K. C. Walrond, E. R. Pennell.* 1955.

Very great credit is due to the band who rang the peal at Limerick Cathedral, recorded this week. The band all started from scratch and taught themselves to ring. 'It was one of the best struck peals I have heard,' writes Mr. F. E. Dukes. The nearest centre of change ringing is 120 miles away, at Dublin.



ST. BUDEAUX, PLYMOUTH, GIRL GUIDES,
who are regular Sunday service ringers: Christine Rogers, Margaret McClinchey, Doreen McClinchey, Ann Hiscock, Veronica Elliott and Ann Warren.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL RINGING IN WALES

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that I have aroused the 'wrath' of Welsh ringing friends! Mr. Dove suggested some months ago that I should wait until the second edition of his book before tackling the peals rung in the Principality, for the new edition would correct certain mistakes in the first one. I fear I did not do so and so have heaped coals of fire on my own head, apparently! I feel I must, however, say one or two things in my own defence. Firstly, it would appear that Mr. Hughes thinks I have missed various towers. This is not so, of course—I have the peal totals of all those he mentions, but the numbers do not come up to the limit I set myself. I should be very pleased to let him have the particulars if he so desires. For myself, I am very interested in the two peals he says were rung prior to 1886 at Bodelwyddan. The only one prior to that date I have come across there was one of Grandsire Triples on August 4th, 1873, which 'Church Bells' stated was the first peal on the bells. He says the two peals were of Treble Bob. I should be very grateful for details of these.

Mr. Clift has supplied very interesting details to 'fill in' the bare outline which I give. I am sorry he thinks Wales has not been properly treated. Personally, I think it received about the right amount of space compared with the English counties, when numbers of towers and peals are taken into account. About one-quarter of the towers were mentioned by name (which is average for the number concerned) and they cover some 1,100 of the 1,700-odd peals rung —a fair proportion, I feel. Throughout the length and breadth of the country, there have been many interesting and fine rings not mentioned, and I don't think Wales came in for cavalier treatment over such. I have had the pleasure of ringing at most of the towers Mr. Clift mentions, and would agree with him that they are very fine and of interest, but my first object has been *peals*, and other considerations have had to be pushed into the background usually. I fear it would be very difficult to include towers which 'but for their geographical position would undoubtedly have had many peals rung on them.' That applies to many towers for different reasons. Again, I should be very pleased to let Mr. Clift have details of any towers he wishes if he will write to me. It has always been one of my difficulties to know where to draw the line of peal activity. I feel that, since there has not been any criticism of this until now, I have been about right. It was, perhaps, too much to hope that I should get away with it right to the end!

I am grateful to Mr. Clift for the mention of Llanelly. He is right in his surmise that I have mixed up the two towers, for I fear I was not aware that two towers were concerned. I have now sorted them out and find there have been 35 peals at Llanelly (Brecon) and 19 at its Carmarthen namesake. This does not include a peal rung on January 19th, 1946, where the 'R.W.' account does not indicate which of the two towers it was rung at. If Mr. Clift could find out which it was, I should be grateful. It was of Bob Minor. The last peal rung at the Brecon tower was on February 6th, 1946.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

FIRST PEAL AT THE LEIGH

Dear Sir,—What was thought at the time to be the first peal of Minor at The Leigh, Glos, was rung on April 13th, 1913. I think that I am the sole survivor of the band.—Yours sincerely,

J. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

ST. MARY'S, ROADE

Dear Sir,—In reply to a request for founders' names in 'The Ringing World' of March 16th, the following information concerns the tower of St. Mary's, Roade. The tower contains a ring of five bells, as follows:—

Treble—5 cwt. 21 lb., cast by J. Taylor and Co., 1952, and inscribed: 'Roade Parish Church restored 1950: Cyril Thomas Cripps, Esq., M.B.E.' The bell is named after St. Cecilia.

Second—5 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb., originally of mediæval casting, inscribed: 'Nova campana Margareta est Nominata.' Recast by Russell of Wootton in 1727.

Third—6 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. Mediæval casting, about 1450, bearing the inscription: 'Sit nomen Domini Benedictum.'

Fourth—8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. Mediæval casting, about 1450, bearing the inscription: 'Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis.'

Tenor—10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F. Mediæval casting, about 1450, bearing the inscription: 'In Multis Annis resonet campana Johannis.'

It was thought from the peculiar founders' mark on the back three bells that they were cast by Henry Jordan, of London, about 1450. However, recent research has established them as being cast by William Chamberlain, of London, circa A.D. 1450.

After a silence of 200 years the back four bells were rehung in a steel frame with new fittings in 1950, and the new treble added in 1952, all the work being done by J. Taylor and Co.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN C. COZENS.
Tower Captain.

Roade, Northampton.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE BELLS

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Daily Telegraph,' Peterborough stated that these bells were a personal gift to Queen Victoria and that they are now the private property of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. If this is so, it is surely improper to lay claim to them for the benefit of this or that church tower. Should the Central Council be consulted as to their disposal, it would be a different matter.—Yours faithfully,

Clevedon, Somerset. E. G. CAPLE.

PEAL RINGING IN NORTH WALES

Dear Sir,—I have to point out two errors in my letter published in 'The Ringing World' of March 23rd. The peal rung at Rhyl for the royal visit was Plain Bob Major, and *not* Grandsire Triples. The last peal rung at Beaumaris was also Plain Bob Major, and not as stated.

The last peal rung at Bodelwyddan was Double Bob Major (not before mentioned), all conducted by J. W. Griffiths. I regret the mistakes.—Yours truly, A. J. HUGHES.

Bangor, Caerns.

THE LATE MR. B. A. KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World,' dated March 23rd, you publish, above the initials 'N. C.,' an analysis of peals rung by the late Benjamin A. Knights which is, it is stated, incomplete because records of peals rung after 1925 are not available.

I feel sure that, since Ben lived, worked and rang in Lancashire for a considerable portion of the period 1925 onwards, an application to the appropriate official of the Lancashire Association would elicit the required information.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association for the year 1949 shows that Ben joined the Association in 1910 and rang 182 peals for the Association.—Yours faithfully,

J. BLACKBURN.

Anderton, near Chorley.

LINCOLN 'TIPS' SUPPLIED!

Dear Sir,—The method published by Arthur Craven in 'The Ringing World' of August 22nd, 1924, as Lincoln Surprise Major, was never rung under this name. It was first rung to a peal at Beddington, Surrey, on July 7th, 1932, and named Beddington Surprise Major.

The first peal of Lincoln Surprise Major was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on February 14th, 1935. I cannot give any details of the authorship of this method but can only suggest that the name was chosen both because it was made available by the renaming of the original Lincoln, and also because it is a very good name.

In my view, Beddington, which is a method well worth ringing, would have been much more popular had it retained its original name.

No peals of 'Ripon,' 'Norton,' or 'Thorp' have yet been rung. I do not know in what circumstances 'New London' was renamed 'Thorp,' but perhaps other correspondents will be able to say.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

FAST PEALS

Dear Sir,—I cannot let Mr. H. A. Price's letter about fast ringing pass without comment, as he queries a peal in which I took part, namely, one of Plain Bob Minor on the front six at Loughborough Bell Foundry on February 18th, in 1 hour 53 minutes; tenor 2¼ cwt.

I am surprised that he should write in this vein, coming as he does from the county of fast peals on heavy bells, and having himself accomplished the feat of dubious worth of ringing a peal in 2 hours 32 minutes with a 17 cwt. tenor. Yet he is criticising a comparatively steady peal on some very light bells.

The fact is that several faster peals have been rung on these bells, even on the back eight. The circumstances on February 18th were that a peal of Stedman Caters had gone astray, and some of the band having to return home, the six who happened to be left decided to go for Minor on the front six for a change, rather than have a blank afternoon. They were, therefore, not a band picked for speed, nor had the majority any special love for it—especially myself, as Mr. Price will note if he reads my letter on p. 156. We did not try to ring fast: the bells just went that way—16 minutes per 720! Roland Beniston had his collar and tie on and showed no signs of warmth at the end. It was one of the peals I have enjoyed most, too.

One day it is going to dawn on the folk who do not have the pleasure of ringing very often at Loughborough Bell Foundry that there must be something about these bells that not only makes possible, but actually invites fast ringing, even for the very small weights concerned.—Yours, etc.,

DEREK P. JONES.

Hitchin.

THE MEETING AT BENGEO

Dear Sir,—I was very surprised to read the letter in the issue of March 23rd from Mrs. Chamberlain, about the treatment of the less advanced ringers at meetings. The two methods quoted are definitely not good examples of this, for at the recent meeting at Bengeo at least two of the band ringing Double Norwich C.B. Major (only a course) had to look it up before starting (myself included).

I do not feel I have any claim to be an advanced ringer, having only been ringing for 18 months, but I was given a chance to attempt a course of Double Norwich.—Yours faithfully,

W. D. N. FOOTE.

Northaw, Herts.

OBITUARY

MR. F. R. BORRETT

AN APPRECIATION BY NOLAN GOLDEN

Mr. Fred Borrett was, in ringing circles, the most outstanding personality in Norfolk, and his contribution to the Exercise and to ringing history greater than that of any other in the county during this century.

From 1894—the year in which he joined the Norwich Diocesan Association and rang his first peal—to 1929, when the Association was reorganised, he was the honorary secretary of the Redenhall District—a record for length of service. In 1927 he became the leading peal ringer in the Association, surpassing the total of 559 credited to the illustrious James Motts.

The first of the 632 peals in which Mr. Borrett was to take part was rung at Redenhall. He rang the fourth to Oxford Treble Bob Major. Ringing the fifth was Ernest Poppy, and 40 years later they were to ring on the same bells an anniversary peal, and this was also Mr. Borrett's last. He had in fact removed to the obscure, peal-less West Norfolk village of Tattersett two years before, and came out of retirement from ringing for this occasion.

Ringing was flourishing at Alburgh, the Pulhams and Diss when Mr. Borrett was initiated into change-ringing. A great tradition of advanced method ringing and fine striking had been built up by the Smiths of Alburgh and Pulham, the Tanns and R. Whiting of Pulham, and the redoubtable Captain Moore of Redenhall. This enthusiasm remained keen and strong for more than a generation. In 1895, the year of the augmentation of the six at Pulham Saint Mary, Mr. Borrett rang his first peal on ten bells, and the next year his first of Maximus, conducted by his cousin, Mr. Charles Edward Borrett, still greatly interested in ringers and ringing. The year 1896 saw also Fred's first peal as conductor, and lengths of 6,048 and 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob Major, to which latter at Pulham he rang the tenor. New methods quickly followed; in 1899 he had rung his 50th peal. Then in 1901, when William Pye's band was touring Norfolk, he took part in the first peal of Superlative on Thetford bells and the first peal of New Cambridge in the county at Swaffham; 1902 saw him on tour in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with such giants as William Pye, Isaac Shade and Gabriel Lindoff. He also took part that year in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on Mancroft back eight, conducted by James Motts, with John Souter ringing the tenor. By the middle of 1903 Mr. Borrett's peal total had passed the 100 mark, and the augmentation of his own bells to eight in 1904 gave a new impetus to his efforts; he had taken part in 200 by 1906 and 300 by 1910. His 500th came in 1925 and his 600th in 1930.

Fred Borrett's long list of peals contains many interesting performances, for there are many 'firsts' and 'first in the method' on the eights of Norfolk and Suffolk. He called the first peal of Bristol in Norfolk by a resident band, and the first of that method in Suffolk. He took part in over 100 peals each of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major. Many of his peals, rather less than half, in fact, he conducted himself, the treble being his favourite bell for this purpose. Of fine physique, he was an excellent tenor ringer, and had rung Mancroft tenor in 1908 to Kent Royal, and Redenhall tenor on many occasions.

Mr. Borrett was of commanding appearance and always wore a beard. A man of few words, he was forthright in speech. He had peculiarities but he was much loved and respected. A number of ringers in the Redenhall District are indebted to him for their introduction to our fascinating art and training to a high standard of striking and method ringing.

Frederick Robert Borrett dietd on February 27th, 1956, aged 84. Cremation was at Cambridge on March 1st. An in memoriam peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Saxlingham Nethergate on March 5th, Mr. Borrett having taken part in the first peal on the eight there. An attempt for a peal of Bristol Surprise at Redenhall, so long associated with his activities, had to be abandoned after 2,400 changes owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

MR. H. R. COBBIN

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. H. R. Cobbin, who died at his home at West Bridgford, Nottingham, at the age of 77 years, after a long illness. He was a ringer at St. Peter's, Nottingham, for over 50 years, for 40 of which he held the office of Ringing Master.

Mr. Cobbin joined the Midland Counties Association in 1898, for which he rang 19 peals, and was a member until the Association was split up. He then became a member of the Southwell Guild. In 1919 he gave two trebles to increase the ring at St. Peter's to ten, and there was nothing he liked better than to hear Grandsire and Stedman Caters rung for service, where he would be found every Sunday until illness overtook him.

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's Church on Friday, March 23rd, and was conducted by Canon Inglis, Rector of St. Peter's, assisted by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of St. Giles', West Bridgford. Cremation, which was private, followed at Wilford Hill Cemetery.

Before and after the service the bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire and Stedman Caters; an attempt for a half-muffled peal came to grief after about two hours' ringing.

'He was a man who stood for all that was best,' said Canon Inglis, 'a man of marked individuality, kindly tolerance; and he was a devoted churchman.'

We shall miss Bob, as he was affectionately known, and we shall be the poorer for his passing. F. A. S.

MR. GEORGE HALKSWORTH

Mr. George Halksworth died at Scarborough on March 19th, at the age of 90. The funeral took place at Doncaster on March 22nd, the service being conducted by Canon Herklots, Vicar of Doncaster, ringers being present from Scarborough, York and Doncaster. A course of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the graveside.

Before moving to Scarborough in 1938, Mr. Halksworth was for nearly 50 years a ringer at St. George's Parish Church, Doncaster. He was born in Derby, and did his early ringing at St. Luke's, Derby. He moved to Doncaster in 1891 and was employed as a boilermaker on the Great Northern Railway, retiring 40 years later. He was responsible for building the boiler for the first Pacific type locomotive built at Doncaster works.

For nearly 50 years Mr. Halksworth faithfully upheld the best traditions of the art of change-ringing in Doncaster, and did all in his power to advance the art. Before going to Doncaster the only method practised at St. George's was Grandsire, but under his influence the band soon learned to ring other methods, chiefly Stedman and Double Norwich. His work, however, was not confined to St. George's, and his influence was felt in many towers in the Doncaster District. He was co-founder and first vice-president of the Doncaster and District Society of Change-ringers in 1921, and for very many years was Ringing Master of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, and in this capacity carried out the often difficult duties of his office in a manner worthy of a diplomat, giving pleasure to many and offence to none.

During his youth, Mr. Halksworth was a keen footballer, and for several years played for Doncaster Rovers. He was previously with Derby County and was a member of the team when the Football League was formed. He gave up football, following an injury received whilst playing. He had been a College Youth for well over 50 years, and had rung 62 peals for the Yorkshire Association. H. W.

Another correspondent writes:—

Mr. Hawksworth came to live in Scarborough in 1938, joining the local company there. The year 1946, when this company was re-formed after the war, found him still as keen as ever, although lame in one of his legs. His last touch of any length was a quarter peal in 1947, but he continued to ring until 1949, when his lameness finally prevented his climbing the steps. He maintained a lively interest in ringing until his death.

The bells of St. Mary's, Scarborough, were rung half-muffled on March 21st, and in the following week a quarter peal as a tribute.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The mother church of St. Mary, Lewisham, was 'at home' for the occasion of the quarterly District meeting, when 90 of her kith and kin, representing 14 towers, attended a very successful function.

Ringing during the afternoon, directed by Miss M. Andrews (Bexley), preceded the service in church, at which the Vicar (Rev. F. Longworth-Dames) officiated. The office included a more than usually interesting address, and a warm welcome to St. Mary's Church. The organist, Mr. L. Vincent, kindly led the singing and made the service additionally pleasant.

A company of over 80 visited the Church Hall for tea, and enjoyed a splendid meal, superbly served by Mrs. J. Dafters and her committee of friends; the Vicar was at the head of the table.

Mr. J. Dafters introduced Mr. J. Robertson, a life member of the Association, to the members, stating that it was very largely due to the efforts of Mr. Robertson that St. Mary's bells were in such good condition and consequently the ringing was flourishing.

Replying, Mr. Robertson said he was very pleased to see such a gathering at Lewisham, and was encouraged to see so many young people present. It augured well for the future of ringing, and with due deference to his hearers' 'local patriotism,' he contended that, for him, St. Mary's bells were the finest in the country!

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Twenty-four ringers were elected members of the Association and the election of two others was ratified.

A comprehensive report of proceedings at the annual committee meeting held at Maidstone, read by Mr. A. S. Richards, was adopted, with thanks to Messrs. Richards and Dafters for preparing it.

St. Mary's, Hayes, was chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held on April 28th.

The meeting's congratulations were extended to Mr. H. E. Audsley, on his election to the Mastership of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who acknowledged them in a few well-chosen words.

The members also sent to Mr. G. H. Daynes, one of the oldest members in the District, their sympathy and good wishes: Mr. Daynes is the victim of a severe illness.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist, the caterers, and all who had assisted in arranging so happy a meeting, concluded the business.

Further ringing terminated the day's activities.

A. G. H.

THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Continued from page 205)

2. THE AMALGAMATION OF SIX-SCORES

It is assumed that the normal six-scores of Grandsire Doubles are familiar to the reader. Of these there are ten—six of them variations of one basic extent, and the other four variations of another basic extent. They are so well known that we shall not write them out here. The student will, of course, probably have realised hat each of these six-scores is a round block of changes, beginning and ending with Rounds, and it may possibly have occurred to him that six-scores might easily be written out starting from some row other than Rounds. Thus, instead of beginning with 12345 and calling P.B.P.B.P.S., and repeating the calling, he could start from 14532, call P.B.P.B.P.S., repeat the calling and return to 14532, having accomplished a true 120 changes. Or, instead of starting from 12345 and calling S.B.S.P., and repeating the calling twice to return to Rounds, he could start from 14235, call S.B.S.P., and repeat twice and return to 14235. Now to start from 14532 or from 14235 on paper is easy; to do it in the tower is not perhaps convenient. But it is not at all inconvenient or difficult to ring and call one six-score as far as, say, 14235, then from this point use the calling of another six-score to ring round to 14235 again, resuming, at this point, the original six-score and completing it so as to arrive safely at Rounds. In case this is not clear, let us consider an example. Let the conductor call B.P.S.P.B.P. This will bring him in 60 rows to 15342. From this point let him consider 15342 as the beginning and end of a six-score and let him call P.S.B.S., twice repeated. He will then ring 120 true changes and will return to 15342. Now let him resume the calling of the original six-score, calling B.P.S.P.B.P. This will return him to Rounds and he will have rung two six-scores, one fitted neatly inside the other one. Rounds will, of course, have cropped up somewhere in the 'inserted' six-score, but this does not affect the truth of the said 120.

There is space here only for an indication of this method of inserting one six-score inside another. The possibilities of it are immense. The conductor will find by very brief investigation that it offers to him a very large number of callings, with opportunity to vary his observation bells in a way not possible with the standard six-scores. This principle of inserting one extent into another like Chinese boxes is the basis of the Morris and Pitman 240s.

The third matter we have set ourselves to consider is the calling round of the bells, and simple as this is in Grandsire Doubles, it is by no means negligible, for it holds in it the general principle of calling round on all numbers and in all methods.

3. THE CALLING ROUND OF THE BELLS

The general principles of calling bells round are based, on all numbers, on means of causing certain bells to course each other in particular orders. In Grandsire Doubles, to bring the bells round at backstroke 5 must be made to course after 4. This is most easily accomplished by getting 4 into the hunt and leaving it there until 5 has made thirds place. A call at the next lead means that they dodge together behind, leaving only 2 and 3 on the front. At this point, if the conductor wishes the bells to come round he has only to call 2 into the hunt by bob or single (whichever is needed). The bells may, of course, be called round at handstroke, and to do this 4 and 5 must be reversed, 5 being called into the hunt and left there until 4 makes thirds place. The lead-end will then be either 5423 or 5432. In the latter case, seeing that the bells are In Course, a bob at the next lead will produce Rounds at handstroke. The case of 5423 is more interesting. The bells are Out of Course and a single is needed to produce Rounds. A single at the next lead gives the lead-end 3254, and from this point the bells can run a whole plain course and come round at handstroke without any further call.

The calling of Grandsire Doubles into Rounds is thus seen to be capable of accomplishment in a very short time; so short, in fact, that it might seem hardly worth while to offer it to the reader for study. The young conductor should, nevertheless, give the matter careful consideration, for two reasons. First, it is very useful to be able to bring bells round within a minute or so. It makes Sunday service ringing more easy to time, and gives pleasurable opportunities to experiment with callings away from the conventional six-scores. Secondly, the principles of getting 4 and 5 together in plain course order in Grandsire Doubles are no different from those required for the big bells in Grandsire Triples, or Caters, or indeed in any method on any number of bells.

(To be continued)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The nomination meeting of the Society was held at Drighlington on March 24th. This was a joint meeting with the Yorkshire District of The Ladies' Guild.

Shortly before 3 o'clock eight bells were raised in peal and the following methods were rung before the bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m.: Rounds, Stedman, Plain and Little Bob, Double Norwick, Oxford and Kent, Cambridge and Yorkshire.

Tea had been arranged in a nearby café, and at 5 o'clock the company adjourned for a very enjoyable meal.

Ringing followed until 7 p.m., when the business meeting was held, the president taking the chair. The following nominations were received for the year 1956-57: President, Mr. H. Lofthouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Barron, I. Slack, T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Gibson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Hodson; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and C. F. Sutcliffe.

The secretary stated that Leeds Parish Church bells would not be available for the annual meeting of the Society on the last Saturday of April. After some discussion it was finally decided to change the place rather than the date of this meeting. It will now be held at Armley on April 28th.

The vote of thanks on this occasion was left entirely to the ladies, who very pleasantly thanked all concerned with the arrangements for this meeting.

Under any other business an announcement was made concerning the dedication of Sherburn bells, after rehanging on Easter Saturday. An invitation was extended to members of the Society to take part in the subsequent ringing.

During the afternoon and evening some 50 members and friends, representing 19 towers, had once again enjoyed these bells and the hospitality of this tower.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Enthusiastic Meeting at Halifax

Most successful was the first meeting of the year of the Western District at Halifax on March 17th. The bells of All Souls', Haley Hill, were available during the afternoon, and touches in various methods followed in quick succession under the able direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Vernon Bottomley.

The local company had obviously given much thought to the tea arrangements, and the 50 members who had ordered tea were delighted to find turkey and tongue on the menu, followed by home-made cakes and pastries.

The Vicar of Haley Hill, the Rev. E. C. Henderson, joined the company for tea, but was unable to stay to the business meeting. He was welcomed by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson. The Vicar expressed pleasure at seeing so many ringers present, and also said how grateful he was to his own ringers for the conscientious way in which they performed their duties Sunday by Sunday. He added that he thought bellringing was the most important branch of voluntary church work (hear, hear!), admitting afterwards that, being a tactful man, these words were usually amended to suit the particular audience he was addressing!

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the vice-president. It was a pleasure to see Mr. William Ambler, a past District secretary, at the meeting and looking extremely well. Mr. Ambler thanked the local company for their arrangements, and said how gratifying it was to see a former apprentice, after moving to another tower, having made such good progress in forming a new band—it made one feel that one's efforts had not been in vain.

Ten new members were elected: Miss S. Collins, and Messrs. H. Barron, M. Brown, W. Wheatley, J. Crapp, F. E. Waspe, J. N. Parkin, P. Searby, K. Hainsworth and J. Buckley.

The 12 bells of Halifax Parish Church were available for the evening ringing, and as many of those present rarely have the opportunity to partake in 12-bell ringing, rounds were a prominent feature. Touches of Major, Caters and Royal were also successfully brought round.

The next meeting is to be held at Bingley on June 16th, and it is hoped that the enthusiastic support given to the Halifax meeting will once more be forthcoming.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the poor weather on March 24th, many ringers came to a delightful meeting at St. Ippolyts. Ringing started at 3 p.m. and went well until it was time for the service. The Rev. A. A. Symington conducted a short evensong, and Miss Taylor played the organ. After an excellent tea, the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting. The next District meeting will be at Anstey on April 28th, and we hope for plenty of support.

Until recently, the boundaries of the Northern District have not been clearly defined; at present there are 35 ringable towers in this District, including Ardley and Walkern. Aspendon and Aston are definitely in the Eastern District now.

The bells were soon ringing again in many methods, from rounds to London Surprise, and the special method, Hull Surprise. J. S.

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ENGAGEMENT

HARDING—ARKINSTALL. — The engagement is announced between Charles Henry, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. G. Harding, 2, Grange Road, Blunham, Beds, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Arkinstall, 88, The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middx. 8068

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, April 7th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. —A. B. Peck. 8021

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 7th. Committee, Diocesan House, 4 p.m. Tea and general meeting, Diocesan House, 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Alvaston 10.30 a.m. to noon, Cathedral 2.30 to 4.45 p.m., St. Peter's 3 to 4.45 p.m.; 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Buses for Alvaston (40, 41 and 43) ex Market Place.—A. B. Cooper. 8033

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, April 7th. Rampton bells (5) 3 p.m. Service at Rampton 4.15. Tea at Willingham 5 p.m. Willingham bells (6) after tea.—R. J. Housden. 8027

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western quarterly meeting, April 7th, Loughton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 7983

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, April 7th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8007

URGENT NOTICE.—HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and contest at Friezland, April 7th, *cancelled*, owing to lack of entries.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8081

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 7th, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) at Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Business includes nomination of peal secretary, also position of Stanmore band. Ringing also at Much Hadham (8), Little Hadham (5) and Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Standon (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Sawbridgeworth (8) and Thorley (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Lunch (3s. 8d.), Cavalier Restaurant, Bishop's Stortford, 1 p.m.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7994

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Cockerham, Saturday, April 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 8049

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 7th. Bells: St. Margaret's 2 to 3, St. John's 2.30 to 4, Cathedral 3.30 to 4.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Others welcomed to meeting following tea, at which the new president will be elected.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 8019

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston, April 7th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston.—J. Seager, Sec. 8038

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. —Quarterly meeting at Aston on April 7th. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Tel.: SPR 1025. 8012

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Combined quarterly meeting at Westerham, Kent, Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meetings. All welcome—good attendance, please.—P. N. Bond and Doris E. Colgate, Hon. Secs. 7991

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Southwell Minster, April 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, in Trebeck Hall, 5 p.m.—J. W. Raithby. 7989

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Fletching (8) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. 8008

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Tichborne, April 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the School House. 8031

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, April 9th, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.15 p.m., Saturday, May 12th. General meeting, Isleworth—further details later. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8039

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cawthorne on April 14th at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, not later than April 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8077

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Carhampton, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for number notified by April 10th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 8065

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whatley, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8067

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marksbury (6) on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. W. Prescott, Oakleigh, Timsbury Bottom, Timsbury, Bath. 8003

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 8041

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting, Parish Church, Driffield, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Choir Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday to Sgt. T. H. Huddleston, 2, Wansford Road, Driffield. 8078

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Aldford, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) reserved for those notifying by first post, April 11th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 8045

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Alphington, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Thomas', Exeter, available after tea; Alphington not. Names by April 10th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8057

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, April 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 12th to Mr. W. Maughan, 1, Powell Street, West Hartlepool. Method: Erin Triples. 8058

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—April 14th: East Peckham 3 to 5, Mereworth 6 to 9. Tea at Torington Arms, Mereworth. Method for practice, Netherseale. Names to me by 12th. —C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8051

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5.15 p.m. Foxton (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8046

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—April 14th, Stoke Bishop (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Church House, meeting to follow. Important business. Please attend. Note date.—A. Bennett. 8064

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), April 14th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel.: 3936. 8042

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Combined practice, Ledbury, April 14th. Bells available 6 p.m.—J. Ward, Hon. Sec. 8054

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leintwardine on April 14th at 3 p.m. Notify secretary of numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Daviss, 20, Newport Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 8050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 14th, at Shorne (6). Names for tea to me by Monday, April 9th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent. 8024

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Uckfield (8) on Saturday, April 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Weller, 14, Church Street, Uckfield, by April 11th. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Kathleen M. Yeo. 8000

LADIES' GUILD. — Hereford District. — Meeting at Leominster, Herefordshire, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Wednesday, April 11th.—Miss R. Jarrett, 22, Bulmer Avenue, Garden City, Hereford. 8063

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Branch.—Meeting on April 14th at Waltham-on-the-Wolds (on main bus route Leicester–Grantham). Service 4.15. Names for tea to me by April 11th.—L. M. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 8080

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Ulverston Parish Church, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. —N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8056

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8)—official opening after rehanging—3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) to W. H. Ratcliffe, 40, Hope Street, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, not later than April 11th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. F. Turner. 8061

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Crosby, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.20 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea before Wednesday to E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Crosby, Liverpool, 23.—G. I. Howlett. 8072

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, April 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Cafés nearby.—F. Pritchard. 8053

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Chipping, April 14th. Buses from Ribble coach station: 1.38, 3.38. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 8052

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, April 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Room. Names to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock, by 11th.—C. W. Hall. 8014

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Goxhill (6) on April 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 11th to Mr. W. Bramwell, South End, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 8009

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burgh-le-Marsh, Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at White Hart Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 9th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8025

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Barkston (6), Saturday, April 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 9th, to F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. — F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8071

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Snodland on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. All members welcome. Non-members cordially invited to come and help with ringing.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 8059

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Ringing practice meeting on April 14th at Lowestoft, St. Margaret's (8). No business; own arrangements for tea. Bells from 3 p.m.—P. Newstead. 8036

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Great Ryburgh on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 11th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8037

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warkton (5) on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Weekley bells (6) available during evening. Special method: Carter's Principle. Names for tea by April 10th to Miss J. Luck, 40, Broadway, Kettering. 8044

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting at Upwey, April 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow. Names to Mr. F. Virgin, 2, Stottingway Street, Upwey, Weymouth, by April 10th, please.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8055

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th. Service at St. Paul's 4.15. Tea at St. Paul's Institute 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 11th, to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. Ringing arrangements: St. Paul's (10) 2 to 4 p.m. and after tea until 9 p.m., St. Modwen's (8) 6 to 8 p.m., All Saints' (6) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., Rolleston-on-Dove (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m., Winshill (6) 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.—F. C. A. Bennett. 8010

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at South Anston (8), Saturday, April 14th. Names for tea by 11th to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—H. Denman. 8070

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Newmarket (6), on Saturday, April 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 'The Restaurant,' High Street.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8035

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Bosham (6), on April 14th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 8062

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitchurch, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Names by April 10th to Mr. J. Clarke, 8, Firs Way, Oaklands Road, Whitchurch, Hants. 8066

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, April 21st. Details later.—D. E. Beamish. 8073

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 21st, Whickham St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Also presentation to Canon Stephenson. Names to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whickham.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8060

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, April 21st, at Llanfrechfa, near Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by April 18th, please.—Jacqueline Evans. 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 8075

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Aylsham (10) on Saturday, April 21st. Service 4 p.m. Ringing from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, as early as possible, please.—C. Bird, Branch Sec. 8034

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Thame on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by April 17th to H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Tel.: Thame 193. 8047

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 21st, Compton Chamberlayne. Bells (6) 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., and business meeting. Bells available after meeting: Compton Chamberlayne, Fovant (5), also Barford St. Martin. Tea for those who send names by April 17th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8048

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Wrentham (6) on April 21st at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th to R. S. Gayne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 8076

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Oxted, April 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th to Mr. J. Hollands, Dormolleen, Woldingham Road, Oxted. 8069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 21st, Soberton. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. Names by April 17th to Mr. M. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford. 8079

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stowford on April 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 23rd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth 8030

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Prestwich, April 28th. Towers available: Worsley (10), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Philip's, Hulme (8), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 12 noon to 2 p.m., and 7 to 8.30 p.m.; Town Hall (12), 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.; Miles Platting (8), 7 to 9 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in Prestwich Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea at Prestwich Co-operative Society, 5 p.m. (3s. 6d. per head). Names, together with remittance, to Mr. R. Benson, 43, High Bank Drive, East Didsbury, Manchester, 20, by April 25th. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting in Prestwich Co-operative Society at approximately 6 p.m.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 8015

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SOME THOUGHTS ON ST. MARTHA'S

IT IS STRANGE that no letter of appreciation or even comment seems to have appeared in 'The Ringing World' on what to many of us must have been one of the most inspiring episodes of its kind in the history of bell-ringing, namely, the work of Peter Minchin and his colleagues at the Army Church of St. Martha in Korea, as reported in 'The Ringing World' No. 2325 for October 21st, which showed pictures of them hanging small bells in frames which they had built, and told how they had taken on learners to build up a service band.

Here is a case in which a church has been built for special needs in unusual circumstances, and but for the keenness and enthusiasm of local ringers it would have had no sacred music outside its walls as a reminder of man's highest duty—to offer himself in worship before God.

The recent sad loss of Bill Matthew, the radio handyman, brings home to one the common ground which exists in the urge that thousands have expressed in the 'do it yourself' philosophy, and the enterprise culminating in the establishment of a ringable tower thousands of miles away in the Far East. The difficulties of such a task, increased as they were by the isolation and the exigencies of army life, must have been very considerable. Without initiative, without determination and a very deep sense of the value of bells in the life of the English Church, the job could never have been done.

The future course of events at St. Martha's, separated as it is from the rest of the ringing world, must of necessity be somewhat shrouded in uncertainty. But as is the whole Church, the community of the people rather than the bricks and mortar of the building, even so St. Martha's symbolises a community of ringer-handymen whose spirit will survive long after the building itself crumbles away.

Strange though it may be that these events should apparently pass unnoticed, but stranger still that they should have occurred in what seems to be the most remote and unlikely spot in all the world. It is doubtful if ever there was a clearer case of being unable to see the wood for trees. Sapper Peter Minchin, by standing well back—several thousand miles in fact—was able to 'see the wood' and to show that these Ringing Isles are even now bristling with potential 'St. Martha's' which cry out for that spirit of enterprise and sense of the value of bells, and a community of ringers within the Church to ring them.

Let us for a little while stand back in thought with Peter Minchin and his colleagues and view with them the prospect of a potential 'St. Martha' right in our very midst. The one chosen is a new church, one of many that are being planned, built or already completed up and down the country. It is in an area which a short time ago was just fields and hedgerows, and is now being developed under the New Towns Act of 1946. It is what is described as a dual purpose church, consisting in the main of chancel, nave and stage, each section being separated from the others if desired by a heavy screen of the roller blind type, according to whether the building is required at a given moment as a church or a parish hall. This idea in itself, even before we look further at the details of the building and its furnishings, shows how very much alive the Church is to the constantly changing needs of the people. The design is revolutionary and the materials used in its construction are modern, from the nylon curtains to the cellulin floor; from the tubular chairs to the African Agba wood font. All is up-to-date in concept, design and manufacture, except one thing—the bell!

The bell is modern neither in its conception nor in its execution, for it is dated 1793, and was taken from an old church school. But it seems that in some way the architect must have been trying to appeal to what is sometimes referred to as the 'listening public,' only in this case, not perhaps knowing about or caring for campanology, he has appealed to the 'seeing public' by placing an outside stone altar and cross visible from the road.

In his notes on the church the architect says that this outside altar is probably the first of its kind in this country, and is a reminder to those who do not attend church services of the central symbol of Christian worship and, like the wayside cross so often seen abroad, may perhaps have an effect on those who pass by. He also believes that few will quarrel with the view that a new church should be an expression of our own times, and that a style that has lived and died cannot be made to live again! It is natural to wonder whether such an outside altar will in future years come to be associated with a 'pseudo' architecture of the '50s, or can it be taken to foreshadow a gradual change from the audible to the visual aid to worship?

Whenever the question of bells in modern churches is discussed we are always confronted with the apparently unassailable argument that bells are extremely expensive, and with so many other pressing needs it would be quite impossible to include them. The same argument would also seem to apply to such things as four-foot stone walls, lead roofs, stained glass windows and similar features of the ancient parish church. But these we do not find in the modern church. In place of the massive stone font we find a neat wooden one with inlaid copper bowl light enough to lift aside with one hand. Everyhing is designed with an eye to modern needs and produced at a price in keeping with the limited funds available.

As long as we continue to think of ringing only in terms of massive buttressed towers supporting bells whose weights often run into tons rather than hundredweights, we shall certainly never be able to keep abreast of the other developments which are taking place in church architecture. Surely there is a pointer to the right approach in what has been done at St. Martha's—the real St. Martha's in Korea, with its light dovecote belfry and 20 lb. tenor.

By the door is a table. Among the many booklets displayed there is a brochure on the building of this church. In his foreword the priest-in-charge speaks of the growth of a new town as a challenge to the institutions and services of the area in which it develops, and not least among these is the Church. Here may we pause for one moment to consider whether or not the territorial Ringing Associations should be included in these institutions and services. And the answer according to the rules of the five Associations of which I have the reports is, perhaps somewhat surprisingly—No.

It seems that the growth of a new town is not a challenge to us as ringers as regards the installation of bells. Only if such bells be installed by some other body does it become a challenge to us 'to care for those bells, and to establish, maintain and encourage service ringing, and to cultivate the art of change ringing and belfry reform.' The idea of belfry reform in a modern hall-church does seem to raise the question whether there might not be a case for a revision of the rules, but as they now stand the challenge to install new bells comes to us not as ringers but as members of the Church.

There is, however, another institution or service to which this challenge could be a target, namely, our friends the leading bell-founders. With all due respects it is pertinent to enquire if the research departments of the great bellfounding and hanging firms are planning ringing equipment which in design and price can satisfy the present-day requirements of the new churches. There has been nothing lately in 'The Ringing World' to indicate that such work is going on, nor do their advertisements suggest that there is any special urge to capture new markets. The situation in our potential 'St. Martha's' seems to be somewhat like this: We must build a church for £20,000. We can spend so much on this, and so much on that, and so much on the bells.

A nice little ring of six, Mr. Bellfounder, planned for future augmentations. Now what can you do for us?

With copper at over £400 a ton, and tin at about double that price, it is obvious that to meet the situation either the weight of the bells must be very materially decreased from the present norm, or a cheaper substance must be found, or a combination of both factors employed.

With regard to the former. Peter Minchin, besides being an active follower of the 'do it yourself' philosophy is also a bell-hanger by trade. Perhaps he might be able to offer a few useful hints, for he must have almost unique experience in the hanging and subsequent handling of such lightweights. As to the latter. Many long years have rolled by since the days when Naylor Vickers first produced steel bells which, after the inevitable results of rust and scale, 'murder the music of Double Norwich,' as someone once put it. Surely after years of improvements the time must be ripe for re-examining the suitability of steel for bells. The chairman of one of our great steel companies speaks of the constant work being done by their research department on the development of better steels to meet more exacting requirements, and another says that new outlets for alloy steels are constantly being sought.

As we pass on our way we cannot but feel that the Church is answering her challenge to minister to the spiritual needs of the people with what staff and funds she can obtain. And the Church does want us as ringers. No less than three diocesan bishops have recently made special references to this need. But she is interested in ringing only in so far as it aids her in her work. If she finds it cheaper or more expedient to appeal to the eye of the people through an outside altar, rather than to their ear through bells, she will choose the former.

We can see this white altar now, as we go out into the road, and scores of school children in the playground opposite can see it too. But will they ever hear the bells? Will they grow up to regard bells as not of our church—only the old churches have bells—the style that has lived and died and cannot be made to live again?

It is said that an oak tree spends 300 years in growth, 300 at maturity and 300 in slow decay. If there are any who feel secure in the belief that the maintenance of our art at its present levels is sufficient to ensure its indefinite survival, they are deceiving themselves, for it takes no account of the constant increase of the number of churches both here and abroad. When, as is the case, nearly all the new churches are without bells, the effect is a constant watering down of the proportion of churches with bells to those without. And this effect is made even worse by the fact that whereas these new silent churches must necessarily be in new and growing centres, old churches are frequently found in localities from which the population has drifted. This watering down effect results in a kind of inflationary process in which it is necessary actually to increase the number of ringable towers to prevent the gap from widening and to add our own contribution to our heritage to hand on unimpaired.

It must be apparent to all those who have given this aspect of ringing a thought that this is not being done. The restorations and augmentations that have taken place in the older churches have tended to blind the eye to the omissions of bells from the newer buildings. It seems that some obscuring cloud has risen up between the old and the new as happened in the States, where ringing never 'caught on'—a cloud which has already dappled the English countryside with 'Little Americas' as far as bells are concerned.

There is danger here to the Exercise, for like the Roman Empire, it is not inherently immune from decline and fall, and it is certain that if nothing is done to arrest this neglect we shall eventually find that our art, like the oak tree, is slowly and imperceptibly sliding into those last 300 years.

Fortunately there are signs that the danger may be averted if and when it becomes more widely realised. But time is pressing, and the sooner the St. Martha's spirit of enterprise begins to awake the sooner shall we be able to take a greater part as ringers in that rising spiritual wave in which our clergy have expressed their belief. C. E.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Easter Monday, April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27¼ cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	CECIL W. PIPE	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	FRANK E. DARBY	9
RICHARD E. PRICE	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	10
JOHN CHILCOTT	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
*MICHAEL P. MORETON	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST GOWER	*Treble*	*WALTER E. WILKINSON	6
DOREEN DUTTON	2	ROGER LEIGH	7
PATRICIA BOURNE	3	JACK ASHCROFT	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	RONALD KENRICK	9
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Cambridge and Surprise Royal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

No. 313. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*DENNIS SMEDLEY	*Treble*	*H. WAGSTAFFE	6
J. TURLEY	2	D. COOPER	7
R. BULLEN	3	W. ROBINSON	8
†E. A. RAWLINSON	4	G. W. DEBENHAM	9
S. SCATTERGOOD	5	T. J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Royal.

Believed to be the late A. Knights' last composition of Kent Royal, rung for the first time. Has the sixth its extent at home in both positions.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	PATRICIA BOURNE	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	G. ALEX. DIMMOCK	7
DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	8
ERNEST GOWER	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	9
JOHN N. DISERENS	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 14. Tenor 34½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
*MARGARET MILLS	2	†IAN M. HOLLAND	7
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	3	†FRED FISHER	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5	†GORDON K. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 2[illegible] cwt.

*JOHN TYLER	*Treble*	†FRANK A. STEPHENS	5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	THOMAS BOREHAM	7
†GEORGE W. SIMMONS	4	LESLIE BARRY	[illegible]enor

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Simmons, a ringer at this church for over 50 years, and to J. Tyler.

OXFORD.—On April 1st, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. C. Chamberlain (first of Stedman) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, W. F. Judge (cond.) 3, C. Holloway (first of Stedman) 4, C. Coles 5, F. A. Barrett (first of Stedman) 6, E. G. Moore 7, D. O. Wilks 8.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL PAULSON	*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	DENIS GREGORY	6
ALEX. RICHARDSON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. GARRARD. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*ELAINE RICHARDSON	*Treble*	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
NORMAN V. HARDING	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
ROY WITHYMAN	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and sixth, and to Mark H. Whitton, son of the conductor, on his first birthday.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	*JOHN H. BLUFF	5
WILLIAM A. HOLMES	2	RONALD RUSSELL	6
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*WILLIAM R. PARKER	7
*LOUIS WILDERS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Little Bob Major.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Treble*	*RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS	5
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	3	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	7
JOHN HILL	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Cambridge.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
EDWARD G. CURSON	2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	6
SHEILA BARKER	3	CHARLES H. MOORE	7
GEORGE H. MOORE	4	JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
A compliment to Mrs. R. F. Alborough, who on Easter Day completed 30 years as organist at St. Remigius' Church. Also a coming-of-age compliment to G. H. Moore.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

MARGARET PAGE	*Treble*	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*PHILIP N. TUBBS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. E. Daniels and Miss S. Parker on the occasion of their wedding.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

ERIC N. HARRISON	*Treble*	CHARLES McGUINESS	5
*MARGARET GIBSON	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
*GEORGE STEDMAN DEAS	4	†NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells since restoration.
Rung for the joy of Easter.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WM. F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
HARRY POYNER	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
Rung for Easter.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

*G. BARBARA COOKE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY MILLS	5
DEREK TAYLOR	2	†BRIAN N. COOPER	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
RAYMOND JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of Holy Easter.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Four callings (C.C.C. Nos. 73, 74, 58 and 59). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Treble*	*RONALD DAWSON	4
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
*MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	ALEX RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in the method.

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WORMHILL, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3
ALEX. RICHARDSON	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	4
HENRY KIRK	*Tenor*		

The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and tenor conducted ten extents each, and two extents were non-conducted.
First peal of Doubles by all, and on the bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD.. ..	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	2	JOHN S. BARNES	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

ROBIN TREBILCOCK	*Treble*	DAVID C. WOODWARD ..	3
VERNON GREEN	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
The average age of the band is 16.2.
Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

LYMPNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER..	4
DAVID STAPLES	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	MARK W. MARSHALL.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
The first peal on the bells.

TAMERTON FOLIOTT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*DAVID FARNHAM	*Treble*	HARRY HARPER	4
YVONNE PORTER	2	DAVID N. PENROSE	5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY ..	3	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1936.

WATTON-AT-STONE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

PHILIP MEHEW..	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
*RONALD J. SHARP	2	†A. PATRICK CANNON ..	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 300th peal. † 475th peal. First peal on the bells for 25 years. They were last rehung, by Messrs. C. and G. Mears, in 1852.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mitchell 1, G. Mitchell 2, H. P. Schofield 3, J. Schofield 4, A. Jackson (first as cond.) 5. For morning service.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ..	*Treble*	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD ..	4
THOMAS A. A. POTTER ..	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
A peal for Mr. and Mrs. Tony Owen's first wedding anniversary.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DAVID THORLEY..	*Treble*	D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
Rung to welcome Katharine May Thorley.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

DONALD H. METTAM.. ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	*LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Court and three each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

LOUIS WILLDERS..	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	DONALD H. METTAM.. ..	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 13, KNOWSLEY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composition: Trad. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7—8

Conducted by FREDERICK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents.

*WILLIAM LOVE	1—2	WILLIAM H. BARRETT.. ..	3—4
ARTHUR G. BASON	5—6		

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR
In four methods, consisting of 3,040 Plain Bob, 1,000 Little Bob, 832 Double Bob and 132 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 296 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in four Spliced Major methods 'in hand' by all and for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

CHATHAM, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,344 Stedman Triples (Heywood's Variation): H. Springate 1, C. S. Jarrett 2, T. Beaumont 3, F. J. Cheal 4, C. E. J. Norris 5, R. E. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, D. Norris 8. First of Stedman Triples for 6 and 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Day, 480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen Moore 1, John Pannell 2, John Parker 3, James Salmond 4, David Hanger (first as cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for Evensong.

CROYDON.—On April 1st, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss H. Talbot (first of Caters) 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, N. Brown 4, N. Steere 5, G. H. Humphries 6, H. G. Pratt 7, F. E. Collins 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, P. Humphries 10. Rung for the Easter Festival, and as a farewell to the Bishop of Croydon, who preached his last sermon at this service before leaving to become Bishop of Coventry. Also as a compliment to the Rt. Rev. H. M. Harland, a former Bishop of Croydon, on his preferment to the See of Durham.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hunt 1, E. Flintham 2, J. Green 3, R. Bamber 4, J. R. Kemp 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Harold Yardley and Miss Mary Hepenstal, of Aston, Birmingham, on the occasion of their engagement.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Gatward (14) 1, J. G. Cull 2, R. Hand (15) 3, Mrs. H. Price 4, D. C. Price (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, J. Newbold 6. For Evensong. First quarter peal by a local band since the last world war. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—On March 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. N. Dakin (first quarter) 1, W. Dakin 2, W. D. Cheverton 3, P. J. Sutton 4, C. W. Towers (cond.) 5, G. H. Hill 6. Rung half-muffled in tribute to Lord Belper of Kingston Hall, Patron of the Living, who died at sea.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. Baldwin (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Goodship 2, S. J. Orchard (cond.) 3, G. Orchard 4, H. Baldwin 5, A. Sear 6. Rung for Easter Evensong.

MERROW, SURREY.—On March 24th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (two different 720's): Rosamund May (first of Minor) 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, Pamela Warren 4, Gerald M. Battersby 5, John A. Etherington (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor 'inside' for 2, 3 and 5. First quarter of Minor ever rung by a local band. A birthday compliment and farewell to Miss Eva Taussig, who is leaving for Farnborough.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Davies (first quarter) 1, J. W. Carter 2, Miss M. Cass 3, Mrs. M. Merrett 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, Miss E. Young 6. Rung by the local band for Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Gauntlett (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Janet Adamson 3, Sylvia Wickenden (first as cond.) 4, J. C. Birt 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham 7, B. T. Lister 8. Rung for Palm Sunday and for progress. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Gauntlett 1, Sylvia Wickenden (first 'inside' of Minor) 2, Janet Adamson 3, J. C. Birt 4, A. D. Rivers 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1 and 3. Rung for the Easter Festival. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Hussey (first quarter) 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, Mrs. W. F. Butler 3, Sylvia Wickenden 4, Janet Adamson (first as cond.) 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. Rung for the Easter Festival and for progress.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—On March 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rich 1, R. G. Russell 2, G. Mann (13, first quarter) 3, G. Mason 4, M. R. Reed 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Chapman 1, H. Rumens 2, D. Hewitt (first in method) 3, F. C. Maynard 4, A. J. Boyack 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, E. E. Holman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Easter Evensong.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Cosgrove 1, J. Taylor 2, J. Igglesden 3, R. Waterhouse 4, R. Hammond 5, G. Pickett 6, J. Weller 7, D. Matthews 8. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 cover): H. Igglesden 1, J. Taylor 2, J. Igglesden 3, J. Weller 4, G. Pickett 5, R. Waterhouse 6, M. Cosgrove 7, E. Connor 8.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Glanvill 1, H. Burton 2, T. Gooding 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, J. H. Glanvill 5, L. K. Dawe 6, J. L. S. Glanvill 7, J. Gooding 8. For the Festival of Easter.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Hilda M. Kingcott 1, Cyril Lewington 2, Eveline Kingcott 3, Mackenzie Collins 4, John Waters 5, William H. Kingcott 6, Herbert W. Knight 7, Michael Board 8. Farewell to Cyril Lewington, on leaving for the Far East.



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THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 221)

2.—PLAIN BOB MINOR

TO the conductor of Sunday service touches Plain Bob Minor will offer scope for much interesting experiment. The standard extents are well known and are easy to call, and there is a vast collection of 720's from which the conductor may draw when he wishes for something out of the ordinary. We shall, therefore, not spend time on the extents, but shall confine ourselves to the principles upon which shorter touches may be constructed and upon which the bells are called round.

The composing of touches and the calling into rounds depend chiefly upon the ability to make certain bells course each other, and in order to be able to do this the conductor must be capable of something more than just calling from an observation bell according to certain fixed rules. His observation bells, mainly the fifth or the sixth (or both in combination) will, of course, be very important factors in the procedure, but he needs to be free from the necessity of ringing either of these bells to be able to note their relation to the treble and to call them into what positions he will, no matter what bell he is ringing. If he can do this he will be equally at home with his calling whether ringing the observation bell or some other bell; but if his practice has led him no further than calling from the observation bell then his skill is but half formed.

First efforts should be made to call from the second, third or fourth, some simple touch such as the one shown here. It is short and easy, and it provides useful study. The part shown should be called in something like this manner. Watch the third come down in front of the treble and call the bob by noting 3 I. on the front. (Note, if possible, that the fifth makes the bob.) Watch again for the third to come down in front of the treble and call again by noting 3 I. on the front. (Note, if possible, that the sixth makes the bob.) Remember now that a third bob will bring the bells round, and let this remembrance prevent the calling of a third bob. Let the course-end run up neatly, and be ready for Part 2.

	23456
	———
—	23564
—	23645
	34256

Twice repeated

In Part 2 call by watching the fourth come down before the treble, and in Part 3 call by watching the second come down before treble.

The value of calling these simple touches by observing which bell courses in front of the treble cannot be too strongly emphasised. To this observation must presently be added that of noting which bell courses **after** the treble.

The young conductor should note the construction of the simple touch given above. Each part is built alike. The first bob parts the fifth and the sixth, the fifth making the bob. The second bob restores the fifth and the sixth to their plain course coursing order, the sixth making the bob. The touch should also be observed from another angle, in that it provides a short way of producing the three (In-course) course-ends 34256, 42356 and 23456. This means that if in any touch we arrive at 34256 or 42356 we know a simple way to get the bells round. This bit of elementary knowledge should be stored in the conductor's mind or in his notebook.

The other way of producing the three course-ends 34256, 42356 and 23456 is well known, and consists in calling 5-6 home three times. The first part of the touch is shown here, and the aspiring bob caller should consider by what means he will ensure that he calls his bobs at the right lead. To attempt to count the number of leads is far too precarious a plan, and one that will sooner or later deceive him. It is, indeed, possible to call this touch by learning what one bell (either 2, 3 or 4) does at each bob, but this pins the caller to one bell and is the very negation of the practice he is trying to give himself in calling from a non-observation bell. By far the best plan is to base the calling upon the principle of watching the sixth (and the fifth, if possible).

	23456
	———
	35264
	56342
	64523
	42635
—	42356

It should not be too difficult, whichever bell is being rung, to see when the sixth makes seconds place. It is when the sixth comes down in front of the treble, and that should make the matter easy. Now commonsense will insist that the bob cannot be called at the next lead, for at this lead the sixth is following the treble down and would run in if a call were put. The lead following is clearly the one for the bob, and, indeed, the conductor, ringing either 2, 3 or 4, will have little doubt, if he watches carefully, that both 5 and 6 are safely tucked away up behind, clear of any impact of the bob.

The above doubtless seems very elementary, but the secret of confidence and happiness in calling Plain Bob Minor is found in a secure handling of these very primitive phenomena.

Let the conductor master the calling of the two touches already examined, and let him be capable of doubling these touches by two singles, doing these things from the non-observation bell, and it may be said that he is not far off the pleasure of being able to twist the bells about just as he wishes and of calling them into rounds just when he likes. For note this: The calling of the bells into rounds consists chiefly in getting 5 and 6 into plain course order if they happen to be parted. If they are not parted, then, as the above touches show, rounds can be reached in not too great a distance of time.

Our immediate consideration must be the question of getting 5 and 6 together if they are parted or are reversed. The latter point should be noted, for there are two chief ways in which 5 and 6 may vary from the plain course order: 1. They may not be coursing each other: 2. They may be coursing the opposite way from the plain course, that is, with 6 coming to lead after 5. Let us consider how, in each of these contingencies, we may get 5 and 6 into their plain course partnership.

If 5 and 6 are parted there are two simple ways of getting them together:—

1. Call the fifth to run out until the sixth dodges in 5-6 up. (It cannot possibly require more than two bobs: the reason for this must be left for the student to find out by pricking for himself.)
2. Call the sixth to run in until the fifth makes a bob. (It cannot possibly require more than two bobs, and once again the student should prove this statement by use of pencil and paper.)

Examples of both these processes are given below:—

Plan 1	Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 2
42563	26543	36542	42563
26435	64235	64325	26435
63254	43652	— 64253	63254
35642	35426	— 64532	— 63542
— 35426	— 35264	43625	34625
— 35264	56342	32456	42356
56342	64523		
64523	42635		
42635	23456		
23456			

After some brief study of the above the student may take any random row that has 5 and 6 apart, and proceeding on Plan 1 or Plan 2, may get the fifth and sixth together. In the examples given, the rows after the tenors have come together have been pricked as far as a course-end, and the following important facts should be noted. In Plan 1 the tenors come together near the beginning of a course; in Plan 2 they come together near the end of a course. This may give certain advantages in the use of Plan 1 if we are anxious to get the bells round very quickly. To this point some attention will now be given.

Examine again Plan 1. When the tenors finally come together (and are heard and seen to go behind in partnership) the position is this:—

0 5 0 6 0

which means that if the bells are in course the lead we have arrived at is bound to be 35264 or 45362 or 25463. Now 35264 is the plain course and the bells will run home in four more leads. From 45362 or from 25463 the bells may be put into the plain course in a very short time by the use of Bobs Before, that is, calling bobs for the sixth to run out, and the fifth to run in.

The process is shown here and will, with a little care and practice, be found very simple. The conductor must, of course, be able to recognise the plain course when he reaches it, and he must make up his own mind as to his best plan for carrying out this indispensable piece of identification. The lead-end 56342 is a well-known one, and the beginner should lose no opportunity of familiarising himself with the sound of it and with the order (3—2—4) in which the little bells come to lead.

45362	25463	
56423	56234	
— 56234	— 56342	
— 56342	64523	
64523	42635	
42635	23456	
23456		

However clear the above explanation may be, the earnest inquirer is bound sooner or later to remark that instead of 35264 or 45362 or 25463, the calling together of 5 and 6 might (and, indeed, would if the bells were Out of Course) produce 35462 or 25364 or 45263. If this should be so it is evident that a single is needed somewhere. Where shall it be put? One could, of course, let the bells run on and call a single at the course-end, that is, where 5-6 dodge together behind. This would produce either 23456 or 42356 or 34256, and the conductor knows, of course, from his previous study, how to get the bells round easily from 42356 or 34256.

The experienced conductor will, however, be able to make a short cut. Having got to 35462 or 25364 or 45263, whichever it may be, he will proceed to call Bobs Before until 56432 comes up, **because 56432 is only the plain course with 3 and 4 reversed,** and a single at the course-end brings rounds.

The three possibilities are shown below. From 45263 nothing is required but a single at the course-end. The figures of the other two explain themselves and the process.

45263	25364	35462
56432	56243	56324
63524	— 56432	— 56243
32645	63524	— 56432
S 23456	32645	63524
	S 23456	32645
		S 23456

Mention has been made earlier of the possibility of 5 and 6 varying from their plain course order by being reversed. In this situation 5 will be found to be coming to lead in front of 6, and when the two bells go behind they will strike 6-5 instead of 5-6 at backstroke. Should 5-6 be thus reversed no amount of calling the sixth to run in or the fifth to run out will avail to bring them together the right way. One of two things will have to be done. Either they must be parted by some convenient means or else a single must be called when the two bells are Before. This latter plan is the sim-

plest and by far the quickest, for it turns 5 and over 6 immediately.

In the example shown 5 and 6 are reversed, and when the Before is reached the position is 65000 instead of the plain course 56000. If a single is now called instead of 5 running out and 6 running in (which would preserve the inverted position), 5 makes seconds and 6 makes thirds, and the two bells are the right way round.

46352
65423
S 56234

It is not, of course, desirable to have 5 and 6 reversed in Minor, for the music in that position is inferior and not greatly admired. It may happen, nevertheless, that in the course of experimental callings the conductor will, voluntarily or involuntarily, get 6-5's at back-stroke. If this should happen he need have no difficulty, as the above note demonstrates, in getting the two bells right again.

Enough has now been written, it is hoped, to guide the aspiring conductor in—

1.—Calling from a non-observation bell;

2.—Calling the bells round from any position.

Armed with this knowledge the student should be in a position to experiment freely in calling, both in the standard touches and extents, and also, what is more to the point in these articles, in the practice of calling bobs at random and then bringing the bells home at will. It is in the latter procedure, possibly, that the greatest entertainment is secured. No lists of rules have been given here, but general principles have been exposed and explained. Final success must rest on abundant paper work and bold experiment in the tower.

This section concludes on a slightly heretical note. The Central Council will not recognise peals of Minor rung with a covering tenor, and it may, therefore, seem in doubtful taste to mention such a possibility. But there are bands who, in Sunday service touches, for some reason or other, do occasionally ring Plain Bob Minor on seven bells. Where this may be done it is not without interest to remark that 3-5 Behind is similar in musical value to 4-6 in Triples, and 6-3 is similar in musical value to 7-4 in Triples. The construction of touches of Plain Bob Minor to be rung with a covering tenor may therefore follow a slightly different plan from those made for ordinary Minor ringing and the musical effects of 3-5 and 6-3 Behind are by no means to be despised.

(To be continued)

QUARTER PEALS

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Challen 1, Miss E. Everest 2, Miss A. Millam 3, R. Challen 4, Miss J. Pike 5, W. Hargreaves 6, P. F. Romney 7, T. Drinkwater 8. For Confirmation service.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bardley 1, C. W. Ottley 2, J. A. Hales 3, E. E. Holman 4, F. Ranson 5, P. J. Hutchings 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. Eggleton 1, W. Lee (cond.) 2, Mary Hobbs 3, H. C. Jones 4, R. Woodruff 5, D. Harding 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Morlock 4, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 5, G. A. Lucas 6. In memoriam John Huckell, a faithful member of this church, also churchwarden for 30 years.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

For the first time in its history the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held a meeting at Shareshill on March 24th. Situated midway between Wolverhampton and Cannock and lying half a mile from the main road, Shareshill manages to preserve its rural nature and quiet, together with a sense of remoteness.

In his address at the service the Vicar of Shareshill, the Rev. A. Walkerdyne, mentioned that all that now remained of the church built in the 15th century was the tower.

The pleasing light ring of six bells is rung from a very small ringing chamber, but as this opens out to the gallery, ample room is thus available for those awaiting their turn to ring. Mr. H. Butler and his young band made the visitors very welcome and they are to be congratulated on the arrangements they made for this meeting, including a bountiful tea served in the village school. The attendance of 65 included a good proportion of young ringers.

At the business meeting after tea it was decided to send a donation of £4 4s. to Bow Bells Appeal Fund and another of £1 1s. to St. Modwen, Burton-on-Trent, Restoration Fund.

The next meeting of the Society will be the joint meeting with the Midland Counties Guild and Shropshire Association at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th. F. C. A. B.

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BELFRY

Listeners to the B.B.C. programme 'Gardeners' Question Time,' to be broadcast in the North of England Home Service on April 15th will hear a certain band of ringers in the background 'pricking out the seedlings.' Only five 'perennials,' two 'biennials' and two 'seedlings' were present, which may account for the varied 'spacings.'

'The seating arrangements for the homeward journey by coach looked rather like the result of a well-organised matrimonial agency,' writes a North of England correspondent in describing his branch's second annual outing on Easter Monday.

The six bells of Pilton, Somerset, have been retuned, hung on ball bearings and the third recast. A big assembly of ringers is expected for the rededication ceremony on April 21st. The Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister, president of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, is Vicar of Pilton.

St. Mary's, Twyford, Berks, held their second annual outing on Easter Monday. Towers visited were Marshfield (Glos); Swainswick; St. Mark's, Lyncombe; St. Michael's and St. Paul's, Bath (where the best ringing of the day took place); St. Mary's, Bathwick; Bathampton and Bathford.

Miss Florence C. Brown, of Melbourne, writes in 'The Ringing Towers,' the journal of the New South Wales Association, of her experiences while ringing in England during the past year. She has rung in 50 towers, and writes: 'Wherever I have gone I have had the same welcome that seems part of the Exercise itself—if you can ring, 'Catch hold'—and no matter how little your experience the rest of the band will ring with you, helping you and guiding your path with a word, a beckon, a smile or a nod.'

GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. P. L. Taylor, of Loughborough, upon his selection as president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Other officers elected at the annual meeting were: Vice-presidents, Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. P. A. Corby; hon. general secretary, Mr. B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester; hon. peal secretary, Mr. S. Burton; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Miss E. Bate, of Handsworth, Sheffield, is the new hon. secretary of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild. She succeeds Mrs. E. D. Kelly, who has held the office for 21 years.

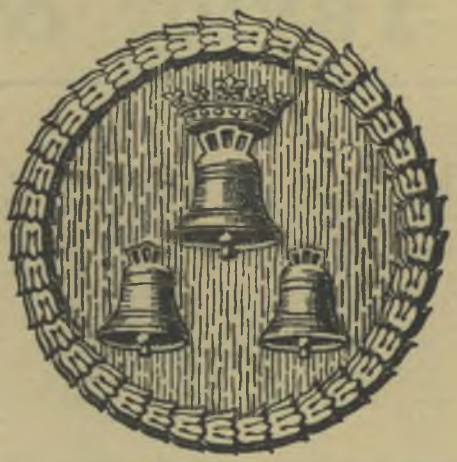
News to hand last week-end was that Mr. W. H. Hewett, who is in St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, is 'improving very well.' He finds it difficult at the moment to write and answer letters he has received, but will do so later.

Mr. Ernest Morris rang his 1,600th peal at Thurcaston, Leics, on April 3rd. There are only three ringers who have previously reached the 1,600 mark—W. Pye, 1,969; G. R. Pye, 1,878; and F. Bennett.

Miss Barbara Mitchell arrived home on leave from the Persian Gulf on Easter Saturday. She is hoping to ring her 100th peal during her holiday, having at present 97 to her credit. She scored her 98th (London Surprise) at Willesden on April 5th, and her 99th (Cambridge Surprise Major) at St. Albans on April 7th for the Ladies' Guild.

Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, writes correcting the footnote to the peal of Minor in seven methods rung at Bosham (page 196). He points out that it was not the first peal in seven methods rung at Bosham (page 196). He points Minor in seven methods was rung on July 16th, 1904, conducted by Mr. George Williams, in which Mr. Bennett took part.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY



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ANOTHER LONDON INSTALLATION

At the Church of St. James, Prebend Square, Islington, there is a ring of six bells (tenor 7 cwt.) by Warner. These were regularly rung up to the outbreak of the war, although nothing advanced was ever attempted. The bells were hideously noisy in the street below and complaints were fairly frequent. Still, as is usual in such cases, nothing was done, and eventually the war stopped ringing altogether. Since the war there has been no local band, and very occasionally visiting bands arrived to perform. For some years a ringing parson was the incumbent, but the best in the way of assistance that the local Association could attempt was to ring a peal there, causing more antagonism. (The committee of welcome waiting outside the tower is still a vivid memory in some people's minds.)

The last time these bells were rung was on May 15th, 1954, on the occasion of the return of H.M. The Queen after her tour abroad; shortly after, the bells were condemned as unsafe and the tower given over to the birds. It is worthy of note that the bells had, some years ago, been rehung on ball bearings.

The writer was informed that the bells were to be retuned and rehung and the old ringing gallery restored. This, however, appears to have fallen through, as the cost was beyond all possible consideration, and a record player has now been installed and the ringing fittings removed. I have heard of many towers where these players have been fitted, but it seems the height of tragedy to install such an apparatus over the top of six perfectly good bells.

What, however, is most annoying, is the fact that the recordings (about a dozen are provided) are apparently being made for the company by various groups of ringers. What hope have we of stamping out this pernicious fraud when our own members are actively assisting the enemy? E. J. R.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

This is the second number of present quarter of 'The Ringing World.' Postal subscriptions are due and new readers will be welcome. A prompt renewal saves hours of work on our small staff. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

LIVERPOOL FAREWELL TO MR. P. W. CAVE

The members of the Liverpool Parish Church Society of Bellringers have been sorry to say goodbye to Mr. P. W. Cave. Percy Cave has been connected with St. Nicholas tower ever since 1924, except for a few years in the 1930's, when his business took him to Derby. Since 1952, when the new bells were hung and the band reconstituted, he has been Ringing Master. Many peal boards in the tower testify to his enthusiasm in pre-war days, while since 1952 he has brought the band up to peal-ringing standard in Stedman Cinques quicker than most other men could have done. Now his work has again called him away from Liverpool, this time probably for good, and he is to settle at Beckenham, Kent.

On Sunday, February 12th, he was presented with a pipe and tobacco as a small token of appreciation from the St. Nicholas' ringers. The previous day the ringers of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association (of which the was Branch secretary) had presented him with a brief case.

On Easter Monday there was a farewell of a different kind when, after meeting short for Cinques, a good peal of Stedman Caters was rung. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Nicholas', with the exception of Alan Cave, Percy's son.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Arrangements for Whitsun

LORD MAYOR'S RECEPTION

Members are invited to a reception to be given by the Lord Mayor of Leicester in the Town Hall at 5 p.m. on Whit Tuesday, May 22nd. Invitations will be sent out only to those who apply to:—

Mr. Paul Taylor,
The Bell Foundry,
Loughborough, Leics.

Applications must be made **by May 1st.** It will not be possible for more than two tickets to be sent to any one member.

RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been arranged:—

Whit Sunday, May 20th.

A half-day tour with ringing at Market Bosworth (8), Chilvers Coton (10), Hinckley (8) and Claybrooke (8) for Evensong.

The coach will leave the Council's Headquarters, The Bell Hotel, Leicester, at 1 p.m. Tea has been arranged at Hinckley. The coach will return in time to ring after service at the Cathedral and St. Margaret's, Leicester. The charge, including tea, will be 10s. 6d. per head.

Whit Monday, May 21st.

A full-day tour of Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland, leaving the Bell Hotel at 9.30 a.m. The tour will include visits to Loughborough, All Saints' (10), Melton Mowbray (10), Bottesford (8), Grantham (10) and Oakham (8). Lunch at Melton Mowbray and tea at Oakham. The coach will return about 8 p.m. for a special evening at headquarters. The inclusive charge for the day tour will be 26s. Applications for tickets for the above tours should be made as soon as possible, accompanied by remittance, and in any case **not later than May 5th,** either to Mr. B. S. Payne, 10, Woodgate, Rothley, Leics, or Mr. S. Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Applications for peal attempts should be sent to Mr. S. Burton (address above).

Details of other ringing will be published later.

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 17 Societies are still outstanding (in one case for two years) and these should be forwarded without delay.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

A CORNISH WEDDING

Taylor — Carveth

On Easter Monday the little Church of St. Cuby, Kenwyn, Cornwall, was packed to capacity for the wedding of Miss Judy Ann Carveth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. N. Carveth, of Truro, with Mr. Brian Samson Taylor, elder son of Mrs. E. L. Taylor, also of Truro. The bride, charmingly arrayed in white, was given away by her father, who, with his daughter, is a ringer at Kenwyn Church.

A full choir was in attendance and after the singing of 'The Lord's My Shepherd' the happy couple left the church to the accompaniment of rounds and call changes on the bells.

After a sumptuous reception at the Red Lion Hotel in Truro, the couple departed by road for London and thence by air to Spain for the honeymoon.

Later in the day an excellent peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on Kenwyn bells in honour of the event by members of the local team. Taking part in the peal was the bride's brother, Alan Carveth, who is president of the Truro Guild. R. A. S.

MISS PATRICIA AYRIS MARRIED

Miss Patricia Joan Ayris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ayris, of 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Oxon, who is in charge of the sales section of the Central Council Library and an honorary member of the Council, was married on March 24th to Mr. John Gordon Steeples, only son of Mr. F. T. Steeples and the late Mrs. Steeples, of Launton. Miss Ayris played hockey for Oxfordshire in 1951. She rang her first peal at Caversfield for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.; she has taken part in two television performances and four sound broadcasts with the handbell ringers of St. Mary's, Launton.

The ceremony was performed at St. Mary's Church, Launton. The bride was met at the church door by the choir (of which she was a member), and the ceremony was performed by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant), with Miss E. Sharpe as organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length taffeta gown with fitted bodice trimmed with diamante, full-length veil, and carried a bouquet of deep red carnations. Her bridesmaids were Miss Veronica Ayris (sister) and Miss Doreen Timms (cousin), and Mr. M. W. Spencer was best man.

At the reception at the Village Hall handbells were rung by the Misses S. Gilpin, S. Clarke and E. Sharpe and Messrs. S. Holtom, C. Kinch and F. Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Steeples' address is Hall View, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, and orders for Central Council publications should be sent there.

WEST DORSET SECRETARY MARRIED

The picturesque old village church at Netherbury, Dorset, was an ideal setting for the wedding of two local ringers on April 2nd. The bride was Miss Edna G. Russell, of Netherbury, who is hon. secretary of the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild, and the bridegroom Mr. Edward Pannell, of Beaminster. The ceremony was choral and the officiating clergy were the Rev. P. B. May, Vicar of Netherbury, and the Rev. J. S. Arthur, M.C., Vicar of Beaminster.

The bride wore a full-length white satin dress with a three-quarter length veil held with orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of red carnations and white freesias. She was attended by two bridesmaids, who wore cyclamen pink figured taffeta dresses with juliet caps to match.

As the couple left the church in brilliant sunshine the bells were rung by the Netherbury band. The reception was held in the Village Hall and among the many guests were ringing friends and members of Toc H. Prior to cutting the cake the bride and bridegroom, with Mr. J. T. Barrett, rang a course of Grandsire Doubles on a set of handbells that have been in the Pannell family for generations, although they have recently been recast. Mr. and Mrs. Pannell had a rousing send-off as they left for their honeymoon.

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GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE, BELLS REDEDICATED

The weather was on its very best behaviour on March 17th, when the bells of St. James', Gawsworth, were rededicated. The visitors were delighted when they found that the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Clarke) had laid on a running buffet tea in his charming Rectory. The ring has been rehung in the original oak frame with new wheels, clappers, ball bearings, etc., by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Gawsworth Church, situated about three miles from Macclesfield, is well known for its picturesque setting and the many features of historic interest which it contains. Amongst these are the bells, some of which contain bell metal from the 15th century. There were three bells in the tower as early as 1549, and a treble was added in 1614; this bell appears to have been cast at home by Sir Edward Fytton, Lord of the Manor.

Over 150 years elapsed before any further alteration was made to the bells, and then, in 1776, after this long period of apparent discordancy, the four were sent to Gloucester, where Thomas Rudhall recast them into a ring of five. (Perhaps hung in one of their 'off the peg' frames.) The next change came as a result of the third bell parting from its bearings and breaking, in 1850. The curate-in-charge at the time promised a sixth bell if the parish would recast the broken bell; this work being entrusted to C. and G. Mears and completed in 1857.

So the restored ring remained until 1889, when the parish magazine stated that: 'The fifth and tenor are very seriously cracked, damage has been done to the second and third which has injured their tone. The treble is unmusical in character, while the fourth is an excellent bell and will not be recast but will be taken to London and the other bells tuned to its note.' Surely this was not the work of the Grandsire band of the 1870's? For restoring the bells once more and hanging them in a frame for eight, the sum of £250 was paid to Mears and Stainbank, and in 1890 the ring stood as follows:—

Treble.—'Make a cheerful noise unto God. 1857—1890.'

Second.—'Peace and good neighbourhood. 1776.'

Third.—'Mears and Stainbank, London. Ring out the false, ring in the true. 1776—1890.'

Fourth.—'C. and G. Mears, London. 1857.'

Fifth.—Ring every bell and sweetly tell That Christ hath conquered death and hell. 1776—1890.'

Sixth.—'I to the church the living call, And to the grave do summon all. 1776—1890.'

The empty spaces in the frame were filled in 1907, when the ringers raised the necessary £90. These two remaining bells were cast and installed by the Loughborough Foundry, this being the last visit from the bellhangers until the present time.

Peal boards in the ringing chamber record the ringing in 1870 of 1,870 Grandsire Doubles (in 'excellent Stile'); the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Minor, in 1904; and the first on the eight bells, Grandsire Triples, in 1909. Altogether 13 peals have been rung on the bells, the last one being rung in 1939. Incidentally, although the first peal board records the tenor as being 18 cwt., it is, in fact, approximately 11 cwt.

In Edwardian days this was the leading tower of the district, probably through the influence of the Lomas family. In 1913 a band composed entirely of members of this family rang a 'peal,' probably Grandsire Triples, as a farewell to one of their number who was emigrating to Canada. However, as this was not published in a ringing journal it is thought that it was only a part peal, but still quite an achievement. Subsequently Mr. Andrew Lomas became a leading ringer at Vancouver Cathedral, and when he died, a few years ago, his ashes were flown to England and buried under the yew tree at the foot of Gawsworth tower. A band of ringers has been formed for this tower, which has been 'stoney' for several years due to the bad state of the bells, and is now progressing very well.

The church was full to capacity for the service, which commenced at 3 p.m. and was conducted by the Rector. In rededicating the bells, the Rural Dean of Macclesfield, the Rev. Tom Clarke, president of the local branch of the Guild, was acting for the Archdeacon, whose illness prevented him from attending. The Rural Dean, in his address, said that: 'In these critical days the Church needs the bells more than ever to ring out a call,' and said that in this calling the 'ringers were at one with the clergy.'

The opening rounds were rung by Miss May Lomas, Charles W. Lawton, Arthur Baxter, Miss Mary Worth, Harry Lomas, Harold C. Lonyon, Barry Corbishley and Alan A. Potts. The opening touch was Stedman Triples, and afterwards the bells were ringing until 9 p.m., with ringing to suit all tastes, from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. Visitors included Mr. J. W. Clarke (Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild), the Rev. J. Kingdon (Guild secretary) and others from Glasgow, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, Shropshire and several Guild branches.

Altogether, a very successful day. B. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

The Kent Branch had a lovely day for their meeting at West Malling on March 17th, where 19 ladies and a few gentlemen gathered for ringing ranging from rounds to Stedman Triples.

An enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar, who, in his address, stressed the great importance of regular Sunday service ringing. The ringers then partook of a very satisfying tea, which was followed by the business meeting, where several new members were elected and other matters of general interest were discussed. After the usual votes of thanks the ladies returned to join the gentlemen for further ringing. M. R. A.

Western Branch

The annual meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild took place at Corston, near Bath, on March 10th. Good use was made of this light ring of eight before the service, which was immediately preceded by an all-ladies' touch of Stedman Triples ably conducted by Miss B. Johnson, of Bristol.

After a somewhat unusual service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Tunwell, tea was taken in the Church Hall, and whilst the ladies were at their business meeting some of the gentlemen nobly gave up their ringing and tackled the washing up!

The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. H. Knight from the vice-presidency, a position she has held for a good many years. The new officers are as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey; hon. secretary, Mrs. de Jong; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Johnson and Miss Williams.

The next meeting is to be held at Witheycombe Raleigh, near Exmouth, on June 9th, and the usual coach will run from the Bath-Bristol district. Other towers available will be Heavitree and Clyst St. George. The September meeting will be at Melksham, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

M. J. de J.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Manchester Ringers in West Yorkshire

The Manchester Branch held its second annual outing on Easter Monday, when 28 of the 'junior' members (average age 21 years one month) set off by coach to visit five towers in West Yorkshire.

Marsden (10, 16¼ cwt.) was surprisingly reached half an hour ahead of schedule, and the local inhabitants were roused rather early in the morning to standard methods on this grand ring. After observing the good 'go' of the bells, 10 of the 12 lady ringers took the opportunity to ring a few rounds 'unassisted.'

Several members just managed to finish their breakfast on the way to the second tower, Huddersfield (10, 23¼ cwt.), where a funeral delayed the start. Quite early the treble suddenly went up at back stroke and refused to come down again, leaving its somewhat bewildered ringer swinging on the rope. This restricted the ringing to the back eight, and Double Norwich proved to be the most successful method.

After lunch came Ossett (10, 27¼ cwt.), a really fine ring, where unfortunately the striking did not do full justice to the bells. Once again the ladies managed to ring the 10 bells on their own, and Little Bob Royal seemed to be the method of the moment. The fourth tower was Tadcaster (8, 20¼ cwt.), and here the standard of striking was much better. The ladies, by now in fine form, rang a touch of Stedman Triples, which was found to be the first occasion on which the eight bells at this tower had ever been rung by ladies.

The main tower of the day, Leeds (13, 42¼ cwt.), came after tea. Mr. Ronald Dove met the party. Stedman Cinques unfortunately came to grief, but Kent Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Caters went quite well. Once again the ladies, undaunted by the tenor weight, took over for a few rounds on the 12, and to finish the day's ringing the males rang a course each of Double Norwich and Stedman on the back eight.

Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers at the churches for having their bells in readiness for us, and also to Joan Cordwell and Alan Ward, who organised a very enjoyable outing. D. O.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Record Gathering at Woburn

A very successful meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Woburn with 74 ringers attending on March 31st. At one stage the fairly large belfry was so tightly packed that it was only with difficulty that one could enter or leave. Mr. H. D. Harris, tower captain here for nearly 60 years, remarked that it was the largest gathering that he had seen here.

Tea was arranged in the Town Hall by a lady member of the local band, after which the Vicar (the Rev. T. N. Gunner) spoke a few words of welcome and invited all to join him at Evensong, which they did. Miss E. Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, and Mr. B. Grainger, a local ringer, read the lessons. After the service ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Ringing included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol and Spliced Surprise. K. G. S.

'I believe it is no longer true, if there ever had been any truth in the statement, that the youngster of to-day is not interested in ringing.'—Mr. R. O. Fry, general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, in reporting a record membership of his Association of 1,600 at Taunton.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mrs. Chamberlain (March 23rd) raises a question of concern to all ringers at meetings; particularly those sufficiently experienced to stand in whatever method is rung, whom she considers selfish. While one can only sympathise with her in her unfortunate experiences, I think she is quite mistaken in attributing the cause to selfishness. Most ringers, I am sure, would feel it selfish on their part to monopolise the ringing by doing too much and keeping others out. So it is only natural that after a course in some advanced method, the band as a whole will sit out and leave the ropes to others. A difficult position may then arise if the remainder do not form a strong enough band to ring the bells properly; nor is it always possible for the Ringing Master to strengthen it by asking some of the weaker members to stand down in favour of others, as this may cause offence.

In my opinion the average experienced ringer does go to meetings with the idea of helping others; he knows also that he can get much more. and better, ringing by standing in peals. At the same time he has a right to expect that some of the ringing at meetings will be of the best order possible. I would suggest to Mrs. Chamberlain that next time she is disappointed she goes to whoever is acting as Ringing Master and asks for what she wants, pointing out, if need be, that the band needs to be strengthened—and I am sure she will get what she wants.

The eastern part of Hertfordshire has, in the past, produced some fine bands, including that under Squire Proctor at Benington, which I consider must rank as one of the finest of all time. Of late years ringing has been through a somewhat lean time in this district. Recently, under a very enthusiastic non-resident secretary. there has been a revival. During my year as president of the Association I have been to several of these meetings and have been impressed by the number of young ringers present and the general enthusiasm shown. On each occasion I have felt that the meeting has been well managed and successful, in that as good a turn as possible has been afforded to all classes present. C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

THE SILENT BELLS OF SWAFFHAM

Dear Sir,—I visited my birthplace, Swaffham, Norfolk, this past summer, after an absence of 27 years. I was most disappointed at not hearing the Swaffham bells—not even a chime did I hear! It was a shame. Hearing the bells was something I had dreamed of for years; they played such a big part in my childhood, and the enjoyment of which I was deprived last summer by 'no bell ringing' was frustrating. Why should Swaffham be without ringers? The small town of Caston, in Norfolk, has a team. The population of Swaffham before the war was approximately 3,000, and Caston, at this time, is only about 400. It is hard to believe that tiny Caston has it '**all over**' Swaffham.

In a couple of years I hope to return to Swaffham. and I truly hope I shall have the belated pleasure of hearing 'the bells.'—Yours truly,

ELIZABETH G. FREESLAND (MRS.).

Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.

Mr. J. Alsop is the new Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

The tenor at the Cathedral of St. Mary, Basilica, Sydney, is 25 cwt. and not 15 cwt. as given on p. 185.

ANOTHER HOME FOR IMPERIAL INSTITUTE BELLS SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—So Mr. Stote would present the Imperial Institute bells to the Church of St. Mary le-Bow! This might be a fine gesture if Her Majesty, whose personal property they are (as a columnist in the 'Sunday Times' recently pointed out) chose to let them go there. I would suggest they would be better in another Royal tower, the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle. The tuneless old bells there would be better in a museum—they are too old to be destroyed. Windsor Castle is a national shrine and worthy of a ring of bells as glorious as St. George's Chapel, under whose authority the Castle bells are rung.

Most of us have learned from hearsay of the excellence of the Institute's bells, as of those at Westminster Abbey, but how many ringers have ever had first-hand experience of the grandeur of either ring? Novices apart, no ringer is barred from ringing the Castle bells, and if the Institute bells were removed to Windsor they would not be subject to the London 'closed shop' custom.

Not knowing the facts, one cannot open a discussion on this subject. Perhaps that old evil, paid ringing, has something to do with it; but the Castle ringers are paid, too! I cannot help feeling that, until there is perfectly free intercourse between all ringers and towers in the country the territorial Associations and the Central Council have not done all they should in promoting goodwill among ringers.

The Imperial Institute's, and other privately-owned rings of bells, are, of course, in a peculiar position, and one has no **right** to ring them, but most of these are not 'closed shops.' Not being in the possession of the Church places them in a different category from the Abbey bells, and there seems to me no valid reason why any church officer (which is what a ringer is) should be denied access to any church belfry. Even village choirs are invited to sing in their Diocesan Cathedral. One would hardly expect a village chorister to take a place in the cathedral choir, but surely a cathedral chorister of equal ability and experience could do so. Why should not the same courtesy and honour be accorded to any experienced change ringer? As far as my experience goes this 'closed shop' practice exists only in London, or perhaps I am misinformed.

I am not in favour of Mr. Stote's suggestion. Few ringers, I am sure, would support the idea of placing an alien ring in Bow tower, adding two trebles and passing them off as Bow Bells. Both ringers and public would prefer to contribute towards a new ring, Bow Bells from birth.

Judging by the violent public reaction to the proposal to demolish the Imperial Institute it would appear more likely that its bells will stay where they are. But Mr. Stote has staked his claim, so I have made mine! Would anyone else like to claim a nice ring of bells if they become homeless? But please remember they are the Queen's, and that many ringers' hearts are yearning for them!—Yours truly,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

BOW BELLS — SUBSCRIBERS' PRIVILEGE

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that all Associations and Guilds are being asked to subscribe to the Bow Bells fund, it would be of interest to many, I am sure, to read in the columns of 'The Ringing World' whether or not the subscribers will be allowed to ring on them when they are rehung.—Yours sincerely,

KENNETH G. SPAVINS.

Woburn.

SOME TIPS ON THE CARE OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is surprising when reading your journal to hear so little about the engineering side of bellringing, which is obviously taken for granted in these days of self-aligning ball bearings, etc., that perhaps a few tips that I have learned may not prove amiss.

In the course of carrying out some general maintenance and 'servicing' on the six bells at SS. Peter and Paul's, East Harling, I found that the advice given to us by the bellfounders —John Taylor and Co.—was helpful and correct, but I also pass on a few things which we were not told about.

Cleaning grease, dust and dirt off the bell itself was found to be most efficiently done with petrol, after preliminary scraping. The improvement in tone was so noticeable that parishioners remarked about it. The plain bearings were also cleaned with petrol. Congealed muck found inside is due to mixing of motor-car oil gear oil and vegetable oil. Once clean, new wicks are easily made and castor oil (veterinary, not N.H.S.) should be used. This retains high surface tension at all temperatures likely to be encountered when ringing at speeds of up to 40 r.p.m. It is ridiculous to use an oil designed for high speed revolutions as such oils only give of their best when very hot. We were most surprised at the improvement in 'go' of the bells when castor oil was used.

Do not forget the clapper bearings. These are usually steel on lignum vitæ or a soft metal. It is less formidable to drop a clapper than at first supposed. 'Plus gas' solution will free rusty staple bolts and nuts and it is wise to replace split pins with new ones.

On iron frames it is advisable not to tighten the frame bolts excessively as the old iron types soon shear off.

Pulley shafts are often neglected, and this is surprising as the central pin is easy to withdraw and lubricate.

Last, but not least, a well-made stay carefully fitted and properly adjusted well repays time spent on it—especially the Hastings type. Go to it now—Spring is here.—Yours faithfully.

PAUL JONASON.

East Harling, Norfolk.

FIRST PEAL ON 12 IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on peal ringing in Ireland in a recent 'Ringing World.' We have a peal board in our ringing room recording a peal of Grandsire Cinques, rung on Saturday, January 14th, 1911, in 3 hours 50 minutes. The footnote on the board reads as follows: 'This is the first peal on 12 bells ever rung outside England. Composed and conducted by G. Lindoff.'

Richard R. Cherry, former Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, who gave the two new trebles, rang the 11th, and the present president of our Society, R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (Peace Commissioner), rang the tenth.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. WILSON, Hon. Sec.,
St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

Dublin.

SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir.—I read with interest, a little late, perhaps, the leading article by Mr. W. Birmingham (March 9th issue) and feel it partly concerns me. I agree with what he says about getting recruits, the way to teach them and hold their interest, but what do we do when all these efforts fail? Space is too limited for me to explain the reasons why our service ringing is of such a short duration, but isn't five minutes' well-struck changes better than half an hour's 'rough music'?—Yours, etc..

EDGAR C. BELSON.

Nettlebed, Oxon.

FAMOUS PEAL RINGING TOWERS

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AFTER nearly two years, we come to the final article in this attempt to survey the activities of peal ringers in all parts of the country and the world over the past 75 years or so. From the amount of correspondence it has produced, I think (and certainly hope) the articles have not been without interest to many ringers and I would like to take this opportunity of saying once again that I shall always be very pleased to help compile tower lists of peals, etc., and put my records at the disposal of anyone requiring the kind of information they can give.

I now have tabulated under their various towers (about 4,350 of them) roughly 94,000 peals rung since 1881 together with over 3,000 rung before that date. I believe I have collected the majority of the latter—but the search still goes on there. If my estimate that there were about 5,000 peals rung before 1881 is correct (and I believe it is a good guess), it would mean that this year at some time and somewhere, the 100,000th peal will be rung (I am talking of tower bells, of course—there have been about 8,000 handbell peals rung also). Only 2,100 or so of these have been rung outside England (most of these in Wales). Now for some further information about one or two items.

First of all, the number of peals rung in the different counties. Without any doubt the first prize for most peals goes to Kent, where over 6,700 peals have been rung. This total is 1,000 more than its closest rival—Lancashire, whose total is about 5,700. Suffolk and Yorkshire have totals about the same with Suffolk probably just ahead. The number here is around the 4,800 mark. Surrey has 4,600 approximately, and then Middlesex, with round about 4,200. Sussex has just under this total, then follow Essex (3,900), Leicestershire (3,800) and Staffordshire (3,800). All these are approximate totals, of course, and refer to the time when the particular article on the county appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Then a note about 'unconquered' towers. Liverpool Cathedral is the one 12-bell tower still needing a peal. All the 160 or so 10-bell towers have had one or more at some time in their history (St. Andrew's Norwich, not in the past 75 years). There appear to be 35 8-bell towers still virgin territory, nearly a quarter of them in Devon. This is not many out of the total of nearly 1,600. About one-fifth of the 6-bell towers have still to have a peal (nearly 500 out of 2,600 approx.). A large number of these are also in the West Country. Just over half the 5-bell towers have still to record their first peal—about 550 out of 1,050 or so. These figures show that more than four-fifths of the churches with rings of bells have been visited by peal-ringing bands, which is quite a good proportion, even though it leaves plenty of scope still, especially for the experts on five and six bells.

I now give a list of towers in order of numbers of peals. The totals include **all** the peals I have been able to trace from such towers, not only those since 1881—so numbers will be different from those which have appeared in the county articles. All towers which have had more than 150 peals are included, and there are 79 of them. Altogether, 17,954 peals have been rung in these towers—nearly one-fifth of the country's grand total. This is a very high proportion considering (as I have said above) there are about 4,350 towers which have had peals. Here, then, are the 79 in order of peals:—

Loughborough Bell Foundry	625
Crayford	514
Erith	507
Birmingham, St. Martin's	354
Brighton, St. Peter's	330
Burton-on-Trent, St Paul's	326
Willesden	323
Warnham	320
Crawley	316
Beddington	308
Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower	306
Guildford, Holy Trinity	301
Leiston	301
Hughenden	298
Ashtead	293
Debenham	293
Bushey	265
Appleton	257
Birmingham Cathedral	257
Framsden	255
Chesterfield	253
North Stoneham	249
Lewes	248
Duffield	245
Helmingham	239
Aston-juxta-Birmingham	235
Drayton	234
Hazel Grove	232
Irthlingborough	228
Southwark Cathedral	228
Bristol, St. Stephen's	226
St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate	226
Brierley Hill	223
Walsall	215
Fulham	214
Nuneaton	209
Henley	207
Bolsover	207
Worsley	207
Lambeth, St. John's	206
Redenhall	204
St. Clement Danes'	203
Hethersett	202
Woolwich	197
Edmonton	196
Isleworth	194
Dartford	193
Lewisham	191
Leicester Cathedral	190
Loughborough, All Saints'	190
Newcastle, St. John's	190
Norwich, Mancroft	189
Pulham, St. Mary Magdalene's	187
Frodsham	186
Dudley	185
Walthamstow	185
Diss	181
Romford	181
Pulford	176
Pulham, St. Mary-the-Virgin's	173
Painswick	173
Westminster, St. Margaret's	171
Bethnal Green	170
Wolverhampton, St. Peter's	168
Steyning	167
Ashton-under Lyne, St. Michael's	166
Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter's	164
Kidderminster	164
Chester, St. Mary-within-the-Walls	163
Birmingham, Bishop Ryder's	161
Heene	156
Ipswich, St. Margaret's	156
Stanstead	155
Gravesend	155
Caversham	154
Manchester Cathedral	154
Prittlewell	154
Netherton	152
Stepney, St. Dunstan's	151
Deane	147
Hyde	147
Sheffield Cathedral	147

Thus of the 12-bell towers, St. Martin's, Birmingham (as will be expected), has had most peals. Of the 10-bell towers, it is Loughborough Bell Foundry, or (as far as churches are concerned) St. Peter's, Brighton. Crayford leads the way in the 8-bell towers. No 6-bell tower appears in the above list but, as I have said on one or two previous occasions, the lead here is held by the only centenarian 6-bell tower—Thornham Magna, with 136 peals.

Ringers in the 6-bell and 5-bell towers might like to have a list of those with most peals. Those with over 50 peals amongst the 6-bell towers (after Thornham Magna) are:—

Croft	97
Wickham Skeith	93
Lamberhurst	92
Hanley Castle	90
Darlington, Holy Trinity	86
Wistaston	81
Biddenham	74
Horsmonden	73
Limpsfield (Chart)	73
Apsley End	72
Little Munden	69
Stisted	69
Wrentham	69
Isham	68
Blaxhall	67
Bunwell	67
Disley	67
Silk Willoughby	67
Wollaston	67
Killamarsh	65
Gamston	63
Deeping St. Nicholas	61
Halsall	60
Hasketon	60
Wissett	60
Hitcham	58
Cranford	57
Harrold	56
Madresfield	56
Willington	56
Sproughton	55
Bobbing	53
Sutton	53
Burgh	52
Stretton	52
Stapleford	51
Angmering	50
Davenham	49
Peterborough, St. Mary's	48

Five-bell towers with double figures are:—

Warkton	32
Barton Segrave	29
Pytchley	22
Whitney	17
Weston Favell	15
Oakley	14
Dalby Magna	13
Grafton Underwood	13
Hutton	13
Keresley	13
Kirby Muxloe	13
Easton Maudit	12
Orlingbury	12
Roade	12
Bramfield	11
Rumburgh	11
Little Glemham	10

And so this series of articles is ended. I hope they have been of use to many ringers. May I finally acknowledge once again the debt I owe to Mr. Dove and his book the 'Ringers' Guide,' without which it would have been almost impossible to have attempted my self-appointed task.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. P. E. Clarke (first quarter) 1, T. Jervis 2, A. B. Clarke 3, T. Briggs 4, D. Edwards 5, L. Witten (cond.) 6.

PRODUCING PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' concerning the production of peals from certain 'blocks' prompts me to make a few observations.

It is possible to take a simple extension in certain Treble Bob Major methods and further extend them to produce peals of 5,000 and upwards. In certain methods these peals are easier to produce than Bob Major.

There are 22 11-course extensions with the sixth in 6 on the simple (complete course) extension plan, each one being capable of producing innumerable peals.

With a simple extension two things are obvious:

(i.) No 'ordinary' proof is required as the courses used are shown in the course-ends.

(ii.) The sixth being 'at home' throughout, no 'internal' falseness can occur in methods that have f.c.e. that does not have the sixth in 6 (e.g., f.c.e. 24365, 32465, etc., etc.).

The inversions M.B.W. or W.M.B. can be used, according to circumstances, in methods like Yorkshire, Pudsey, Superlative, etc., to supply the missing course-end (in the case of an 11-course extension) and the remainder 'inflated' by further extension to produce the desired lengths.

Scores, perhaps hundreds, of peals in various methods have been 'composed' on this plan, and a scrutiny of the Yorkshire Association reports over, say, the last 20 or 30 years will reveal quite a few, many being by the composers mentioned by Mr. W. Barton in his letter.

My object is not to belittle the peals of these composers, two of whom it was my privilege to know personally, but merely to point out that such peals may be produced ad nauseam by applying the principles given above.

The advantages of using the inversion given here is twofold:

(i.) Any part of the course used is visible at the course-end.

(ii.) It keeps the sixth out of 5ths.

The first point makes proof, both ordinary and internal, merely a matter of scanning the course-ends; the advantages of the second are, I think, self-evident.

The above principles may be applied to extensions of less than 11 courses: perhaps the following may serve as an example of the application of these principles and a clarification of what I have already written (which admittedly is somewhat hotch-potch!).

Take the following nine-course extension:

23456	W	H
42356		—
34256		—
25346	—	—
32546		—
53246		—
24536	—	—
52436		—
45236		—
23456	—	—

The intention being to turn it into a peal of, say, Yorkshire.

Between the 4th and 5th 'Homes' insert W (3H) M and B. This gives:

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
34256				—
25346			—	—
32546				—
54326			—	—
35426				—
43526				—
53624		—		
53246	X			—
24536			—	—
52436				—
45236				—
23456			—	—

This achieves the object of giving us the 6th the extent in 6. No ordinary or internal proof is required beyond comparing the course ends. The fact that the 6th has never been in 5ths or the 2nd in 6ths practically eliminates 'internal' proof.

The remainder is simply 'inflation'—a horrible modern word—care being taken to keep the peal as musical as possible.

5056 Yorkshire

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
34256				—
25346			—	—
32546				—
54326			—	—
35426				—
43526				—
53624		—		
53246	X			—
24536			—	—
52436				—
63425		—	—	—
46325				—
34625				—
62345			—	—
36245				—
23645				—
64235			—	—
26435				—
42635				—
62534		—		
45236		—		—
23456			—	—

As can be seen from the brackets, a little thought can make a decent peal (5th and 6th extent in 6ths, 2-3 never in 6).

Hundreds of such peals can be, and no doubt have been, composed.

I may, in conclusion, point out that many peals of Surprise have been produced as simple extensions. The principle is the same: cutting out the necessity for long and laborious proofs whilst at the same time producing musical peals.

—Yours very sincerely,

H. CHANT.

QUARTER PEALS

EDENSOR, DERBYS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of College Exercise Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise): A. Richardnson 1, G. H. Paulson 2, W. A. Smith 3, H. E. Taylor 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, Rev. G. G. Graham (cond.) 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—On April 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, A. Truman 2, W. Howe 3, Miss M. Mundy 4, R. Truman 5, F. Wills 6, E. W. Biffin 7, F. Wreford 8. For Evensong on Easter Day.

HARLOW TOWN, ESSEX.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Little (first quarter) 1, S. Clark 2, W. Wheeler 3, Mrs. Jackson (first quarter) 4, E. Elliott 5, J. Stowell 6, R. Young 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Mrs. Jackson, who is leaving the district.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sarah Scruby (first quarter) 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Laura M. Beeney 3, Kathleen M. Yeo 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, F. H. Beeney 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Hazel N. Craven (first 'inside' to Grandsire Doubles) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, D. H. Paine 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, A. H. Craven (first in method) 6. Rung for the Festival of Easter.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester (12) 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, W. Girling (14) 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. First quarter by 2 and 4.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Davies 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, Miss J. Spurgin 5, S. T. Hume 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, L. D. Mills 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Mills 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, A. W. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, Miss E. Cansdale 5, L. D. Mills 6, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 7, S. T. Hume 8. For Evensong.

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, Mary Barlow (first quarter) 2, D. Smedley 3, L. Barlow 4, K. Rutland 5, L. Hemstock 6, A. B. Cooper 7, J. Saxton 8.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (rung on the back six): J. Poynter 1, Miss B. Downing 2, T. Sparkes (cond.) 3, D. Raxter 4, J. Lyndon 5, G. Rawlings 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—At the Church of St. George, on Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, E. Baldwin 2, L. G. Wegg 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaffo 5, C. W. Toyne 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, J. McCluskey 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. George Halksworth, ringing master at Doncaster, 1903-1938.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Greenaway (first quarter) 1, E. C. Leigh (first in method) 2, E. J. Jenner 3, D. E. Leigh (first in method) 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. Shepheard-Walwyn. Also on Mar. 20th, 450 Plain Bob and 750 Grandsire Doubles: N. Greenaway 1, E. C. Leigh 2, E. J. Jenner 3, D. E. Leigh 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6. First in two methods by all the band. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Shepheard-Walwyn as Vicar of Rosherville.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (containing 50 Singles, 35 Bobs, with only 5 Plain leads): W. D. Ashdown 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, W. Seldon 3, B. Pidgeon 4, E. E. Retter 5, D. Callard 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,320 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 600 Kent Treble Bob): J. J. L. Gilbert 1, C. Rusby 2, H. D. Holland 3, J. S. Segar 4, H. Rusby 5, I. M. Holland (cond.) 6.

PLYMTREE, DEVON.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, O. Griffen 2, C. Webb 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Brewin 1, R. Wilmore 2, G. M. Brewin 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, P. Plowright 5, M. Westbury 6. For Confirmation service

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Wellock 1, J. A. Robertshaw 2, P. F. Windley 3, W. B. Kirby 4, H. Spencer 5, G. W. Frayne 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. A tribute to George Halksworth, former member of this tower, and for 54 years a member of the Y.A.C.R., who died March 19th, aged 90.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, C. T. Hillis 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, R. J. Carlton 5, J. R. Cooper 6. For morning service. Also 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, C. T. Hillis 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, D. Staples 6. For Evensong.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Susan Moore (first quarter) 1, Marjory Twells 2, B. M. Buswell 3, C. Hammond 4, P. M. Giles (first as cond.) 5, C. A. White (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Hammond.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor: F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 1, Monica Howard 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, G. Coussins 5, A. Hartley 6. Rung on St. Patrick's Day.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK R. BORRETT

An Appreciation

With the passing of this great ringer on February 27th the Norwich Association lost one of its greatest ringers, as his peal total of 614 for that Association will testify, and the greater number of these he conducted. He was one of the few remaining links with the vintage years of the Norwich Association.

He was a man with a personality—was very sparing with words and had a very dry sense of humour: as an example of his brevity the first time I heard from him, a postcard in March, 1910, which read: 'Saxlingham, 29th, 3 p.m., Stedman.—F. R. B.' That peal was rung.

One had really to know him to appreciate his qualities; he loved his ringing not alone for its own sake, but as a staunch churchman, as a personal service to his church. He was also a lover of church music and his criticisms of this, as with ringing, were terse and to the point.

Ideas and theories of his own he had in plenty, and often expressed them in a practical way; one of his contentions was that ringing long touches was the only way to make a young ringer into anything of a striker. This theory was not always popular, more especially when it was put into practice at meetings, but nevertheless there is a lot to be said for it.

He was a cousin of Charles E. Borrett, for many years the popular secretary of the Norwich Association. His brother, Egbert Borrett, was associated with him in a great number of peals until leaving the country in the early part of the century.

Should much like to tell some stories of F. R. B., but space will not permit. B. S. T.

MR. G. W DIXON

The sudden death in hospital of Mr. George William Dixon, of East Harling, Norfolk, on March 26th, in his 67th year, came as a shock to the local band.

Although he never graduated to change ringing, 'Will' Dixon was a regular Sunday service ringer and sidesman for many years. His fine, upright figure, white hair and imperial moustache made him unmistakable as a man to be respected. He could 'blow' the tenor behind to a nicety and was always willing to let a younger ringer take his place if need be.

Unfortunately failing health over the last two years restricted his ringing, but nevertheless he came with the touring company on Christmas Eve last and assisted in touches in eight different churches in the course of a strenuous three hours.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife, son and sister. Half-muffled ringing was carried out by the East Harling company after the funeral. P. J.

In Memoriam Quarter Peals

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in 20 methods, being 120 each of (1) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (2) Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham S.C.; (3) St. Simon's and Rugby S.C.; (4) St. Nicholas' and Longford S.C.; (5) Westminster II. and Chesham; (6) New Bob and Itchingfield S.C.; (7) Reverse Union and Bedfont S.C.; (8) St. Martin's and Slapton S.C.; (9) St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Merton S.C. and Slapton S.C.; (10) Winchendon and Thornborough S.C.; and 60 of St. Simon's (66 changes of method): F. W. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, B. B. Dibben 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Ewart Greaves, many years churchwarden at Itchingfield.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,840 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Doris M. Killingley 1, C. J. Herbert 2, T. Cooke 3, M. P. Hammond 4, E. P. Rock 5, P. Wishart 6, T. M. Cox 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Wilfred Addison, captain of St. Paul's, Thornaby.

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ENGAGEMENT

HARDING—ARKINSTALL. — The engagement is announced between Charles Henry, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. G. Harding, 2, Grange Road, Blunham, Beds, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Arkinstall, 88, The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middx. 8068

MARRIAGES

CHAMPION—MAXWELL. — At St. Cuthbert's Church, Dunoon, Argyll, on April 2nd, 1956, Colin James, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Surrey, to Myrtle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Maxwell, Caerlaverock, Argyll Street, Dunoon, Argyll. 8127

MALLETT—MUNDY. — At St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on April 2nd, 1956, by Rev. J. P. Henton and Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, Mariella to Norman. Future address: 98, Alphington Road, Exeter. 8083

MUNDAY—RAWSON. — On Wednesday, April 4th, 1956, Ernest John, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Munday, of Rogate, Sussex, to Monica Anthea Ann, daughter of the late Capt. G. Coulthard Rawson, of Horley, Surrey, and of Mrs. G. Coulthard Rawson, of Horsham, Sussex. 8124

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The future address of Mr. H. Denman, from April 5th will be 2, Askham Road, Rockley, near Retford, Notts. 8071

The address of A. Edwin Hoare is now 41, Lynton Road, South Chingford, E.4. Correspondence for All Hallows', Tottenham, to W. J. A. Dutton, 738, High Road, Tottenham, N.17. 8082

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MISCELLANEOUS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — The monthly practice for Saturday, April 21st, has been cancelled.—P. Newton. 8111

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whatley, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8067

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marksbury (6) on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. W. Prescott, Oakleigh, Timsbury Bottom, Timsbury, Bath. 8003

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Alphington, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Thomas', Exeter, available after tea; Alphington not. 8057

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—April 14th: East Peckham 3 to 5, Mereworth 6 to 9. Tea at Torington Arms, Mereworth. Method for practice, Netherseale.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8051

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5.15 p.m. Foxton (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8046

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 14th, at Shorne (6).—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent. 8024

LADIES' GUILD. — Hereford District. — Meeting at Leominster, Herefordshire, Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss R. Jarrett, 22, Bulmer Avenue, Garden City, Hereford. 8063

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Branch.—Meeting on April 14th at Waltham-on-the-Wolds (on main bus route Leicester–Grantham). Service 4.15.—L. M. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 8080

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Ringing practice meeting on April 14th at Lowestoft, St. Margaret's (8). No business; own arrangements for tea. Bells from 3 p.m.—P. Newstead. 8036

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Practice, South Stoke, Saturday, April 14th, 3.30; Goring 6 p.m. Kemp's bus leaves Reading Station 2.50 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 8095

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warkton (5) on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Weekley bells (6) available during evening. Special method: Carter's Principle. 8044

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting at Upwey, April 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8055

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitchurch, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. 8066

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, April 19th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common, 7.30-9. Learners and visitors especially welcome. Next business meeting June 9th.—P. J. Hutchings, Dis. Sec. Tulse Hill 0800. 8113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Portishead, April 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8115

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Acton, April 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 18th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8100

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, April 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by 18th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8122

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, April 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business. Bells until 8.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 17th, please, to F. C. Lyne, 107, Shipston Road, Stratford-on-Avon.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8097

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 21st, Whickham St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Also presentation to Canon Stephenson. Names to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whickham.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8060

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8096

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting at Brockworth, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by April 18th, to R. G. Corby, 2a, Innsworth Lane, Longlevens, Gloucester. 8084

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Haresfield (6 bells), April 21st, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Notify for tea April 17th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 8110

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Beckley, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by April 18th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 8087

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 8094

HEREFORD GUILD. — Ross District. — Meeting at Much Marcle (6), April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names, by April 18th, to M. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow. (Coach leaves Royal Hotel, Ross, 2.30 p.m.; when ordering tea please state whether seat required.) 8107

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Wheathampstead, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8104

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, April 21st, at Llanfrechfa, near Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by April 18th, please.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 8075

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8098

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5 (cups only). Business 6. N.B.—Note change. —J. Thornley, Sec. 8121

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting at Groby (6) on April 21st. Ringing at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea to reach me before Wednesday, April 18th, please, at 117, Church Lane, Anstey.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8102

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Saddington, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Queen's Head.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Next meeting at Corringham on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—George L. C. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8091

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District—Programme April: Quarterly, Walthamstow, Saturday, 21st, St. Mary's (10), 3-5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, 6 p.m. Business in belfry and further ringing. Learners' practice, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), Wednesday, 25th, 6.30–8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.—L. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 8108

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary's and All Hallows' (10) after. Names for tea, by Thursday, 19th, please, to W. N. Genna, 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow, Middlesex. Tel. Byron 5197. 8088

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Aylsham (10) on Saturday, April 21st. Service 4 p.m. Ringing from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, as early as possible, please.—C. Bird, Branch Sec. 8034

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Thame on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by April 17th to H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Tel.: Thame 193. 8047

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on April 21st at 6 p.m. —B. C. Castle. 8093

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Sulgrave, on Saturday, April 21st. Please notify not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 8112

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bozeat, Saturday, April 21st. Names early.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8106

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, April 21st, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells will rededicate the bells, St. John-the-Baptist Church. The bells (6) have been retuned, hung on ball bearings and the third bell recast. All ringers will be most welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 21st, Compton Chamberlayne. Bells (6) 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., and business meeting. Bells available after meeting: Compton Chamberlayne, Fovant (5), also Barford St. Martin. Tea for those who send names by April 17th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8048

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Next meeting, Everleigh, April 21st. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8126

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Wrentham (6) on April 21st at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th to R. S. Gayne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 8076

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Oxted, April 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th to Mr. J. Hollands, Dormolleen, Woldingham Road, Oxted. 8069

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), April 21st, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by April 11th, Mr. E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 21st, Soberton. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. Names by April 17th to Mr. M. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford. 8079

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion, Wraxall, April 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying by April 20th.—P. Gardner, 37a, Tyntesfield Park, Wraxall. Phone Flax Bourton 334. 8116

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, April 24th. —William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Som. 8105

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District — Meeting at Arkesden (6) on Saturday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Green Man Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8109

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stowford on April 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 23rd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth 8030

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Ospringe, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea (with cash, please, 2s. per head), not later than Wednesday, April 25th, to Mr. F. C Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8114

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Heanor, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Trent bus No. 55 or 55A. All welcome.—V. H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 8092

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Meeting at Hayes, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Names for tea, by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8089

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court Cafe, only to those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank. Business meeting, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements at Cathedral and other city churches. 8101

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk, April 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Names for tea to me by April 26th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 8119

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Advance notice. — Meeting, Birmingham, May 5th. Further details later. 8123

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Ringing Festival at Carlisle on Sept. 15th. All Associations within reach invited. Particulars later.—J. W. Brownrigg, Sec. 8086

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RINGERS' DOUBLE FEATURE

I WENT to the cinema this week to see 'Quentin Durward' in glorious Technicolor and wide screen, with a largely British cast of actors. Some preposterous episodes in the story are acted with assured gusto by talented humorists Robert Morley, George Cole and Wilfred Hyde White, while the more romantic figures, Kay Kendall and Robert Taylor, do their best to remain serious.

The glorious extravaganza culminates, apart from some ensuing underhand diplomacy and the inevitable love conciliation, with a fight in a belfry, Quentin Durward and Count de la Marck swinging ape-like across the void clinging to bell ropes and slashing at one another, while the bells overhead clang sonorously and a conflagration blazes beneath. The bells do not sound like a modern casting, but whether appropriate to Liège in the 15th century is a nice question. Moreover, I have a fleeting impression that the frame and hanging were modern—being interested in the plot one tends to miss the technical details. Perhaps someone more observant will be able to confirm this. Rich though the film is, it is hardly worth another special visit. But if anyone is going and wants to see the bells scene round twice, he should go in about 15 minutes before the film ends.

Was it some design of the cinema manager that provided a 'second feature' that night, a British film entitled 'Doublecross'? The tale was thin, an affair of escaping spies, told with the lack of tautness and introduction of rambling by-play that betrays a second rate film. Acknowledgment to the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the film's opening credit titles aroused interest at once, and the bells this time were handbells, a team practising change ringing in the local pub (where better?). This had the slightest connection with the plot. There the village ringers were practising Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, while alongside treason was discussed in undertones. The ringing was crisp, but to expect professional actors to synchronise their hand movements was perhaps too much. (It was amusing to note the 'U.A.' straight-up-and-down style.)

To a bell-ringer in the audience the effect was disconcerting, bells all over the shop, flapping up and down, sometimes in the middle of the previous change, yet the sound coming fairly even. Later in the film a similar practice is held with one regular man short (away on a clandestine voyage) and a novice substituted. What follows must be unique in cinema history. Handbells in films are rare enough; a handbell practice course breaking down in the way we all know so well is delightful. Break down it does. The novice (local policeman) brought in as substitute just is not good enough and admits so. The ringing fiasco is nicely managed.

Who, I wonder, coached the professional actors? Who recorded the sound? Could some member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild tell us more about the circumstances?

R. B. M.

CONFIDENCE IN YOUTH

A CONFIDENCE that modern youth is interested in our art is firmly subscribed to by Mr. R. O. Fry, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which with 1,600 members is the largest diocesan association in the country. In the country branches in particular he finds that more young people are coming forward. There is nothing wrong with the attitude of youth to-day towards ringing. Mr. Fry's printed report makes interesting reading, and those who have recently contributed to our columns on training young ringers will not fail to give heed to this secretary who, although young in years, has already proved his worth as a successful instructor. He writes:—

> 'Whenever and wherever I hear that old familiar "We can't get young people to take up ringing these days," my first reaction is to have a look at the tower-master and the way he carries out his duties, and all too often the reason for the empty tower and the bells hanging silent becomes immediately evident. Those of us who have been appointed by our incumbents to the position of tower-master must always remember that honours and privileges always bring with them added responsibilities, and that it is our duty to see that there is ever a steady flow of beginners into our belfries, and that the bells upon which they learn to ring are kept in good going order.'

This accent on youth is also referred to by the Master (the Rev. M. B. St. L. Hurst-Bannister). Imploring patience with beginners, he writes: 'Older ringers must be prepared to sacrifice their own ringing to help the learners, that is to say ready and willing to ring "Rounds" and "Queen's" when perhaps really wanting to ring something more advanced. Do not make the learners feel that they are unwanted, a nuisance or put up with on sufferance as a possible source of usefulness at some future date.'

Youth of any age is always seeking for adventure, and our art provides abundant opportunities to satisfy this craving. Good luck to Bath and Wells and its youth.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	JOHN WALDEN	8
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	JOHN FREEMAN	10
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	RALPH EDWARDS	11
GEORGE H. RANDLES	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PARSONS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM DAVIES	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
*ALAN G. FOSTER	2	*STELLA HUGHES	8
*STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	*P. GEORGE GOLDER	10
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5	†BARNABAS G. KEY	11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Maximus. † 300th peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

TEN BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

*GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	*Treble*	ALAN P. CAVE	6
†JOHN NELSON	2	ERNEST F. BENNETT	7
LESTER L. GRAY	3	JOHN E. SPICE	8
THOMAS LEE	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
JOHN N. BROWN	5	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

*ALAN PENDLEBURY	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	3	IVOR R. NICHOLLS	8
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	A. NEVILLE BROWN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for the celebration of Eastertide.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

JAMES B. MORLEY	*Treble*	*CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	6
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	2	*C. JACK GIBSON	7
*BETTY SYRETT	3	*REGINALD J. DARCH	8
*E. AUSTIN HEAD	4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	9
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	5	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal on ten bells.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. K. Brady 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

GWEN I. RUSBY	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	*JOHN E. COOK	8
DENIS A. FRITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	9
H. LESLIE PASK	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. V. PEARSON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Oakham Royal.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ANN BARR	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal in the county.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*R. ROGER SAVORY	7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
†ADRIAN TUMBER	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London Royal. † First peal in the method.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

T. MARK WHITE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	2	†GEORGE E. EVENDEN	7
JOHN HILL	3	‡WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	8
GORDON P. T. PETERS	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
JOHN N. DISERENS	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Royal.
A wedding compliment to Mariella Mundy and Norman Mallett.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

LEONARD W. CONDUCT	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	5
*WENDY FOULGER	2	PAUL RIGBY	6
H. DAVID HOLLAND	3	WILLIAM C. RHODES	7
J. WILLIAM HOVEY	4	*HAROLD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES R. TAYLOR	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	6
*ERIC SHARP	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	7
*STEPHEN IVIN	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
This peal was rung to celebrate the conductor's election to an Open Scholarship in Classics at Merton College, Oxford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
A PEAL OF 5088 INGARSBY SURPRISE MAJOR

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 6). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Dorchester with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	PETER NASH	5
*PETER R. SANDERS	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
GEOFFREY K. DODDS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob on the bells.

RIPPONDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY	*Treble*	FRED PRITCHARD	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	*GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
*DEREK SANDERSON	3	IVAN KAY	7
†MRS. G. S. MILLS	4	JOHN T. WALMSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung half-muffled to the glory of God and the Church triumphant.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD H. SMITH	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*ROBIN G. LEALE	4	*ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.
A 27th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the ringer of the second.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	†GEORGE FRANCIS	6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	†W. LESLIE WELLER	7
*RICHARD WILSON	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method and 25th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's, No. 2. Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	*PETER J. COLES	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*MARY LAWRENCE	4	STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	DAVID N. PENROSE	6
BRIGHID M. SIMPKIN	3	HARRY HARPER	7
ARTHUR F. BURLEY	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by D. W. BEARD. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
Composition now rung for the first time.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss J. A. Carveth and Mr. B. S. Taylor at Kenwyn this day.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. A. SIMPSON	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. FOSSEY	5
*MARGARET E. HILL	2	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
JAMES H. PAILING	3	ALLAN SIMPSON	7
MRS. M. I. PAILING	4	*THOMAS O. GREASLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Salter.

NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD POPE	*Treble*	*BRIAN R. MYLES	5
†LLEWELYN J. SLY	2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	6
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	7
THOMAS F. STONE	4	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. P. Wilson.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
*ROBIN G. LEALE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
DAVID R. REED	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

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TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

James W. Jones	Treble	Thomas Gwilt	5
James Corbett	2	*Robert E. Tallis	6
Vincent A. Hemming	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Gerald C. Hemming	4	†Basil Tison	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*Ernest F. Payne	Treble	Royston Wilmore	5
*B. Stedman Payne	2	Geoffrey J. Lowe	6
Geoffrey M. Brewin	3	Ernest Morris	7
F. Kevin Thompson	4	Frederick J. Bindley	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* 50th peal together (father and son). The conductor's 1,600th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Elizabeth A. Wardill	Treble	Howard Scott	5
Frederick J. Jackson	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Dennis A. Chapman	7
Milton C. Fowler	4	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., April 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*John R. Mayne	Treble	*Alfred J. House	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Alick Cutler	6
Mary Lawrence	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Mrs. T. J. Lock	4	†A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 50th peal together. † First peal on these bells. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Yvonne Eloie	Treble	*Lewis F. Cobb	5
Daniel T. Matkin	2	*Philip N. Tubbs	6
Joan M. Gray	3	John Hartless	7
Frank L. Harris	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Major.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Thomas R. Simmons	Treble	Arthur W. Dickerson	5
*Bridget Mutimer	2	H. William Barrett	6
Arthur G. Bason	3	†Herbert Howlett	7
Nolan Golden	4	David Heighton	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Easter Sunday, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, M. Sinden 2, H. Barrett (first of Stedman) 3, J. Rea 4, G. Parsons 5, E. Talbot 6, J. Euston 7, S. Howard 8. Rung for Easter Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

Barbara A. Mitchell	Treble	Claudia A. Critchley	5
*Marion J. Skinner	2	Gladys Manchip	6
Anne B. Speed	3	Kathleen M. Lock	7
Mary Lawrence	4	Hilda G. Snowden	Tenor

Conducted by Hilda G. Snowden.
* First Surprise peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*Michael D. H. Brown	Treble	Eric T. Lee	5
June M. Clements	2	George Francis	6
†Gerald M. Rouse	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Barwell B. Dibben	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. The first peal of Plain Bob on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

AMPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

J. Michael Lakin	Treble	Adrian J. Tumber	4
Geoffrey K. Dodds	2	Peter Nash	5
Harold P. Reed	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The first peal on the bells.
Rung in memory of the late Mr. A. Lynds, a life-long member of the local band.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Old, and ten extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Percy Bray	Treble	Peter J. H. Wycherley	4
W. John Phippen	2	*Ernest E. Bray	5
David Robertson	3	Hugh Vennell	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest E. Bray.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Rosemary and Ronald Smith, married at Bath on Saturday, March 31st, 1956.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Leonard W. King	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Charles E. G. Banham	5
*Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason	3	†Cedric F. W. Phillippo	Tenor

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.
* First peal in four methods. † 100th peal for Norwich Association.
Rung in memoriam William George Dixon, ringer for many years at this church.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

Kenneth G. Brown	Treble	Richard Rose	4
Ernest Bishop	2	Harry King	5
*Leslie Melton	3	Leonard S. Sharpe	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.
* First peal.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of New Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, one 240 Morris's Arrangement, and 25 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN COLCOMBE	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE.. ..	2	THOMAS J. GUNDY	5
REGINALD G. POWELL ..	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE ..	*Tenor*

Conduced by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in five methods by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. B. G. Ap-Ivor, who has left to take up missionary work in Basutoland.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
and
THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL RINGERS.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Reverse Canterbury Bob, 16 extents of All Saints, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEOFFREY P. GREEN ..	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	4
*MICHAEL LING	2	†W. CYRIL WIXEY	5
PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	3	SIDNEY J. PUGH..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of W. Cyril Wixey, ringer of the fifth.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob combined, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK ..	4
MONICA HOWARD	2	PETER A. LAWRENCE	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Wells, Bourne, Netherseale, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ROY L. SHUTTER	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
FREDERICK J. SHUTTER ..	2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES.. ..	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung as a wedding peal for Henry Peter Ayre and Barbara Lilian Aldous, who were married at Leverstock Green on March 31st.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ALEC WILSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	NORMAN SMITH	5
HOWARD SCOTT	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*NORMAN L. PHILLIPS ..	*Treble*	ALBERT E. JONES	4
†A. C. P. PUGH..	2	JOHN J. P. ELLAMS	5
NOEL E. PHILLIPS	3	*SYDNEY WHITEFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal for the Hereford Guild. Believed to be the first peal for 30 years on the bells.



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NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Northrepps and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*NORMA W. G. WILLIAMS *Treble*	ALAN C. COZENS 4
*JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. 2	REX LINE 5
GEORGE F. ROOME 3	NORMAN LINE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REX LINE.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. B. Cartwright and Miss Patricia M. Lawrence, married at this church prior to the peal.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. *Treble*	†JOHN H. GREGORY 4
*JO ROPER 2	MARIE R. CROSS 5
†ROBERT A. REEVES 3	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

* First in method. † First peal.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Guild.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Hereward Bob, (7) St. Clement's Bob; each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. *Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	*RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 5
*DAVID STAPLES 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in more than seven methods. First peal in nine methods by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. H. J. E. Bowman.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*STUART E. DYER .. .. *Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER 4
LUCY ALLEN 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
GILES C. GALLEY 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley as Rector of this parish for ten years; also to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mallett upon their marriage on April 2nd, 1956.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's of St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. *Treble*	JAMES BENNETT 4
*MARIAN H. MILLS 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
*MICHAEL A. MILLS 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*H. BUNTING .. .. .. *Treble*	W. SWAIN 4
F. KNOWLES 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5
E. G. HOLDGATE 3	B. BARKER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Fred Marshall, a ringer at Clay Cross for over 60 years, and for many years captain and steeplekeeper.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Albans, St. Martin's, St. Paul, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Little Aston, Seighford, Marchington, Austrey, Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk, Kennington and Old Doubles. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JEAN M. PACKWOOD .. *Treble*	†GEORGE F. ROOME 3
†REX LINE 2	†NORMAN LINE 4

ALAN C. COZENS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

* First peal. † First peal in 21 methods. First peal in 21 methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 25, 1956, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT 67, ORIEL ROAD, NORTH END,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2	*ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* 50th peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3-4.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., March 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 35, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BERESFORD .. .. 1—2	JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 5—6
DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 3—4	*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 7—8

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal 'in hand' on eight.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 1, 1956, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE, BROCKHURST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. .. 3—4
*ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* 25th peal together.

First peal in two Minor methods by all the band.

A 27th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the ringer of 1 and 2.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
IN A FIELD ON NEW FARM, BRADING,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court and Single Oxford Bob, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in three Minor methods by all the band. First peal in a field by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

*MARGARET BEAMISH .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sangwin 1, R. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, H. Heard 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Stacey 6. Rung for Easter.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Twenty-One New Members Since January 1st

THE annual meeting of the Association was held at Appleby on Easter Monday. The six bells at St. Lawrence's Church were rung throughout, the afternoon and early evening, the methods ranging from rounds to London Surprise. The service was conducted by the president, Canon W. R. M. Chaplin.

A company of 80 including 39 visitors (principally from the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association) met for tea, the principal guests being the Mayor and Mayoress of Appleby accompanied by the Town Clerk and his wife.

After tea the president read a message from the patron of the Association, the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, which concluded with the words: 'In carrying on with the ringing, the bell-ringers are maintaining one of the grand and delightful customs of our country and I would also like them to think that as they pull the bells, that in a real sense God was using them to speak a message from Him to all who could hear. When the bells are rung in this way the ringers have themselves a sense of service on a high level.'

Mr. C. Heelis, in welcoming the Association to the county town of Westmorland, stated that it must be the first such gathering of ringers at Appleby. The welcome was supported by the Mayor.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Peter Border said that it was his first visit to the extreme north of England, but that he had so enjoyed his visit that he was sure he would return in the near future. The general secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, replied on behalf of the Association. He stated that this was the first Association meeting to be held in Appleby, and also that it was the first Association meeting to be attended by a Mayor.

At the subsequent annual meeting the officers' reports were taken as read, in view of the fact that they were contained in the annual report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. G. McKay, in proposing the adoption of a new constitution, stated that the new draft was shorter, simpler and less ambiguous than the existing constitution. The new constitution was adopted unanimously.

Canon Chaplin was re-elected president and received the thanks of all members for the extraordinary amount of work he had done in this capacity during the previous year. Other officers re-elected were: J. W. Brownrigg (general secretary); S. Richardson (ringing secretary); G. Tembey (treasurer); Mr. T. Hogarth (auditor).

Following the election of the new committee, twelve new members were admitted, making a total of 21 new members since January 1st, thus raising the total Association membership to 64.

The adoption of a Form of Service was discussed on the basis of a draft provided by the president, and the committee was requested to draw up a final draft for approval at the next meeting

The president called attention to the proposed Ringing Festival to be held at Carlisle Cathedral on September 15th. Neighbouring Associations would be specifically invited to take part, although all ringers would be most welcome. A sub-committee (J. W. Brownrigg, J. Butterfield and G. McKay) was appointed to assist the Diocesan Advisory Committee on ringing matters when necessary.

Mr. N. M. Newby, on behalf of the visitors, thanked members for their welcome and noted with pleasure that the Association was making a rapid recovery from its recent decline and hoped that this progress would continue.

The best wishes of all present were conveyed to two members, Stanley Richardson and Myra Gibson, who were to be married on the following day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Westbury on April 7th attracted some 45 ringers. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Gallaway, who gave an inspiring address. Tea was served in the Church Room.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Weeks), who welcomed the Vicar to his first meeting since his induction as Vicar of Westbury, also the visitors from Bath, Frome, Yeovil and Chippenham. The next three meetings were fixed for Upavon, Chirton and Warminster. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and the ladies for providing tea. Ringing continued on the lovely eight till later in the evening. Methods ranging from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise were rung.

S. R.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exeter Cathedral band were ringing Grandsire Caters as their salute to the Easter Morn at 6 a.m., when the 10th clapper broke in the shaft. It has been sent to the foundry for repair with hopes of having it back in time to ring for the Queen's visit on May 8th. Meanwhile ringing continues on the 'Thomas Eight,' this a true octave (tenor 28½ cwt. in E flat).

Owing to a sudden illness, Mr. F. A. Salter was unable to stand in the peal at Mansfield on April 2nd. The band wish him a speedy recovery.

Well-known ringers of Lincoln Cathedral band paid a visit to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Easter Monday, where they were successful in a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Mainly composed of Lichfield ringing personalities, a band rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Leominster, Herefordshire, on April 7th.

Last year there were over 200,000 visitors to Woburn Abbey and Park, but only three or four visiting ringers joined in the Sunday service ringing. Times of ringing on Sundays are 10.30 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.

We congratulate Mr. Stephen Ivin, whose compositions have frequently appeared in our pages, on his election to an open scholarship in classics at Merton College, Oxford. The Oxford University Society, we feel sure, will find a niche in their ranks for him.

The quarter peal of Bob Minor at Walberton on Easter Sunday, called by Sylvia Streater the day after her 16th birthday, enabled Raymond Dark, who took up ringing when he came from Edgware nearly two years ago to learn farming in the Walberton district, to ring his first quarter peal a week before leaving for National Service.

In connection with the Guildford Diocesan Mission, Farnborough, Hants, ringers had planned to ring on 18 occasions and attempt five quarter peals. Their plans received a nasty set-back when a stay broke during practice the previous week and the second bell was cracked from top to bottom, wide enough to get a finger in!

Mr. F. Skidmore has retired after six years as secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. His successor is Mr. W. F. Scudamore, of Bristol Rural.

Mr. Harold Wilson (St. Bees) has been elected Master of the Cumberland and N.W. Association in succession to Mr. J. R. Mossop, who is shortly joining the R.A.F.

It should be Mr. James Parker and not Mr. J. J. Parker who called the peal of New Gloucester in 1926 at Willesden. (Correction to 'Belfry Gossip,' page 200.)

Two well-known members of the Cumberland Association, Mr. Stanley Richardson and Miss Myra Gibson, were married at Harrington Parish Church on April 3rd.

For the wedding of Mr. Henry Peter Ayre and Miss Barbara Lilian Aldous at Leverstock Green on March 31st, handbells were rung by Miss P. A. Martin, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. D. E. Latchford, and full honours came on April 3rd with a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods, conducted by Mr. Ayre. Leverstock Green Church has only two bells.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon writes in the current quarterly of the Maidstone District, 'The Belfry,' his early reminiscences as a beginner. Although he first handled a bell at Easter, 1928, it was not until the following October that he first rang rounds. His first peal was on July 15th, 1930, at Deptford, the tenor to Stedman Triples.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The third session of the 27th Council (59th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1956, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Leicester, by kind permission of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12,30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Socicties and as to subscriptions.

Application by the University of London Society to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Honorary Members.

   Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman retire and are eligible for re-election.

2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
6. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1955.
7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees:—

   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

   (a) Standing Committee.

   Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.

   (b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
   (c) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
   (d) Literature and Press Committee.
   (e) Biographies Committee.
   (f) Records Committee.
   (g) Peals Collection Committee.
   (h) Analysis Committee.
   (i) Methods Committee.
   (j) Nomination Committee.
   (k) Peal Boards Committee.
   (l) Towers and Belfries Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

9. To amend Rule 11 (Committees) by the addition of the following clauses:—

   '(ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of

   (a) Present and past holders of the office of President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Honorary Librarian of the Council.

   (b) Honorary Auditors and Conveners of Committees ex-officio.

   (c) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than twelve names are proposed). The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

   The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

   (iii) At the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such Committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.'

   Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

MOTIONS.

10. (a) That the Central Council Publication 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' be revised in the light of recent advances and experiments in teaching technique, and that such revision should contain not only sections intended primarily for Instructors on the teaching of handling a bell, instruction in ringing rounds and method ringing in its early stages, but also a section on these matters which can easily be understood by beginners.

    Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

    (b) That the Collection of Minor Methods and the Collection of Triples Methods, both of which are out of print, should be republished as soon as possible.

    Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

    (c) 1. That no peal of Doubles or Minor shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than

    (i) at the beginning and end of the peal

    (ii) at the beginning of each extent

    (iii) when round-blocks of two or more extents are used, at the appropriate places in the round block.

    2. That no peal on higher numbers of bells shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than at the beginning and end of the peal.

    Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

    (d) That this Council disapproves of the twin bob marked 'X' being used to indicate one bob only in compositions printed in 'The Ringing World.'

    Proposed by Mr. J. Segar, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

OVER 80 members attended the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, held at All Saints', Newport, on Easter Monday. The bells, which were available at 2 o'clock, were made good use of until 4 o'clock—the time appointed for the service. This was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Sproule-Jones. The tea at the Parish Rooms was served by the ladies of the church, who were duly thanked by Mr. Arthur Hoare.

The Vicar presided at the meeting. Arising out of the minutes the secretary reported that the handbells—which were being repaired—were not yet to hand.

Mr. T. Roderick presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £10 1s. 10d. on the year's working It was decided that a copy of the balance sheet should in future be sent out to each tower before the annual meeting. Mr. J. Alsop was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. The other officers were re-elected.

The committee appointed to review the Form of Service in their report recommended only one or two minor alterations with the addition of two more hymns. The committee's report was accepted.

The secretary was asked to send a letter to Mr. J. W. Jones, the former secretary, who is 90, conveying the goodwill of the meeting.

Mr. T. Roderick gave notice that he would propose at the next annual meeting that a panel be appointed to advise on the matter of bells whenever it was needed.

Mr. A. J. Pitman was made a life member in appreciation of his service to ringing by his wonderful compositions.

Eleven new members were elected. On the proposition of the Rev. T. Richards the Vicar was thanked for all he had done to make the meeting such a success. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cardiff. F. J. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire District took place at Drighlington on March 24th. Members came from Rotherham, Sheffield, Leeds, York, Bradford, Armley and Collingham, etc.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent in the spacious and well-heated belfry. Methods were rung to suit all tastes, including call changes for the beginners.

A nearby cafe provided a very substantial tea, after which the business meeting was held in the vestry of the church. Apologies for absence included one from the vice-president, Mrs. P. M. Thorley, and the company had the pleasure of electing her infant daughter as an honorary member of the Guild. Two ringing members were also elected.

The report showed that steady progress had been made during 1955. The present membership of the District stood at 50, which was the highest it had ever been. The financial position was satisfactory.

The secretary pointed out that she had completed 21 years in office and, having found a willing successor, wished to retire. Miss E. Bate, of Handsworth, Sheffield, was elected the new secretary and the other officers remained as before.

It was proposed to ask permission to hold the next meeting at Bolsover on June 23rd.

On returning to the belfry a vote of thanks was expressed to the Rev. E. H. Hargrave, who is always so generously disposed to requests for the bells, and to Mr. S. H. Barron, who made excellent arrangements for the ringers.

The Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild was inaugurated at Handsworth, Sheffield, in 1926—30 years ago. Two ladies' peals have been rung in Handsworth—in 1928 and 1931.

E. D. K.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ringing Popular With Youth

THE 67th annual general meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Taunton on Easter Monday. The Association service was held in St. James' Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Edwin Hirst, the sermon being preached by the Master, the Rev. Michael Hurst-Bannister. Lunch was served to 70 members in the Gaumont Restaurant after the service.

The business meeting was held in St. James' Church Hall, the Master taking the chair. By this time the numbers had increased, and there were some 120 members present, with visitors from Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Devonshire, Staffordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Middlesex. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Lord Bishop of Taunton, the Archdeacon of Taunton, the Rev. Prebendary A. J. Hook, Past-Master of the Association, the Vicar of St. James' and Messrs. J. Pugsley, E. J. Chivers and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Prescott.

In his report, the Master stated that ringing had continued throughout the Diocese with its customary regularity. It was encouraging to hear of so many young people learning to ring; to them he would say 'Persevere,' as it was so easy to become discouraged because of apparent lack of success. It was important that there should be close co-operation between ringers and incumbents, and the former, as church workers, should not fail in their duty as members of the Church in attending services. He was pleased to announce that the bells of his own parish, Pilton, had been restored and would be dedicated on April 21st.

MEMBERSHIP AN ALL-TIME RECORD

The general secretary, Mr. Roger O. Fry, then presented his report. He regretted that he had not been able to attend as many Branch meetings during 1955 as in previous years, but from his own observations, and with data collected from the annual returns, he was able to report that the enthusiasm of the members carried on with unabated vigour. The membership figure was moving surely to the 1,600 mark, an all-time record, and there were many towers either re-entering the Association or joining for the first time. He again found it necessary to comment on the large and increasing number of young people joining the Association, particularly in the country Branches. He believed it was no longer true, if there ever had been any truth in the statement, that the youngster of to-day could not be interested in ringing. He did not wish the older members to think that they had been overlooked: rather his foregoing remarks were a compliment to those older ringers who had the wisdom and foresight to teach these young people, thus ensuring that ringing had a good future in store in the Diocese.

From the business point of view the Association was in a healthy state. The 1955 report had now been printed and distributed, probably the earliest report for many years. For the first time for four years there was a supply of badges in hand. The Association was grateful to Mr. W. A. Osborn, who had very generously defrayed the cost of the new die, which would now be held in safe custody by the committee.

RELATIONS WITH CALL CHANGE RINGERS

During the past 12 months both the Master and the secretary had given much thought to the matter of the Association Rules, and it had been decided that the time had come for some revisions to be made. The present Rules were the same now as those made in 1890, when the Association was formed, its membership then being 160 in 19 towers. He would hesitate to query the wisdom of the great men who founded this Association, and who took it so successfully through its infancy, but he often found himself wishing they had named it the 'Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers,' thus opening their ranks to the non-change ringing brethren. He felt that there was something of a colour-bar where the humble call change ringers were concerned. He believed that their work was equally important and worthy of recognition, and it had been his experience over the length and breadth of the country that they were usually better acquainted with the inside of their churches than were those ringers who looked down their noses at call change ringing. The committee had decided to have a meeting at Bath in June to thrash out the whole matter, and their proposals would be put to the annual general meeting at Wrington in 1957.

The secretary commented upon a peal of Bob Major rung at Chewton Mendip during 1955, and regretted that this had been recorded for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. He hoped that all Tower Masters would take steps in future that visiting bands rang peals for the Association, unless they were members of a non-territorial Society.

In closing his report, the secretary was conscious of the privilege of addressing a meeting at Taunton, where the Inauguration Festival was held in July, 1890. Taunton might well be described as being the spiritual home of the Association, and for many years had possessed a band which accomplished peal ringing feats which no local band in the West Country could emulate to-day. It was hoped that the fine-toned 12 at St. Mary's would now be rung regularly and that a capable 12-bell band would be brought into being to regain the laurels of the past.

SUBSCRIPTION ADEQUATE

The treasurer, Mr. L. W. Pullin, presented a favourable balance sheet, showing that the Association was in financial good health, with ample reserves to draw upon should the need arise. Costs of stationery and printing were rising, but there would be no need to think about increasing subscriptions for some years, if at all. He wished to thank all the Branch secretaries and treasurers for their help during the past year.

The peal secretary, Mr. H. J. Sanger, reported that 65 peals had been rung during 1955, in 49 towers, with 191 different ringers taking part, the conducting being shared by 28 members. Some of the normally prolific peal ringers were not so much in evidence because they had been devoting much of their energy to training new bands in towers with recently restored rings. He concluded by thanking all peal arrangers for so promptly sending in peal reports and subscriptions, evidence of the spirit of co-operation abroad in the Diocese.

Mr. W. A. Osborne, the Diocesan adviser on the care of church bells had had another busy year. He found that the general trend in the Diocese was to restore and to keep the bells in good order. He had inspected and given advice in eight towers, and faculties had been passed for work to proceed at West Pennard, Barrington, Stawley, Holton and West Buckland. Feeling the need to take things a little easier because of advancing years, he had been looking for an assistant in his duties, and he commended for this purpose Mr. R. Gardiner, who was prepared to take over the duties eventually.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year with the addition of Mr. Gardiner.

'OLD YEAR' RINGING

Under 'Any other business,' the meeting discussed the views expressed by Mr. J. T. Dyke at the annual meeting of the Frome Branch, that the 'Christian significance of the bells is lost to a sentimental custom which had grown out of tradition.' The Master commented that as long as he was an incumbent the bells of the church, bells and church hall at the disyear. Mr. S. G. Coles expressed the opinion that Mr. Dyke's views were his personal ones and not those of the Association.

Mr. W. H. Coles, of Hillingdon, an old and valued friend of the Association, brought greetings from the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

The meeting was closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar of St. James' for so kindly placing the church, bells and church hall at the disposal of the members, to Mr. W. Gigg for his work in arranging the ringing at St. James' and St. Mary's, and to Mr. A. H. Reed for arranging for so many country towers to be available. The members then dispersed to St. James', St. Mary's (where Stedman Cinques was rung), St. George's, Wilton, Wellington, Milverton, Trull, Staplegrove and Curry Rivel.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Annual Meeting

Easter Monday was one of the finest and warmest April days within living memory at Dublin, when the annual meeting of the Eastern District was held. The magnificent eight bells (tenor 28¼ cwt.) of Christ Church Cathedral were a great attraction.

At the business meeting Mr. James McManus (District chairman) presided, over 60 bellringers being present. Officers elected were: Vice-president (for Eastern District), Mr. S. J. Evans, Arklow; chairman, Mr. McManus, Dublin; Ringing Master, Mr. Adrian Bakker, Dublin; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Drogheda; assistant secretary, Mr. Roy Huber, Drogheda; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham, Drogheda. Five new members were elected and certificates presented, viz:—Rev. and Mrs. J. Hobcroft (Drogheda), Miss Jennifer Jobson (Drogheda, formerly St. Mark's, Sydney, N.S.W.), M. Dwyer (St. John's, Dublin) and W. Kinch (Arklow).

Four teams competed for the Gabriel Lindoff Cup judged by Messrs. F. Brogan, G. Bingham and H. Ellis. Drogheda won with 72 faults, followed by Bray 90, Arklow 109 and Dublin 140. Drogheda also won the attendance shield with 100 per cent. for 1955, the first time since the inauguration of the competition in 1913.

The bells were put to good use during the day to call changes, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Southern ringers present took a tape recording of the competition ringing so that they could train their team better than Drogheda's standard for the final contest for the Murphy Cup.

AN EXETER WEDDING

The marriage took place at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on April 2nd, of two very popular members of the band, Mr. Norman Mallett and Miss Mariella Mundy.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. P. Henton, and Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The bells rang a merry send-off after the service. The brilliant sunshine was, it is hoped, a good omen for the future of the happy couple.

Peals were attempted at both St. Thomas' and the Cathedral, but sadly came to grief about half-way.

Both the Cathedral (of which the bride and bridegroom are members) and St. Thomas' bands are happy to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Mallett will continue to reside in the district, at 98, Alphington Road, Exeter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEAUTY AND THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I have read with great indignation the article by 'D. R. C.' (whoever he may be) about 'Beauty and the Belfry' ('Ringing World,' April 6th, 1956). The writer apparently thinks very little of the lady ringers, whatever age they may be (as ringers I mean). Where, oh where, would one find enough ringers without the help of the ladies? We have five lady ringers in our towers (six bells) and five gentlemen. All the ladies have rung quarter peals and three have rung peals (one has conducted one). Our ladies range from 14 to 21 years of age. Our band has capabilities of ringing Kent and Cambridge Minor, three ladies and three gentlemen making up the band. I am sure other towers are in the same position as us. Where would the band come from without our help?

Quoting: 'Many women are pushed into ringing in the first place by efforts of so-called friends.' Oh, no! Not entirely all, in fact very few. I should say most of them either start accidentally or there have been other ringers in the family, and a desire to 'have a go' takes hold of them and the 'bug' bites. When first taking hold of a rope, who wouldn't be frightened of what was going to happen until one has the feel and control of a bell, and as to breaking a stay, a thing rarely done if taught properly, I am certain it would be of great concern if such a thing happened and would not be laughed at, and 'flocking into a milk bar after the practice' is unheard of. The thing after a practice is to talk of what has happened during the practice, then cycle home between one and three miles for the local ringers.

The biggest draw-back in a lady ringer is she is unable to 'turn in' a heavy bell, with a very few exceptions, but then, surely the gentlemen can help do that.

The gentlemen, from stories I have heard, are not nearly so well behaved or regular as the ladies, who turn up in full force, come rain, sleet, snow or sunshine

One last thing. I wonder how many gentlemen make an evening of the practice by going off to the nearest non-milk-bar bar!

Gentlemen, we don't want to take charge of your ringing, but please give us the credit due to us.

KATHLEEN M. YEO.

SS. Peter and Paul's, Hellingly.

FAST PEAL RINGING

Dear Sir,—Reference to Mr. Derek P. Jones' letter, I do not see that I should condone fast ringing merely because I reside in the county that he chooses to label 'Fast peals on heavy bells.'

He certainly has tried hard to justify the speed of the peal which I questioned, and I would like to give him a few facts about the fast peal in which I rang:—

(1) We were all a Sunday service band who had learned to ring Grandsire Doubles during the previous 15 months, and certainly did not start with the idea of a quick peal.

(2) The referee of the 720 pointed out to me that we rang without 'open' leads, which would account for a cut of at least ten minutes, and in addition 'open' leads would have had a slowing-up effect on the whole peal.

(3) The tapping of the bells was near perfect throughout the peal in spite of the 'cartwheel rhythm.'

I would conclude that our performance was far from dubious worth as, being a young band, we learned a lot about leading from our referee.

In any case **we did** prove our performance without any efforts of self-justification.

I still admire and look for good, steady ringing.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. RICE.

Yatton, Somerset.

TECHNICAL TITTLE-TATTLE

Dear Sir,—Having struggled through all the tattle and discovered ultimately what Mr. York-Bramble was attempting to teach 'beginners and call change ringers,' it seemed he was merely making a new start with the next generation of ringers to force upon the Exercise a self-created collection of technical terms which have failed to find acceptance among an older generation. The subject matter has been satisfactorily explained, but why introduce learners to scientific jargon?

He would have us believe that 'a good word . . . . which has been used in theory talks and papers is **transit.**' I would not agree that it is a good word, and I have never heard it used. In the first place, both my memory of Latin and my dictionary tell me that transit means 'a going across,' but in no sense a reciprocal movement as when a pair of bells exchange positions. Why, too, must those people with scientific minds fly to Latin or Greek? Our beautiful Anglo-Saxon language (which is not inadequate to express what we mean) is being crowded out by scientific un-English words or their abbreviations. Please, Mr. York-Bramble, if you must introduce new terms into ringing, use the language we speak and can understand—and which beginners also can understand **and use without being misunderstood.** Surely when two bells change places they do not make a 'transit,' but an interchange, exchange or swap. I am certain that a beginner would not understand me if I said, with Mr. York-Bramble, 'two transits and one transit,' but I know he would if I said, 'Two swaps and one swap' (even if it doesn't sound scientific) or 'two exchanges and one exchange.'

And why must a row become a 'change-row'? A row of figures is simply a row, even if it is changed from a previous row. Instead of simplifying the problems and language of change ringing Mr. York-Bramble has started his new series by complicating them, and burying them in a mass of tittle-tattle.

I much enjoyed Mr. Shepherd's article on 'Odd and Even Rows'—and I notice he used the phrase 'the **interchange** of two pairs of bells.' May I ask him not to take anything for granted? A colleague who had studied his article (and who does quite an amount of conducting) asked me how to recognise whether a row was in or out of course. Perhaps Mr. Shepherd might explain this, in case other young ringers might also have wondered the same. It is often necessary to know.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

DISTANCE A BELL CAN BE HEARD

Dear Sir,—In his recent article on 'Bow Bells,' the Rev. H. E. Hopkins suggests that it would have been quite possible for Dick Whittington to have heard the curfew being rung from four miles away. In support of this he makes the interesting observation that 'the repeated tolling of one bell can be heard much further than the ring of a peal.'

I think this is probably true and it would be quite possible for a large bell to be heard four miles away if the atmospheric conditions were favourable. On a really calm day I myself have heard the faint boom of Great Tom, the clock bell of Lincoln Cathedral, when at Saxilby, nearly six miles away. I might add that the Cathedral stands on a hill and the intervening countryside is flat and open. It is doubtful if the ringing peal could be heard at this distance, although I know for a fact that Saxilby bells can be heard within a radius of at least four miles.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

DANEHILL BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Church of All Saints in the charming little Sussex village of Danehill has a pleasant ring of four, with tenor of 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. As was the case with too many of our village towers throughout the country, the local band failed to 'get going' again after the war, and apart from very occasional ringing by visitors the bells remained silent.

About a year ago, however, a determined attempt was made to train a band for Sunday service ringing—the start being made with only one individual able to handle a bell! So successful have their efforts been that the bells now ring out for Matins and Evensong each Sunday, there being a membership of about 12 in the local band.

They have found, however, that for additional interest, they need to visit other towers, to practise on the higher numbers, and in doing so they have revived the ringing at Ardingly—another tower which had unfortunately fallen silent.

Being even more ambitious, they have obtained permission to start a fund, aiming at £500, to have two new trebles added at Danehill to form a ring of six. Permission to start the fund was difficult to obtain, money already being urgently required for other church improvements, such as heating. I am confident, however, that in due course the Danehill ringers, by proceeds from whist drives, jumble sales, fetes, etc., together with a local appeal, will achieve their target. I know, however—and this brings me to the main point of my letter—that any donation from the ringing fraternity will be a great encouragement to them in their efforts, and such gifts, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged.

It is worthy of mention that a private school at Danehill now encourages pupils to learn to handle a bell. Although the local band can gain no lasting benefit from this, they gladly undertake the task, hoping that when the pupils leave the school they will become efficient members of their home towers throughout the country.

Any donations, please, should be sent to:—Danehill P.C.C. Bell Fund, c/o The Rev. P. G. P. Cornish, The Vicarage, Danehill, Haywards Heath, Sussex.—Yours faithfully,

IVAN BUTCHER.

Turner's Hill, Sussex.

A DICK WHITTINGTON TEST

Dear Sir,—After reading the article by the Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, I am reminded of a test I made of the authenticity of Dick Whittington having heard the bells of Bow calling him back to London. In about the year 1908 I, as a lad, lived near the Whittington Stone at Highgate, and on a Tuesday, when it was a still and fairly foggy evening, and I knew it was practice night for the College Youths at St. Mary-le-Bow, I stood near the stone in Highgate Hill and definitely heard the bells in peal.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY J. RANZETTA.

Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

THE LATE B. A. KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—The list of 369 peals rung by the above, up to 1925, included 70 rung for the Lancashire Association. According to the figures quoted by Mr. J. Blackburn, Ben, therefore, rang a further 112 peals for the Lancashire Association (after 1925).

Ben kept a complete personal record of his peals after 1925, but altogether it would appear that he rang almost 500 peals. The analysis already submitted by me gives a fair picture of his great experience and ability as a ringer and conductor, and I am indebted to Mr. Blackburn for the further information about Ben's peal total.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

325th Anniversary of Stedman's Birth

YET again the Ely Association was favoured with fine, sunny weather for its annual meeting on Easter Monday. In all about 150 ringers and friends partook of the ringing during the day. Arrangements for ringing had been greatly disturbed by the very large number of weddings due to take place in the various churches around Ely, which was to be the centre for the day. Nevertheless ten towers were available and all were kept busy throughout the time allocated.

Proceedings began at ten o'clock, when two towers were opened—Hilgay (8), where ringing very appropriately started with rounds for two young men who had just finished the lashed-practice stage at one of the struggling towers, and Sutton, a somewhat hard-going six, which seemed to be a greater attraction, so much so that there were over 40 ringers there very soon after ten o'clock.

The Hilgay contingent moved on to St. Mary's, Ely, at 11 o'clock, and continued there until one o'clock, whilst the Sutton party moved to Haddenham and then to Wilburton, each for an hour. In the afternoon Stretham (6), Fordham (6) and Burwell (8) were all kept busy with crowded belfries, whilst a dozen or so of our 'tower-grabbing' friends found time to 'do' Swaffham Prior (6) in addition to the prescribed programme.

Shortly before four o'clock all gathered in the Cathedral in readiness for the service, many taking the opportunity of exploring this ancient foundation. The service was conducted by the Rev. Denis Foulds, one of the District presidents, and the Bishop of Ely gave a very informative and inspiring address. After the Blessing four visitors rang a very creditable plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, probably the first change ringing ever heard in this Cathedral, which, like many of her sisters in this part of the country, suffers from an absence of ringable bells.

After tea the Bishop, who is president of the Association, took the chair at the meeting. The annual report had been circulated and was adopted. It showed another small increase in membership and a further increase in activity, if peals are any guide to an Association's progress. All the officers were re-elected.

The Association decided to hold a dinner in Cambridge on September 29th this year. Many expressed the hope that this will develop into an annual event, and it has been pointed out that it will be an occasion to remember the birth of Fabian Stedman (325th anniversary this year). The organiser hopes to provide opportunity for the ringing of Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques during the afternoon and a good meal for not more than 15s. during the evening, together with the usual good fellowship and sparkling wit associated with such an enterprise. Watch 'The Ringing World' for details.

The Association decided to support the appeal for Bow Bells by setting aside the bell repair collection at one meeting in each District during the next month or so. One further proposal was that the Association invite the Ancient Society of College Youths to hold their provincial meeting in Cambridge in 1957.

After the business meeting ringing continued at Stretham, St. Mary's, Ely, and Soham (10) until 8.30 p.m. At the latter place our 'tower-grabbing' friends arrived very near the end and so became very desperate: five minutes of rounds were rung by some 20 ringers.

Next year's meeting will be in Cambridge and we hope that by that time the eight at St. Andrew's will have been recast and that Trumpington bells will have been augmented to eight. To our 'tower-grabbing' friends—Have you ever rung at Fen Ditton or Horningsea?

W. J. R.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held in Bedford on Easter Monday. As customary, the bells of St. Peter's and St. Paul's were at the disposal of members throughout the day, and some good touches brought home, including Plain, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major.

After luncheon at the Dujon members and friends attended the business meeting which followed. The president, Miss E. Steel, opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors from as far away as Chesterfield and Middlesex to Bedford, once again.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon A. Rust and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

The Committee's report stated that membership had increased, the 1955 figures being 25 honorary and 291 performing. The financial position showed an increase of £4 17s. 8d. over the year, the balance now standing at £85 15s. 6½d.

The enthusiasts amassed a total of 44 peals, this being the second largest total in the Association's history. The list contains many worthy of special mention, including the first peal of Bedfordshire Surprise Major ever rung, at Maulden, Spliced Surprise Major in six methods at Woburn, and Little Bob Royal at Leighton Buzzard.

A number of members reached important landmarks in their respective ringing careers, 14 members rang their first peal, Mr. A. C. Sinfield and Mr. R. J. Sharp their 200th peal together, and Mr. C. E. Jeffries rang his 100th peal as conductor for the Association.

The officers of the Association were elected as follows: President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, A. E. Sharman, H. O. Harris, W. Stapleton, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters, P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sinfield; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; peal secretary, Mr. D. Knox; librarian, Mr. S. Foskett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

The joint summer festival with the Hertford County Association in St. Albans on June 16th next was discussed and members asked to make a special effort to attend.

The meeting was of the opinion that the catering for the Association dinner would be better if placed in the hands of the Dujon Restaurant in future, which would necessitate holding the function on a week-night, possibly Wednesday, March 13th.

Mr. H. A. Harris proposed a vote of thanks to Miss E. Steel for presiding, and the clergy for the use of the bells.

Further ringing was carried on at the Bedford towers, the back eight at St. Paul's being lowered at 8.30.

J. W. S.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Financially Healthy

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Honiton on Easter Monday. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Fane de Salis, who also gave the address.

At the business meeting, which followed a very enjoyable tea, two new members were elected and certificates were presented by the president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, to Mr. B. Cole, Mr. R. Netherway, Miss J. Pollard, Mr. G. B. Manley and Mr. Farmer.

All the officers were re-elected and were thanked by the president for all they had done during the past year. The secretary's report showed that the Branch was still in a very healthy financial position and had a slight increase in membership. After the meeting some good ringing was had on the bells until nine p.m.

W. W.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Mr. C. W. Pipe's Successor

THE annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Bury St. Edmunds on April 7th, when the bells of the Norman Tower and St. Mary's were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. The service was held in the Cathedral with the robed choir in attendance a gesture which was very much appreciated by the members.

A most hearty welcome was extended by the Provost (the Very Rev. J. L. White), who pointed out in his address that with ringing, as in other church work, some of the best results of that work were never known by the ringers themselves. The bells carried the voice of the Church to the people and also expressed the voices and feelings of the nation in joy and sorrow. The ringers were the unseen workers of the Church and he expressed the hope that they were not unseen in the worship of the Church.

Nearly 50 members and visitors sat down to an excellent tea at Dunn's Restaurant. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was occupied by the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley).

In spite of the decline in peal ringing during 1955 the membership had increased and the accounts revealed a healthy state of affairs. The committee recommended that £33 12s. 8d. be transferred to the Restoration Fund, bringing the balance up to £150, to meet applications for grants during the coming year.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, who relinquished the office of general secretary and treasurer during 1955, was elected a vice-president in recognition of his ten years in office. Mr. C. J. Sedgley was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. J. W. Blythe, the present general secretary and treasurer, was also re-elected. A new committee, comprising Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Miss R. Seabrook and Messrs. James Bennett, sen., R. Clouston, C. E. Fisher, R. E. Lester, H. D. Lister, L. D. Mills, C. W. Pipe and S. Twitchett, was elected.

Polstead had made application for a grant from the Restoration Fund and the sum of £19 6s. (two per cent. of the total cost) was approved.

The appeal for Bow Bells was discussed at some length and it was eventually decided to send a donation of £5 5s. from general funds to be devoted entirely towards the cost of rehanging the bells, and expressing the hope that if at some time members desired to ring there, this privilege would not be denied them.

Three new members were elected and the election of a non-resident life member before a peal was ratified.

The next annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on the first or second Saturday after Easter next year.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Provost and Canon Pelly for the use of their bells, and to the Provost, choir and organist for the service.

J. W. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Hessle on April 7th and attended by 35 members. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. After tea in the Church Hall the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided over the business meeting, when the following four new members were elected: Messrs. K Kale, F. Horner, F. Kershaw and Miss E. Harrop.

It is hoped to hold the annual District meeting at Selby on June 23rd. The usual votes of thanks were passed. Further ringing on the six bells terminated a successful meeting.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Rev. O. G. Rees (Vicar) 1, D. Kerley 2, D. Evans 3, B. Gladwyn 4, G. Kerley (cond.) 5, Patricia Crimmin 6, T. Templeman 7, L. Scott 8. First quarter for 1 and 6.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Le Grice 1, K. L. Brown (cond.) 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, B. Willgress 4, Doris E. Lidbetter 5, May Lidbetter 6. For Easter Evensong.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alma J. L. Sutton 1, H. Sutton 2, F. Hiscock 3, F. S. Sutton (cond.) 4, S. Sutton 5, G. Emerton 6. For Evensong. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Emerton and 1st birthday compliment to Carole, daughter of F. S. Sutton.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. R. Manning (first away from cover bell) 1, Jill G. Draper (first 'inside') 2, Patricia A. M. Forster 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, S. Walklate 5. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Miss Bernice A. Manning.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Lewis 1, F. Oakshott 2, J. Hayns 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Brenda Payne 5, P. Jackson 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For Evensong.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andrews (first quarter) 1, H. Sear 2, R. Cadamy 3, A. Daniels (first 'inside') 4, N. H. Peers 5, W. Daniels 6, D. J. Meager (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. For Easter Evensong.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Harrison 1, E. J. Runter 2, R. C. Thrift 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Hume 5, L. J. Clarke 6, B. C. Hines 7, P. J. Eves (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight for the winter festival of the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On April 8th, 480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny George (first quarter) 1, Eileen Moore (first 'inside') 2, J. Parker 3, V. Webster 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, S. Manger 6. For Evensong.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. M. Porter (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Townshend (first quarter) 2, H. E. Clayton 3, R. G. Ouston 4, A. Hartley 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 8th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, F. W. Richardson 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Hurrell 4, K. Small 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, G. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. For Evensong; also a 76th birthday compliment to F. W. Richardson.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1.260 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss A. N. Banks 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 3, P. J. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5. First quarter in eight methods by all the band.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Norbury; (2) Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure): Mrs. G. Richardson 1, W. A. Smith 2, G. H. Paulson 3, Rev. G. G. Graham 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Madeline Wright (first quarter in method) 1, T. W. Crowe 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, G. S. Deas 4, T. Sewell 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, E. N. Harrison 7, G. P. Cairns 8. Rung for the Palm Sunday children's service.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smalley (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Overend 2, J. Phippen 3, W. Mills 4, D. Robertson 5, E. Bray 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. For evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mills, Mr. J. Phippen and Miss J. R. Scudamore.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. Hough 1, A. W. Stone 2, N. Lomas 3, G. Fearnehough 4, T. Taylor 5, D. Mottershead 6, D. Taylor 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for all but the 3rd ringer. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 18th, 720 Ipswich and 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 25th, 720 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Spliced and 720 Cambridge: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. First 720 of Spliced Surprise for 2, 3, 4 and as conductor. For morning service.

HINTON ADMIRAL, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. E. Daniels 1, M. I. Best 2, F. L. Harris (cond.) 3, P. N. Tubbs 4, R. N. Marlow 5. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for all.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (420 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Carr 1, A. Grout 2, G. J. Berry 3, T. Evans 4, H. Oglesby (first as cond.) 5, P. Shepherd 6. For morning service.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. A compliment to Mr. E. R. Retter, a member of the local band, and Miss P. M. Evis, who were married at Sidmouth Parish Church earlier in the day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, Audrey M. Trott 2, J. Smart (85) 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. J. Munday 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, D. Mitchell 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson (first quarter) 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, M. J. Dyer (first as cond.) 6. For morning service.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: L. Melton 1, L. Pierce 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5, H. King 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On April 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, Mrs. B. Simpkin 3, A. F. Burley 4, C. A. Wratten 5, D. N. Penrose 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood 8. After Evensong.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Preston (first of Triples) 1, B. Morgan 2, F. Jukes 3, B. Lawton 4, M. Wright 5, T. Hemming 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, D. Griffiths 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Beryl Peakman and Mr. James Crew.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss E. Wootton 1, A. C. Morris (cond.) 2, A. A. Upton 3, E. E. Wimlett 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, A. Nix 7, P. Payne 6, D. Wimlett 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Free (first quarter) 1, R. Hazell (first quarter) 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, L. Sears 6. For Evensong.

LYNCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Brown 1, Miss Emm 2, M. Helps (cond.) 3, R. G. Perry 4, L. Coles 5, S. Townsend 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. O. Withers, 40 years a church worker, who was interred this day.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. Adams 1, F. Morton 2, B. Porter 3, R. A. Trickett 4, J. D. Smith (cond.) 5, K. Collier 6. First quarter by all except conductor.

NEWPORT PAGNALL, BUCKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Sharp (first quarter) 1, R. H. Howson 2, R. G. Abraham 3, H. C. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, E. G. Lathall 6, R. A. Hall 7, F. Lucas (first quarter) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. Mason and Miss M. James.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On April 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Pugh 1, S. Pugh 2, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, M. Ling 4, W. C. Wixey 5, C. Wixey 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on April 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss H. Brant (first on 10) 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, Miss A. Diserens 3, A. Diserens 4, R. W. Rex 5, B. C. Stirland 6, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8, R. Burton 9; V. Cherrill 10.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, G. Walford 2, I. Hughes (first 'inside') 3, C. Webber 4, G. Gammon (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. For early Holy Communion.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Apps (first quarter) 1, W. Rogers 2, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 3, T. E. Sone 4, E. J. Ladd 5, F. Hammond 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, M. E. Hammond 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Noreen Winter (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, J. Small 3, Patricia A. M. Forster 4, Ruth S. Hodgson 5, Rosemary G. Hicks 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, J. Moore 8. For morning service.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.—On April 1st, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Kent): A. F. Burley 1, A. H. Eplett 2, D. N. Penrose 3, C. A. Wratten 4, R. A. Southwood 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Lewis (first quarter) 1, P. F. Coombes 2, H. J. Pratley (cond.) 3, L. G. Pittaway 4, W. Lewis 5, P. Meecham (first quarter) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob: M. Rowe 1, Miss F. Secker 2, Miss J. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First quarter of Minor ever rung by an entirely local band.

STANTON LACY, SALOP.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sherry 1, D. Ferguson 2, G. Fletcher 3, A. E. Jones (cond.) 4, J. J. P. Ellams 5, D. Tolley 6. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hutton 1, A. E. Jones (cond.) 2, G. Fletcher 3, J. J. P. Ellams 4, D. Ferguson 5, H. Sherry 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, M. Maisey 2, H. P. Reed 3, Miss P. A. Gaunt 4, R. W. Hinde 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, J. Chapple 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dark (first quarter) 1, W. H. Harrison 2, Betty McKane 3, Jean Egerton 4, Sylvia Streater (first as cond.) 5, E. Treagus 6. For Easter Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, H. Ellis 5, B. K. Lunn 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hicks 1, H. Stacey 2, Ann Clifton 3, S. Littlejohns 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, S. Stacey 6. Rung in the Octave of Easter.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,320 Double Bob Minor: Miss B. Philpot 1, E. S. Ruck 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, D. Staples 6. Also on April 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, R. J. Carlton 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also 1,272 Oswald Delight: Miss R. A. Gower 1, A. J. Lancefield 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton 5, D. Staples 6. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, M. H. Sinden 2, F. E. Corfield 3, J. W. Euston (cond.) 4, S. Howard 5, A. F. Lewry 6, M. F. Oakshett 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

WINGFIELD, NORFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: J. Barber 1, Miss B. Filby 2, A. Lawes 3, G. Filby 4, R. Plummer 5, G. J. Filby (cond.) 6. Rung by the local Sunday service band for 11 a.m. Easter service.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. J. Gaylard 1, T. E. Marks 2, L. Parris 3, T. Look 4, R. J. Fox 5, J. Looker 6, G. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Male.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED MARSHALL

For over 60 years a ringer at Clay Cross, during the greater part of which he was captain and steeplekeeper, Mr. Fred Marshall died in hospital at Chesterfield on March 28th, aged 87 years. His association with Clay Cross dates back to the days when the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was in its infancy. As a chorister and bellringer he served under seven vicars, and he was most conscientious about his Sunday service ringing.

At the funeral service held in Clay Cross Parish Church on April 2nd the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band, and on April 7th a memorial peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Bartholomew's, conducted by the deceased's nephew, Mr. David J. Marshall.

REDEDICATION

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET

For some time the ring of eight bells at All Saints' Church, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks, although ringable, were not all that could be desired from a ringer's point of view, and despite the fact that the fabric of the church requires urgent attention, by the graciousness of a parishioner, who kindly supplied the necessary loan, the work of rehanging in roller bearings, overhauling frame, wheels, etc., was undertaken recently by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The service of rededication was held on March 31st, being attended by a large congregation. Mr. John P. Fidler and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fidler (representing John Taylor and Co.) were present along with ringers from York Minster, Selby Abbey, Goole, Rothwell, Horbury, Tadcaster, Eastrington, Thorne, Doncaster, Bawtry, Hemingbrough and the local company.

During the singing of the hymn 'Unchanging God Who Livest,' the clergy and choir proceeded to the west end of the church, and the Rev. L. E. Griffith, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Thorp Arch), rededicated the bells, tolling the treble bell. The dedication hymn 'Lifted Safe Within the Steeple' was sung, followed by an interesting address by the Rev. L. E. Griffith, who spoke on bells and their uses throughout the ages. The Blessing concluded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. McLane, assisted by Mr. T. Carr.

An excellent tea, provided by Miss D. M. Hawley and lady helpers, was served in the Schoolroom, following which ringers proceeded to the tower.

After the eight bells had been raised in peal, rounds were rung by H. Paul 1, John P. Fidler 2, Miss D. M. Hawley 3, A. Thornton 4, E. M. Bradley 5, J. Potts 6, D. Ruckledge 7, A. Fidler 8 (local company and representatives of John Taylor and Co.).

Changeringing followed, all present taking part in various touches with Mr. L. M. Woodhead (St. John's, Goole) acting as Ringing Master. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. During the ringing of 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major a recording was made, and at some future date ringers will be invited to Sherburn-in-Elmet to hear the result. Ringing concluded with an excellent touch of Stedman Triples.

All present expressed their gratification upon the excellent 'go' and tone of the bells, and congratulations are extended to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. L. M. W.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Jennings (first quarter) 1, Ann Miles 2, Lena Skeet 3, M. Jennings 4, G. Jennings (cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, W. Slaughter 7, J. Laker 8. For Easter Day Evensong.

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ENGAGEMENT

PARR—BOULDEN.—The engagement is announced between David John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parr, 3, Briar Grove, Sanderstead, Surrey, and Anne Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Boulden, 9, Eastern Road, Lydd, Kent. 8143

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The Honorary General Secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild is now Mr. Brian G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 8149

ACCRINGTON.—Until further notice there will be no practice on the last Friday in each month. 8167

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—Will friends please note that practice night will be on Mondays at 7.30 p.m., not Tuesdays, starting from April 30th. Visitors always welcome. 8152

WEST WICKHAM, KENT, St. John the Baptist Church.—The cracked fifth has been recast and the back five bells rehung. Sunday service ringing, 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8156

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MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton (8) on Saturday, April 21st, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 8147

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, April 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business. Bells until 8.30.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8097

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8096

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Beckley, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 8087

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Wheathampstead, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Next meeting at Corringham on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15.—George L. C. Lunn. Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8091

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District—Programme April: Quarterly, Walthamstow, Saturday, 21st, St. Mary's (10), 3-5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, 6 p.m. Business in belfry and further ringing. Learners' practice, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), Wednesday, 25th, 6.30–8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.—L. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 8108

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary's and All Hallows' (10) after. 8088

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, April 21st, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells will rededicate the bells, St. John-the-Baptist Church. The bells (6) have been retuned, hung on ball bearings and the third bell recast. All ringers will be most welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Oxted, April 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8069

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), April 21st, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 21st, Soberton. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. 8079

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting after St. Andrew's practice, Wednesday, April 25th, in hon. treasurer's rooms, E., Clare Old Court.—Desmond Painter, Hon. Sec. 8163

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, April 24th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Som. 8105

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cannington, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Notify for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8144

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at West Camel (5 bells), April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. Six-bell tower after business meeting.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 8171

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Bishop, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Railway Farm, Cheddar. 8140

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on April 28th. Bells (8) (not available 21st) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names to Ivor Pett, The Square, Toddington.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8133

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at New Mills, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Miss E. J. Sheppard, 73, Lancside Road, Low Leighton, New Mills, near Stockport, before April 24th.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 8170

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Heanor, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Trent bus No. 55 or 55A. All welcome.—V. H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 8092

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Townstal, Dartmouth (6), Saturday, April 28th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8139

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Arksey (8), April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, near Doncaster, by Thursday, April 26th. Large attendance requested. 8138

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Hurworth, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by April 26th to Mr. D. Hodgson, 11, Wayside, Hurworth, Darlington. 8168

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8159

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.— Meeting at Arkesden (6) on Saturday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Green Man Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8109

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Winchcombe, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own arrangements). —Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 8160

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Grittleton (6), April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea essential by Tuesday previous to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 8165

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Reynolds, Pentwyn, St. Briavels, Glos.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 8150

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, April 28th, from 6 to 9 p.m. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8146

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pulverbatch, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8161

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—Anstey, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Killamarsh T.B. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Meeting at Hayes, Saturday, April 28th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Names for tea, by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8089

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Ospringe, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea (with cash, please, 2s. per head), not later than Wednesday, April 25th, to Mr. F. C Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8114

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual meeting, Armley, April 28th. Bells available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12, by Wednesday previous.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8164

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, April 28th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, April 25th, to Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft, Leicester. 8153

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court Cafe, only to those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank. Business meeting, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements at Cathedral and other city churches. 8101

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Kirtlington (8), Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 23rd, please, to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 8157

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hampstead Norris, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Wearing, Church Rd., Hampstead Norris.—Patricia Gaunt, Branch Sec. 8154

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, April 28th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Names by 23rd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8172

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Duston on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 24th, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 8135

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Cotterstock (5), April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, Bassett Place, Oundle. 8173

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hawkchurch, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by April 23rd to Mrs. E. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 8141

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Edinburgh on April 28th. St. James', 12 noon to 1 p.m.; St. Cuthbert's, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's in the evening. Names for tea by 25th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 8137

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.— Meeting to be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent, April 28th. Names for tea to M. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, by Thursday previous. 8169

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, April 28th, changed to Rotherfield. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Crowborough, Sussex.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 8155

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Crawley, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadow Lands, West Green, Crawley.—I. Butcher. 8129

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Odiham (Hants), Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 24th to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8158

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk, April 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Names for tea to me by April 26th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 8119

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Tuesday, May 1st, at 8 p.m. Bells (8) available. Ringing tour (Shropshire) starts on July 8th. Will anyone interested please notify secretary, Anne Muirhead, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester, 14. 8085

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District. — Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Rectory for those who notify me by Tuesday, May 1st.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8162

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Southminster (6) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Buses depart Maldon 1.15, 1.45, 2.25 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, May 5th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street, 4.45 p.m. Bells of St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 2nd, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 8128

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden (6) on May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden, by Tuesday, May 1st.—W. P. Garner. 8145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Thursday, May 3rd, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8134

NORWICH, DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 5th, at Norwich. Bells available: Mancroft (12), 3.15 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (8) and St. George, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m. Bells also available after business meeting. St. John de Sepulchre (8) and St. Miles' (8) by request only by complete companies of eight. Service, Mancroft, 4 p.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Thetford (clergy attending, please robe). Tea, Chantry Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea must be notified by May 2nd to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Standing committee meeting at 2.45 p.m. to be held in the Vestry, St. Peter Mancroft.—W. Love, Gen. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 8142

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Eastwood (8) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Sun Inn, Market Place (3s. 6d. each). Names to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 8148

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 5th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Union Hall, 5.15. Ringing: Good Shepherd, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Individual names for tea must be received by Wednesday, May 2nd, to R. Percy, 24, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 8131

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 changes: W. Sutton 1, G. Hunt 2, E. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, L. Nice (cond.) 5, N. Round Turner 6. For Easter.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Cooper 2, W. Brown 3, W. Houghton 4, C. Stubbington 5, J. Aldous (first 'inside') 6, W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, D. Gullick 8 (covering). For Evensong on Easter Day.

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THE OFFICE AND THE BELLS

LISTENERS to the Very Rev. Michael Parker responding to the toast of Church and State at the recent Henry Johnson commemoration dinner heard the Provost propound a possibility and express a wish. The possibility was that there might be in the future some modification of the present relationship of the Church and the State, and the speaker inclined to the view that some measure of severance would not be entirely undesirable. The wish, added as a rider, was that if any new form of contract came about between Church and State the bells would still remain with the religious body.

Both these statements, the possibility and the wish, are worthy of careful attention. The Very Rev. Michael Parker speaks thoughtfully and with authority, and it doubtless comes as a surprise to most ringers to find so high a dignitary of the Church prepared to consider any degree of the unsanctifying of the State. It leads one to recall that last year the Rev. Canon Guy Warman gave as his opinion (unless we misunderstood his words) that the ideal partnership lay in the State managing its own affairs and the Church attending to its own business. Both these eminent clerics were doubtless confining their considerations to the Established Church, but the ordinary layman will, if he has sincere views on this matter, think in terms of the Christian community as a whole, and will wish for the State, in all its works and all its decisions, to be dominated to a far greater degree by the influence of Christian principles.

For the Sunday service ringer the Provost's added wish may provide even more food for thought. They are strange words, and disturbing, not perhaps because they indicate the likelihood of any detachment of our bells from their sacred office, but rather for the suggestion they provide of the sense of detachment with which some of our clergy regard their bells and their ringers. With the highest regard for the integrity and authority of our leaders in the Church, and with the greatest deference to their experience and views, it may yet be permissible to suggest that there are priests who have not considered fully why their bells ring out for services and what exactly is the significance of the ringing period.

Every Sunday service ringer who takes his responsibilities seriously knows that there is the incumbent who is entirely indifferent to his bells and their function, and that there is the parish priest who pays a kind of lip service to his ringers, but who, in his heart, regards the ringing as something apart, something to be 'fitted in, if possible,' an activity that sounds well before a service and provides harmless pleasure for a number of well-meaning men and women. The earnest ringer knows, too, that there is the incumbent who may, perhaps, be called the spiritually perceptive, who looks upon every activity of his church as contributing to the worship of God. This man calls his ringers Office Bearers in the Church.

And, it must be said, every priest of discernment knows that there are ringers entirely indifferent to the significance of their church bell ringing, and that there are those to whom the Sunday service ringing is just another occasion for enjoying the pleasure of ringing or even an opportunity for practice. The earnest incumbent knows, too, that there are ringers who take a very high view of their responsibilities. These men know that they are Office Bearers in the Church and need no reminding of the fact.

Differing views may doubtless be expressed as to the value and significance of the Sunday service ringing, but surely the highest and noblest way of regarding it is as a part of the church service, a great prelude of annunciation and praise, carefully planned and timed so that it may take its part with all the other musical offerings of the worshipping congregation. Such a consideration as this forces upon the service ringer serious responsibilities in respect of the quality of his offering, just as it provides a choir with inescapable obligations in the standard of its music. It must of necessity bring before the ringer more clearly his duty in attending at the congregational worship, and what is fit and proper in this respect needs careful thought.

Where the incumbent takes this high view of the ringing, and where the ringers are themselves conscious of their office, there can be no indifference, no empty patronage, no mere tolerance. And the Provost's wish is in some measure meaningless, or, at least, pointless. For the bells are dedicated to the service of God and are hallowed for their high office. Who then shall separate them from the service of God?

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
JOHN PINFOLD	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

STANLEY W. COPLING ..	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	8
*GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ERNEST WHITING	5	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER ..	2	EDWARD G. TALBOT	7
JOHN HILL	3	ROBERT COLLINS	8
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	STEWART F. W. KIMBER ..	9
JOHN L. MORRIS	5	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Leatherhead District.)
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 COBHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

GEORGE MARRINER	*Treble*	*BERNARD HAWKINS	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ..	7
*GILLIAN R. PARSONS ..	3	*EDWARD G. L. COWARD ..	8
*GORDON P. T. PETERS ..	4	ARTHUR H. SMITH	9
*ALBERT J. ADAMS	5	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung on the eve of Guildford Diocesan Mission Week.

LONDON, E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN CHILCOTT (1954) ..	*Treble*	JAMES G. A. PRIOR (1952)	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD (1951)	2	JOHN S. MASON (1956) ..	7
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ALFRED B. PECK (1910) ..	5	JACK A. WAUGH (1949) ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung by the Master, Senior Past Master and Past Masters of the Society. The composer held the office of Master in 1873.

COBHAM SURPRISE ROYAL.
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2nds place at lead. 4ths place bob.
Rung at Leatherhead on April 13th, 1956. Conducted by A. Harman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER ..	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	†R. ROGER SAVORY	6
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of London. The first peal of London on the bells. The 50th eight-bell peal in the tower.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., April 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	5
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH ..	6
HENRY KIRK	3	GRAEME A. HUGHES	7
REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the ringer of the fourth.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat, April 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL BROADLEY	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
HARRY WINGROVE	2	WILFRED EDWARDS	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ..	3	ALBERT BRIDGES	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	4	*BRIAN EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal.
A 16th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. WATKIN	5
*BERNARD R. MILLWARD ..	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ..	6
PERCY SWINDLEY	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	H. STEWARD BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Dorothy May Millward and Mr. Richard Drinkwater at this church on Easter Monday. The bride is the daughter of the ringer of the sixth and sister of the ringer of the second.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH ..	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON ..	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

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On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
*FREDA CLAYTON	2	DAVID J. TAYLOR	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Peter D. Beedie and Betty Smith, which took place at this church prior to the peal. Both are members of the local band.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FROOME	*Treble*	MRS. B. C. CASTLE	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	WALTER HUNT	6
*A. ALAN BROWN	3	HAROLD SMITH	7
MRS. H. SMITH	4	BERNARD C. CASTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER HUNT.
* First peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MRS. DOROTHY MORGAN	*Treble*	CHARLES PEAKMAN	5
†C. FREDERICK JUKES	2	*FREDERICK E. JUKES	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	7
BERT MORGAN	4	DAVID GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morgan, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Peakman.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID J. KING	6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
GEORGE DAVIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	5
*FRANK MATTRAVERS	2	GEOFFREY G. GAMMON	6
DAVID T. NORTH	3	†GORDON WALFORD	7
REGINALD BEALE	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
†EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
†STELLA HUGHES	3	PETER BORDER	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 600th peal. † First peal of Pudsey.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 11, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
ROBERT SWIFT	2	*ROBIN HODGSON	6
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	*PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. P. POOLE	2	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
*HARRY POYNER	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
*DAVID HEIGHTON	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam Frederick Robert Borrett, who conducted the first peal of Bristol by a band resident in the county on these bells on September 27th, 1911. Mr. Whiting rang the seventh in this peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
†ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	†RONALD J. SHARP	6
‡ERIC SHARP	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	7
MALCOLM G. HOOTON	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal. † 75th peal on these bells. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung as a compliment to C. Henry Harding and Miss Mary Arkinstall on their engagement.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH LOVATT	*Treble*	*KEITH G. JONES	5
EDMUND J. MORRIS	2	*TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
TREVOR M. RODERICK	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
ALFRED HANNINGTON	4	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. W. WORSLEY. Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal of Kent T.B

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
*MICHAEL D. FROST	2	*JOHN E. EWER	6
*FREDERICK W. ELLIS	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
*GERALD PENNEY	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal at first attempt.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
A Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
JOAN WILCOCKSON	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
*RICHARD E. PRIME	2	HARRY POYNER	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
*JEAN M. BROOKS	4	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal of Stedman. † 300th peal on tower bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
*DAPHNE R. CASTELL	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Yorkshire. The first peal of Major on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

G. KING	*Treble*	R. E. LAMBERT	5
W. GORRINGE	2	S. PONTING	6
*E. AVERY	3	W. KITCHENSIDE	7
F. LAMBERT	4	J. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. The ringer of the treble has 'completed the circle' at this tower.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brenda, daughter of the ringer of the third.

SHERFIELD-ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
†MICHAEL J. THOMAS	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	PETER NASH	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method † First peal. First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASH, MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire with 14 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
*PERCY COX	2	*H. E. GEORGE JEANES	5
*SIDNEY W. WHITE	3	ARTHUR J. CALLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.
* First peal in two Doubles.
Rung (by special request of the Vicar) as a compliment to Mrs. Keziah Jacobs, who celebrated her 90th birthday on the previous day.

SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	LESLIE LIGHTFOOT	4
GEORGE A. WALKER	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
STANLEY SHIPP	3	ARTHUR YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

CLAPHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

ROY A. WARD	*Treble*	MALCOLM G. HOOTON	4
PETER J. SHIPTON	2	*AIDAN BUTCHER	5
JAMES R. TAYLOR	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROY OWEN	*Treble*	ROBERT ALLCOCK	4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	2	TONY OWEN	5
GEORGE GREEVES	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DISLEY DELIGHT MINOR
Being four extents and a 2,160. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*TREVOR TAYLOR	4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	*GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	5
*GRAEME A. HUGHES	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., two extents of St. Clement's Bob, three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	*Treble*	*ALAN A. COOKE	4
GEORGE GREEVES	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
TONY OWEN	3	GEORGE A. COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to Geoffrey R. Drew, who is leaving on April 9th for service in the R.A.F

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	MARGARET BARKER	4
MARGARET S. RHODES	2	D. MARGARET HAWLEY	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

HULME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (2) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) and (7) Kent Treble Bob. Thirty changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*DEREK YATES	*Treble*	†GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	4
†DEREK TAYLOR	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
†TREVOR TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First peal in 18 spliced Minor methods. First peal in 18 methods as conductor. The most Minor methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings) Tenor 10 cwt.

CLIVE L. PROSSER	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	5
TRACEY H. YOUNG	3	PERCY H. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
The first peal on the bells after being restored by John Taylor and Co.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Double Court, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE J. DODD	*Treble*	*PETER NASH	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* 50th peal. First peal in ten methods by all except the ringer of the second, and the most methods yet rung to a peal of Minor for the Guild.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER F. WINDLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
*MOLLIE TILBURY	2	*ARTHUR W. DAVIS	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in seven methods. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(St. James' Guild.)
On Mon., April 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*ANN CULPIN	*Treble*	PETER J. LAWTON	4
ROY A. WARD	2	DESMOND R. BRAZIER	5
THOMAS P. HARRIS	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

* First peal of Minor. This is the quickest peal yet rung for the Association on tower bells, and it was rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Benton, who was inducted the previous day.



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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

PETER F. WINDLEY .. .. *Treble*	*JOHN J. G. ELLAMS.. .. 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS 2	†LESLIE EVANS 5
MOLLIE TILBURY 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. † 300th peal for the Guild. The first peal in four methods on the bells.

BLUNHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt., approx.

BRYAN S. COPE .. .. .. *Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON 4
STEPHEN IVIN 2	DEREK P. JONES.. 5
JOHN W. SINFIELD 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

This peal was specially arranged as a compliment to C. H. Harding and Miss Mary Arkinstall on their engagement.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, and six of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. *Treble*	†ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 3
*BRIAN G. WARWICK.. .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 400th peal. † First peal in ten methods.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. *Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE 4
*J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
ALAN G. FOSTER 3	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and eight each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*CHARLES LOWE.. .. .. *Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE 3
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Doubles.

The band are all tower captains of this district. This is the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 8, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3—4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 3, COLLEGE ROAD, W.13,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

*JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 1—2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 5—6
R. JAMES COOK .. .. 3—4	ALAN F. THIRST.. .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 5—6
HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 3—4	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 7—8
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 9—10	

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Poyner.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5—6
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3—4	HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 7—8
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 9—10	

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of 3-4.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In five methods, consisting of 2,256 Plain Bob, 984 Little Bob, 816 Double Bob, 816 Reverse Bob and 144 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 294 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in five Major methods 'in hand' by all and for the Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 11, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.. 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE.. .. .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN.. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in five methods by all the band.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED ROYAL

In three methods, consisting of 1,056 Little Bob, 2,640 Plain Bob and 1,320 Double Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	*JOHN A. ACRES.. .. .. 5—6
*HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 3—4	*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7—8
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 9—10	

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Spliced Royal. First peal of Spliced Royal as conductor. First peal of Spliced Royal in three methods and 'in hand' for the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK.. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 5—6
†MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 7—8
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 9—10	

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal 'in hand.' † 300th peal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Upwey

The valley of the River Wey echoed to the sound of the six bells of the ancient Church of St. Lawrence when the Dorchester Branch held their spring meeting at Upwey on April 14th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Bryant), who gave the Branch a hearty welcome.

The lesson was read by the Rev. Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the Branch.

An excellent tea was partaken at the Clovelly Tea Rooms, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the chairman, supported by the vice-chairman, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury) and the Rev. A. S. Bryant.

The date of the June meeting at Milton Abbey was left to the decision of the secretary in consultation with the Vicar. It was decided to hold the next Branch practice at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on April 21st.

A belfry nomination of Mr. H. Jeanes as a non-resident life member was ratified. An appeal on behalf of the Restoration Fund for Bow Bells was considered and, after discussion, it was agreed that the matter should be put forward at the Guild Festival to be held at Sherborne Abbey on May 12th.

The Rev. A. S. Bryant stated that in the Upwey Church records it was noted that in 1666 the people of Upwey had contributed no less than £700 to the restoration of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The chairman thanked the Rector for his wonderful address, and, in reply, Mr. Bryant said it was a real joy to hold a ringers' meeting. J. H. H.

A NORFOLK WEDDING

At Ashill, on Easter Monday, a member of the Caston company, Mr. Alfred Shingfield, sixth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Shingfield, of Caston, was married to Miss Sylvia Stebbings, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stebbings, of Ashill. The ceremony was performed by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Toase), and Mr. E. W. Smith was the organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a satin dress with full-length veil and orange blossom headdress, and carried a bouquet of red carnations and trailing fern. There were seven bridesmaids, five of them sisters of the bride. All wore spring-coloured dresses of different shades. Mr. R. Shingfield, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Ringing was carried out by Messrs. T. A. Potter, J. Potter, G. Grix, R. C. Button, W. M. Mann, C. E. G. Banham, S. H. Waterfield and Dr. P. H. A. Jonason, all of whom afterwards attended the reception. The couple are making their home at Norwich Road, Carbrooke.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

There was a strong gathering of members at the monthly meeting of the Society at South Anston on April 7th. A variety of methods rung during the afternoon included touches of Little Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. A course of London Major by the 'experts' was quite the best ringing of the day.

A meat tea was served in a nearby chapel, and in the absence of the secretary no business meeting was held. Further ringing took place in the tower covering many methods, outstanding of which were Duffield, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire. J. E. T.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Renewed Activity at Epping

There was almost a record attendance when the South-Western Division held its quarterly meeting at Loughton on April 7th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and was followed by a service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Ottaway). About 70 ringers sat down to an excellent tea in the adjoining Church Hall.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the chair was taken by Mr. John Crampion. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of two members who had passed on since the last meeting. These were Mr. Goodwin, of Havering, who had been a ringer for over 50 years, and Mr. Theobald, of Leytonstone, a member of the 'old time' band at that church, and ringer of 189 peals.

Mr. Chalk told the meeting that he had recently paid a visit to Epping and was pleased to report a renewal of activity there under the leadership of Mr. Statham. Eleven new ringing members were elected from this tower, and the Vicar of Epping was made an honorary member. Three honorary members were elected from Loughton, one full ringing member and two probationary members. There were two new ringing members from Wanstead, and one new member from Woodford was confirmed. Three new ringing members from Rayleigh completed the picture.

Mr. Gant announced that the annual dinner of the Essex Association would be held at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on October 6th.

After Mr. Chalk had paid tribute to the work of Mr. Last at Wanstead, Mr. Gant thanked the Rector and the local ringers and their wives for the efficient arrangements made. J. E. H.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Unfortunately, owing to the loosening of the pins which secured the counter-balance to the clapper of the ninth causing the bell to cease to strike, the peal attempt for Stedman Caters at Worcester Cathedral on April 7th was lost after 3¼ hours' ringing. The attempt was in honour of the appointment of the Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards as Bishop of Worcester. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea in Church House, where Bishop Charles-Edwards expressed his appreciation of the ringing and sympathised with the band in their loss when in sight of the end. The band consisted of G. J. Hemming 1, R. G. Morris 2, S. T. Holt (cond.) 3, D. R. Morris 4, A. Morgan 5, E. F. Cubberley 6, G. C. Hemming 7, D. Beacham 8, R. Woodyatt 9, T. W. Lewis 10.

Friends of Mr. G. S. Morris, of Lyme Regis, will be glad to hear that he is recovering after an operation for hernia on April 14th, but will not be ringing for five or six weeks.

'In reply to Mr. Brian T. Hale, the six bells of Holy Trinity, Lane End, are all by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, 1878.'—Walter Avery, Lane End, High Wycombe.

In three consecutive peals Mr. B. G. Warwick rang his 300th tower-bell peal (Stedman Triples at All Saints', Leicester, on April 14th), 400th peal (ten Doubles at Kirby Bellars the same day) and 100th handbell peal (Plain Bob Royal on April 15th).

On April 14th a number of Mid-Devon Branch members visited Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, where a good afternoon's instruction was given to four members of the Buckfast Abbey ringers. A sumptuous tea was afterwards much enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, and the remainder of the time was spent with handbells.

The second edition of Dove's 'Bellringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' has now been published. There are no fewer than 2,000 amendments and two new appendices—post-war losses and transfers of ringing peals. In addition, the binding has been improved. A review of this valuable guide to every keen ringer will appear in an early issue.

The peal at Measham (p. 227) was rung for the Midland Counties Guild (not Association).

Mr. Cecil V. Ebberson, of Snettisham, conveys through 'The Ringing World' his best wishes to his old friend Mr. Frank Bennett.

Toddington (Glos) bells—a ring of six—have recently been rehung, and were rung for the first time at Easter. It is hoped that the Cheltenham Branch will be holding a meeting there in the very near future.

The peal at Queniborough, Leicestershire, was the first for 23 years for Charles Lowe, the tower captain. The band would like to thank the Vicar, himself a ringer, for saying a prayer in the belfry before the attempt and entertaining them to tea afterwards.

The first peal attempt on the new bells at Wragby, Yorks, on Easter Monday came to grief during the third extent. A quarter peal of Treble Bob Minor was, however, scored. Afterwards it was learnt that Mr. H. Chant and Mr. D. Smith, two noted peal ringers, had not rung a quarter peal since the war.

The bells of York Minster were heard yesterday afternoon prior to the broadcast in the Home Service of the enthronement of the new Archbishop. On Sunday, May 6th, in the North Home Service, there will be a broadcast of the bells of Beverley Minster previous to the 9.30 a.m. service.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting was held at Bishop's Stortford on April 7th and was attended by well over 100 members and friends from all parts of the county. The question of transport to this outpost on the Essex border was solved by three of the District secretaries organising coach parties, and so support was ensured from the outset.

The day's proceedings commenced with ringing at Little Hadham (5), Braughing (8), Standon (6) and Much Hadham (8), and this provided quite a ringing tour for the coach and car parties.

After an excellent lunch at Bishop's Stortford off went the coaches, etc., to Thorley (6) and Sawbridgeworth (8, tenor 25 cwt.) and then returned to St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford (10, tenor 18 cwt.) for further ringing.

The annual service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave the address. The lesson was read by the president (Mr. C. W. Woolley), a course of Bob Major was rung on handbells by four officers, and a collection was taken for the Voluntary Bell Fund.

After tea, at which the Vicar presided, the president welcomed the visitors (especially Mr. R. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association), and in one of the best addresses ever heard at an annual meeting observed that, although this meeting showed increased interest, it could only be regarded as a success if the members continued to attend the annual meetings wherever they may be held in future years. He referred to the financial crisis through which the Association has safely passed, and urged the members to take an active interest in its affairs and not be content to leave everything to the officers and committee.

The list of members who had unfortunately passed away since the last annual meeting was read, and the members present stood for a moment in silent memory of George Hughes (Stanmore), W. Howard, A. E. Halsey, W. H. L. Buckingham, J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), W. Stanley (Stevenage), A. Bray (Baldock), F. Warrington (Cambs) and C. C. Mayne (Harrow Weald).

Arising from the minutes, a letter from the Central Council secretary concerning peals in irregular methods was brought to the notice of the Association. The Rev. M. G. Bryant (Northaw) and Miss S. Haslam (Much Hadham) were elected members, Messrs. L. T. Hansell and W. Little, of St. Albans Cathedral, were re-elected, Mr. F. J. Cullum (Erith) and Miss A. Gladwell (Reading) were elected non-resident members.

The annual report of the General Committee was read by the general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) and was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, who also paid tribute to the work of Mr. T. J. Southam and Mr. G. Dodds.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

The report stated that the ringing membership had increased by 50 members, many being young ringers. The District secretaries deserved most of the credit for maintaining and increasing interest as well as raising the funds of the Association towards the target of a sound financial position.

Restoration work at Elstree had also been carried out, the six bells had been recast and rehung, while the bells at Kimpton, Knebworth and St. Stephen's, St. Albans, were to be rehung in the near future.

Peal ringing, on the whole, had maintained its usual level, which was most encouraging in view of the statement in 'The Ringing World' that there was a drop in peal ringing throughout the country. The three peal books were now complete with all peals entered up to the end of 1954, and Mrs. J. Dodds, who had accomplished in one year the monumental work of correcting, inserting and completing upwards of 450 peals, had rightly earned their grateful thanks for her work. The register of compositions had been taken over by Miss P. Martin, who had entered a vast number of figures which had been audited by Mr. H. Cashmore.

Financially the Association was now free from debt, the generous interest-free loan of £150 made in 1952 had been entirely repaid, and thanks were due to all concerned for all they had done.

The accounts were presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) and showed an excess of income over expenditure of £17 8s. 5d. on the year. Cash at bank, £201 17s. 11d. Reserve Fund, £66 5s. 9d. The Benevolent Fund stood at £22 12s. 1d. with £65 12s. 8d. on deposit. The Voluntary Bell Fund balance was £46 19s. 3d. The accounts were adopted.

It was decided to grant five guineas each to the Kimpton, Knebworth and King's Langley Bell Funds from the Voluntary Bell Fund, and two guineas to the Bow Bells Appeal from the General Fund.

It was decided to appoint a peal secretary and make the necessary alteration in Rule 5 to allow this appointment

In the election of officers Mr. W. T. Holmes, of Hatfield, was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year; the other officers were re-elected and the new peal secretary is Mr. B. C. Johnson, of St. Albans.

The proposition from the Watford District regarding the position of Stanmore band (Middlesex) was discussed, and it was agreed to allow them the same privilege as resident members.

On the proposition of Mr. W. D. Foote it was agreed to transfer Northaw tower from the St. Albans District to the Eastern District.

The forthcoming joint summer festival meeting with the Bedfordshire Association at St. Albans on June 16th was mentioned by the general secretary, who gave details of some of the arrangements and asked for the full support of the members.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed a vote of thanks to all who had in any way assisted with the arrangements of the meeting.

Mr. R. Heazel replied on behalf of the visitors, and members adjourned to the tower for further ringing on the excellent ring of ten bells.

H. V. F.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Next Thursday is the 80th birthday of 'the Grand Old Man' of Birmingham, Mr. Albert Walker. He still enjoys a peal and called one of his favourite methods, Stedman Cinques, as recently as March 3rd at Wolverhampton. 'A happy birthday, Albert,' is the sincere wish of the whole Exercise, and especially his friends of the St. Martin's Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Bells will be heard before the broadcast Rogation Service on Sunday, May 6th, from Appledore Parish Church, Devon, and before the service from Wincanton Parish Church, Somerset, on Sunday, May 27th. (Both services broadcast from 9.30 to 10.15 a.m. in the West Home Service only.)

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. W. A. Wood's Long Service Appreciated

THE annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in Leicester on Saturday, April 7th.

During the afternoon the bells of St. Margaret's, St. John's and the Cathedral were rung to a variety of methods.

At 4.30 p.m. a service was held in the Cathedral conducted by the Rev. F. W. Pratt, chaplain of the Cathedral and priest-in-charge of St. John's. The Ven. W. J. Lyon, Archdeacon Emeritus of Loughborough, read the lesson, and the sermon was preached by the Provost, the Very Rev. M. Armstrong. He welcomed the Guild to the Cathedral and said that it was the first time he had had an opportunity of preaching at the annual service. He regretted that neither he nor the Rev. F. W. Pratt would be able to be present at the meeting.

Following the service tea was served in St. John's Schoolroom for the 130 ringers and wives who had sent their names in by the required date. This was necessary owing to the limited accommodation available. Because of this few visitors were present.

At the business meeting, held after tea, the Ven. W. J. Lyon took the chair. He was supported by Messrs. P. L. Taylor and E. C. Turner (vice-presidents), Mr. W. A. Wood (general hon. secretary) and Mr. W. S. Burton (peal secretary).

Opening the meeting, Archdeacon Lyon said how happy he was to be back among the ringers of the Diocese. As Rector of Loughborough he was always pleased to welcome ringers to the Parish Church.

Arising from the minutes of the previous annual meeting the chairman noted how frequently the name of Mr. H. J. Poole occurred in the minutes. He thought that this was a convenient time to take note of his tragic death. He worked for the Guild and made it what it was. In his opinion there was not a more enthusiastic ringer in the Diocese. He knew him personally, as he often came to ring at Loughborough. The Guild had lost a most valued member. The chairman then asked the meeting to stand in Mr. H. J. Poole's memory.

TOTAL BALANCE £334

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, presented the balance sheet. He said that for the first time in the history of the Guild he had to present the accounts without being audited, but due to circumstances beyond his control he had not been able to complete the balance sheet until the previous evening.

Although expenditure exceeded income by £36 5s. 7d. during the year, there was a balance of £93 16s. 1d. in the General Fund. A grant of £21 had been made to Queniborough from the Bell Repair Fund, which left a balance of £176 18s. 7d. There was also a balance of £63 14s. 7d. in the Catering Reserve Fund. The total balance in hand was, therefore, £334 9s. 3d.

The report was adopted, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. E. Rawson, seconded by Mr. J. H. Cook. Thanks were expressed to the hon. treasurer for his work.

Mr. K. Roe commented on the fact that each year it was necessary to draw from the reserve to meet current expenditure. He wondered whether the subscription should be raised.

The hon. treasurer replied that the matter would be considered by the General Committee.

27 FIRST PEALERS

Mr. S. Burton, hon. peal secretary, in his report, said that 168 peals had been rung in 1955 compared with 197 in 1954. He thought that the drop in numbers was due to the loss of the president. Nevertheless the Leicester Diocesan Guild rang more peals than any other Guild or Association during 1955. There were 27 people who had rung their first peal, three people had conducted their first peal. The conducting was shared by 36 people, which was a healthy sign.

New methods rung for the first time were Bristol Alliance Major, Humberstone-Delight Major, Arnesby Surprise Major, Bruntingthorpe Surprise Major, Countesthorpe Surprise Major, Donisthorpe Surprise Major, Edmondthorpe Surprise Major and Woodstock Surprise Major.

Mr. C. Harrison, in proposing the adoption of the report, said that the peal secretary should receive the grateful thanks of the Guild for all the work he did. It was seconded by Mr. P. J. Staniforth and carried unanimously.

LAPSED MEMBERSHIP PROBLEM

The hon. general secretary's report was presented by Mr. W. A. Wood. He said that all Districts generally had reported a favourable year. There had been improved attendances at meetings, some progress in ringing and increased social activities. District officers would, however, welcome more support at some monthly meetings. The wastage of members had not yet been checked. To date a total of just over 1,200 new and non-resident members had been received into the Guild. (For 1955 the figures are 89 new and 20 non-resident.) During the year 578 subscriptions were received, 48 of these being from junior members. It would seem that it is too easy to become a member and that too low a value was then placed on Guild membership.

For the last six months of the year the presidential duties had been carried out by the two vice-presidents working together and sharing the duties of chairman at the General Committee and the quarterly meetings. They had been mainly responsible for working out the arrangements for the facilities necessary for the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday. Ringing arrangements were being made by Mr. S. Burton, hon. peal secretary.

Mr. Wood then expressed the thanks of the Guild to the clergy for their co-operation, to the many helpers who arrange teas at the meetings and to the District secretaries for their work during the year

In conclusion Mr. Wood said that largely due to the devoted work of the late president, there is in the Leicester Diocesan one of the leading Guilds in the country. He hoped it would be kept so.

BALLOT FOR NEW PRESIDENT

There were three nominations for president, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner. Voting was by ballot, Mr. F. Roe and Mr. F. J. Williams (both of whom have been transferred to the non-resident list of members) acted as tellers.

The chairman announced the result of the ballot as follows:—Mr. P. L. Taylor 48 votes, Mr. E. C. Turner 44, and Mr. P. A. Corby 15.

Archdeacon Lyon, in handing over, congratulated the Leicester Diocesan Guild on electing Mr. Taylor as president.

Mr. Taylor, on taking the chair, thanked all for their confidence. He would do his best and hoped the Guild would go from strength to strength. It was up to them all to keep the Leicester Diocesan Guild on top.

Other officers elected were: Mr. P. A. Corby and Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-presidents; Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer; Mr. S. Burton, hon. peal secretary; Mr. B. G. Warwick, hon. general secretary

The chairman said he was pleased to welcome Mr. B. G. Warwick as the new hon. general secretary, and expressed his thanks to Mr. W. A. Wood for all that he had done.

24 YEARS' UNBROKEN SERVICE

The hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley, then paid tribute to the work Mr. Wood had done. They had been in office together since 1932. Then Mr. Rowley was elected secretary of the Hinckley District with Mr. Wood as chairman. When Mr. Rowley moved to Ibstock, Mr. Wood then took his place as secretary, which he held until 1948, when he became hon. general secretary of the Guild. 'Thus,' said Mr. Rowley, 'Mr. Wood has given 24 years' unbroken service to the Guild.'

Mr. Rowley then presented Mr. Wood with a wrist watch, which had been subscribed by all members of the Guild. Mr. Wood replied, thanking members very much for their gift.

Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president, said that the tribute should be paid to the secretary's wife, who had always helped in whatever way possible. Taken completely by surprise, she was presented with a bouquet by Miss Nancy Marklew. On behalf of his wife Mr. Wood suitably replied.

Following this pleasant interlude, the chairman stated that as Mr. B. G. Warwick was now ineligible to act as auditor a new one would have to be elected. Mr. G. Newton proposed, and Mr. J. H. Cook seconded, that Mr. W. J. Root act as auditor. This was carried unanimously.

The election of 12 new ringing members was duly confirmed.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bottesford on July 21st.

The chairman and peal secretary then outlined arrangements for the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday. Full details were being published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. E. C. Turner paid tribute to the hard work done by Mr. P. L. Taylor during recent months. Many people had worked very hard and he wondered how one man managed. He was very pleased to welcome Mr. P. A. Corby as vice-president. He had done good work in the Melton District. Mr. Turner concluded by asking all members to give their support to the general officers and to Mr. P. L. Taylor in particular.

In closing the meeting the president thanked Mr. S. Harrison for arranging the tea and meeting in St. John's schoolroom. B. G. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed once again to trespass on your valuable space concerning the above? The accusation of Mr. W. Birmingham that I have staked a claim on the above ring cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. Were I to write to one of our leading Pool promoters saying that as they seemed to have a large surplus of money to throw around, and I was in a position to use a large sum, would that be regarded by them as making a claim? No! However, had I the maximum number of points on their Treble Chance Pool and despatched a hurried telegram to say so, it would be regarded as such!

Bearing this in mind, the majority of your readers will, I think, have sufficient commonsense to differentiate between a suggestion and a claim. I could have suggested that they be transferred to the rugged and massive tower of Christ Church, Spitalfields, which would accommodate them all on one level. Would I like to see Spitalfields bells deposed to make room for them? Not on your life!

My chief object in writing was to point out that if the Institute bells were looking for a home, Bow is looking for a ring of bells, and is quite capable of carrying the weight of metal! I had the privilege and pleasure of first ringing at the Institute on the occasion in May, 1935, of the Silver Jubilee of King George V. and Queen Mary. We rang two excellent touches of Stedman Caters, and one ringer, whom I had never met before, and was addressed by the others as 'Taff,' afterwards invited me to go for a drink! Another asked me to take part in an attempt for a peal of Cinques at Southwark Cathedral that evening. This I regretfully had to decline as I had been awake since 4 a.m. Strange treatment indeed for one who had invaded what Mr. Birmingham alleges to be a closed shop!

The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey or the Institute are not the playthings of the Exercise. Tradition demands that they be manned by ringers who are safe for all practical purposes and that the striking shall be as near perfection as the varying conditions in each tower will permit. If a closed shop means the exclusion of poor strikers, bad handlers and stay bashers, then I am sure there is no need for any justification of it on my part!

Concerning paid ringing, may I put forward a point apparently overlooked by Mr. Birmingham? Those who ring at these towers have to travel many miles to do so. Does he not realise that in some cases the cost of transport would be in excess of the fee paid? When ringers ring for special occasions, should the travelling expenses fall on their own pockets all the time? I may be wrong, but at least I don't think so.

Getting back to the Institute ring. For the past 25 years I have owned a copy of 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' so am as well informed on these as Mr. Birmingham or Mr. Caple. In the event of the removal of the bells it would, of course be the prerogative of Her Majesty to say what was to happen to them, and whatever we, as ringers felt, we, as her loyal subjects, could not complain if she chose to consign them to the scrap heap! Were they to go to Bow they would lose their identity as the 'Institute' ring and become Bow Bells, even though they had not been cast for the purpose. A service of dedication in Bow Church would make them so. Do the people of Eastington, Glos, still speak of 'those bells from Frocester,' or the people of Acomb, Yorks, still refer to 'those bells from Bishopshill'? No! They have become the voice of the towers in which they hang.

Assuming that the Institute ring were taken to Windsor and replaced what Mr. Birmingham calls the 'tuneless old bells' of the Curfew Tower, would they be accepted as part of the furniture or be referred to as 'those bells from Kensington'? Of course, that would be a different story. In so far as he advocates the removal of a grand London ring to a tower close to his own home Mr. Birmingham has made it clear to all that he has an axe to grind! I only hope I have succeeded in making it plain to all that I haven't!

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry.

THE RIGHTS OF THE VISITING RINGER

Dear Sir,—The query raised by your correspondent, Mr. Spavins, and which I have heard voiced elsewhere, seems to have a spiteful air.

Surely we have sufficient reason to subscribe to the Bow Bells Fund, to restore a national heritage destroyed by enemy action, without asking that our subscription should entitle us to ring on the rehung bells.

But, the Bow Bells fund aside, why should any ringer, even if of sufficient ability, be allowed to ring at any tower, as your correspondent, Mr. Birmingham, suggests? Surely this is a matter for the resident band to decide, and they can hardly be blamed if they will not allow a perfect stranger with no credentials whatsoever to take a rope for Sunday service ringing.

It would be a pity indeed if the fellowship of ringers were to be curtailed, but on the other hand this freedom which we enjoy should not be abused and hospitality taken for granted. —Yours sincerely,

P. H. WHITAKER.

Spondon, Derbys.

RINGING MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—In connection with the correspondence under the above heading the following may be of interest.

At the annual gathering of a very important section of ringers it was—and still is—the practice of members to visit various towers in the district during their stay. Upon this occasion a considerable number of well-known ringers from all over the country visited a tower which had the reputation of having a very nice eight. The local band turned up to welcome their visitors and with some curiosity as to what sort of people they were who were only known to them by reports from time to time in 'The Ringing World.' The occasion was rather overwhelming—for the locals. The visitors soon took charge of the proceedings with the locals taking a back seat, not being up to the standard of the Surprise methods that were set going.

After a time one of the locals felt that he would like to take some part in the proceedings and during a short lull between the touches, when a discussion was taking place as to whether the next touch should be Cambridge, London, Bristol, Superlative—or some of each —he plucked up courage and suggested a touch of Grandsire. This suggestion was received in dead silence, and then one of the visitors politely asked if the questioner could ring Grandsire, to which he replied that providing the other seven could, he felt he could manage it.

Again silence for a moment and then a hearty laugh went up. The local got his touch of Grandsire, in which several well-known ringers took part, and his only regret was that he did not get their autographs of an occasion which to him will always be a pleasant and amusing one.—Yours truly,

FRANK HUCKLE.

Barham, Kent.

PEAL RINGING IN COUNTIES

Dear Sir,—With the conclusion of the series, I should like to express my appreciation of the work of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. I hope I shall not be alone in doing this.

From time to time letters have appeared in these columns pointing out mistakes that have been made in the articles, and I have felt that the tone and criticism of these has sometimes been quite unjustified. In conversation, too, I have heard people saying that many more peals had been rung in a tower than as published, yet the point that the records were from 1881 onwards was often made in the articles.

Mr. Felstead has done a good job of work and the records will prove invaluable. In work of this nature mistakes are inevitable. I hope, however, that in future people who correct them will do so more kindly.

Tewkesbury. DAVID BEACHAM.

MISUNDERSTANDING OVER JOINT MEETING

Dear Sir,—In the report of the annual meeting of the East Grinstead Guild ('Ringing World,' March 30th) it was stated that the Guild had accepted an invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association. It appears that this statement is not correct, as I am informed by Mr. I. Butcher, the Divisional secretary, that at our February meeting he was asked if a joint meeting could be arranged, if both sides were agreeable, and when this matter was brought up at our annual meeting I was under the impression that the matter had already been discussed by the Northern Division, but this was not so, and I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst.

PEAL OF STEDMAN AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—I feel that I would like to hear more on the subject of a recent peal (?) of 'Stedman' at South Wigston. I had hoped that it would be unnecessary to write this letter but in the interests of 'peal ringing' I think it is essential.

The peal was obviously not a good one, and it has received rather damning criticism from a listener. After this, if the performance is to be accepted as a 'peal,' surely we should hear the views of the conductor.

If the printed allegations are not refuted it tends to make one wonder of this 'peal' is typical of many, and that it was just unfortunate that it was overheard.

It should not be necessary to doubt any peal reported, yet distrust and suspicion must now enter into the minds of many people who read of the past and present performances of the ringers concerned.

I hope the conductor will take this chance of either withdrawing the peal or explaining why it was recorded, thus avoiding the reputation which may well become his and his compatriots.

I conclude by saying that I am surprised and dismayed at the apathy of several thousand ringers at the report of this performance.—Yours faithfully, MICHAEL J. E. BEST.

Bournemouth.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Appointment of New Hon. Secretary

THE annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Cirencester on April 7th, in the Church Hall, Cirencester, about 130 members having signed the attendance book. The Master (Mr. C. R. Harding) presided.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Peel (Tortworth). Apologies for absence were received from the following: Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Mr. H. V. Robinson, Rev. Canon W. H. Thomas, vice-presidents; Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst (Bristol) and Mr. G. Kilmister (Cheltenham).

Arising from the minutes of the last annual meeting at Tewkesbury, Mr. Barry spoke of the Gloucester Guild of Ringers. Mr. Hansford asked what was the position with regard to the Association's ring of handbells. The secretary gave the necessary information.

The Master (Mr. C. R. Harding) in his report stated that the year had been a memorable one and he had the honour of welcoming to Bristol the Ancient Society of College Youths and also the Central Council. He thanked Mr. Skidmore and Mr. A. Tyler for their work, which gave so much pleasure to the Council.

Peals rung during 1955 remained about the same number and membership was also about the same.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. Skidmore) in his report gave membership at between 1,000 and 1,100. The Chippenham Branch was now working again.

Mr. S. G. Riches, the hon. treasurer, stated that the total funds of the Association had increased from £375 to £433 and the Belfry Repair Fund was up by £60 to £259.

These reports were adopted as were the Branch and belfry elections during the year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst (Bristol) was elected a vice-president, and all the existing vice-presidents were re-elected. In accordance with the rules, only one nomination was received for the office of Master, that of the present Master, Mr. C. R. Harding, who was in consequence re-elected for another year. Mr. Harding promised to do all in his power to uphold the prestige of the Association.

Mr. F. Skidmore had intimated in his report that he wish to resign as hon. secretary in favour of a younger man who had the enthusiasm and ability to take over the job, which was now in good shape, and to give any assistance (if required) to his successor. Efforts were made to persuade Mr. Skidmore to continue for another year, but all to no avail.

Mr. Oakhill, Mr. C. R. Harding, Mr. J. G. Jefferies, Mr. A. L. Barry and Mr. T. Boreham spoke of the excellent work Mr. Skidmore had put in during six six years of office. These marks of appreciation were received with general acclamation. There were two nominations for this position—Mr. C. Rouse (Cheltenham) and Mr. W. F. Scudamore (Bristol Rural). The election was by ballot, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas consenting to act as scrutineers, and resulted in Mr. Scudamore being elected with 69 votes to Mr. Rouse's 61.

Other elections were: Mr. S. G. Riches, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. Reeves, hon. peal secretary; Mr. E. F. Hancock and Mr. J. M. Stallard, hon. auditors; six members to the Management Committee (Rule 7) re-elected en bloc; also the Association advisers.

The Management Committee had decided that, in view of the fact that there was very little time between the annual meeting and Whitsuntide, the election of Central Council representatives should be brought forward one year to enable the elected members to have sufficient time to make their arrangements with regard to accommodation at the place where the Council were meeting. The present representatives were all willing to stand for another term of three years, and there being no further nominations they were re-elected en bloc as follows: Mr. F. Skidmore (Bristol Archdeaconry), Mr. T. Boreham (Cheltenham Archdeaconry), Mr. A. L. Barry (Gloucester Archdeaconry) and Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon Archdeaconry).

The secretary outlined the position with regard to the proposed peal tablet for the Coronation peal rung at Painswick. He had received the co-operation of the Vicar of Painswick, the Rev. H. F. Heal, also an estimate for the job from a firm of monumental masons at Ross-on-Wye, for a stone tablet, the drawing of which was passed round the meeting. The cost would be in the region of £60, and in view of the important national occasion it was decided to proceed with the job. Mr. Skidmore promised to see the project finalised.

BRANCH TERRITORIES

This question had been before the meetings for about four years, in an endeavour to make the Chippenham Branch larger in towers and membership, and it had been decided to include in the Chippenham Branch, Marshfield (8), Bristol Rural; Tetbury (8), Shipton Moyne (6) and Long Newnton (6), Cirencester; and Malmesbury (8), Swindon Branch. These changes to take effect as from January 1st, 1957.

The next year's annual meeting is to be held at Newent, North Forest Branch, on Saturday, April 27th.

Mr. Hansford asked that the rules covering voting should be altered. That only performing members should be allowed to vote, and not honorary and associate members. This was opposed by Mr. C. Rouse, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. H. Trueman, Mr. H. W. Bishop and Mrs. F. Skidmore, the general opinion being that all annual subscription members in whatever category should be allowed to vote.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers for the way the affairs of the Association had been managed during the past year. This was cordially received. The Master suitably responded.

This concluded the business, and the Rev. W. A. Peel closed the meeting with prayer at 4.35 p.m.

A move was made for tea, at which Canon R. H. Sutch, Vicar of Cirencester, was the guest. The Master thanked the Vicar for his welcome to Cirencester and for the use of the bells and for the service which was to come at 6 p.m.; also to Mr. F. J. Lewis for having everything ready in the belfry, to all the incumbents for the use of their bells during the day, and last, but not least, Mr. R. E. W. Wenban, the Cirencester Branch secretary, who had been responsible for all the local arrangements, which had been admirably carried out, and were appreciated by all.

The service in the Parish Church was a grand finale to a very pleasant meeting, the address given by the Rev. T. P. Hearn, Childswickham, being most appropriate, his text being from the Psalms: 'All the foundations of the earth are out of course,' as applied to present day conditions.

This brought to a close one of the best meetings the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has held in recent years. F. S.

Organisers of outings, etc., are asked to note that there will be no ringing at St. Thomas', Bristol, until the belfry floor has been repaired.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Restoration of Ancient Churches

THE tenth annual meeting of the Guild was held at Southwell Minster on April 7th. The Minster bells were available from 2.30 until 8.30 with a break for Evensong, tea and the business meeting. Southwell Minster celebrates its millenary this year and so it was fitting that the annual meeting should be held in this noble setting far removed from the madding crowd.

Upwards of 75 members and friends attended the meeting, 64 sitting down to tea in the Trebeck Hall.

In the absence of Canon R. F. Wilkinson, the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Provost (the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood), who is well known for his hustle, and on this occasion he again revealed his ability of getting through a long agenda in the minimum of time.

A minute's silence was observed for five deceased members, namely, Messrs. C. Carr, E. A. Rigden, T. Jennison, C. Glenn and Mrs. L. L. East.

The annual report being still in the hands of the printers, the reports of the general secretary, treasurer, each District secretary and the Peal Committee were put before the meeting and approved.

The Income and Expenditure Account showed a surplus of income for the year of £10 17s. 9d. The Capital Account now stands at £120 2s. and the balance of the Bell Repair Fund is £92 19s. Since the accounts were made up donations of £10 10s. each have been made to Bunney and West Bridgford. Promised donations to Shireoaks and Laxton still await the completion of the restoration schemes.

Miss R. Carey and Mr. C. White were elected members of the Guild and the Rev. W. N. Metcalfe, of Bunney, a vice-president.

The only change amongst the officers was the substitution of Mr. F. Dakin as an auditor in place of Mr. B. M. Buswell, and the election of the latter as Central Council representative and peal secretary in place of the late Mr. Clement Glenn.

A grant of £5 5s. was made to St. Mary-le Bow Cheapside, London, out of general funds.

An item on the agenda which resulted in an excellent discussion was the Bishop's Appeal Fund. This fund has been opened by the Bishop for the restoration of ancient churches and the provision of new churches in the Diocese, and aims at raising £200,000 over a period of seven years. Many thinking ringers have felt that something should be done by the Guild. but the difficulty has been in deciding what form it should take without cutting across individual parish efforts.

Various novel ideas were put forward and after a full ventilation of opinion it was resolved that during the remaining six years of the appeal the Guild should make a donation towards the restoration of ancient churches out of general funds if, in the opinion of the committee, the financial position warranted it, and that for the year 1956 one half of the surplus for the preceding year ending December 31st, 1955, should be donated to the fund, and that in subsequent years the amount should be left to the committee's discretion. This resolution was carried unanimously and was thought to be a practical solution to the problem.

Mr. John Segar explained that he and Mr. P. A. Corby had put forward a motion to the Central Council deploring the frequent misuse of the sumbol x in peal compositions and asking for the position to be clarified. Mr. Segar explained that he had acted as a private individual. Nevertheless his action was endorsed.

A vote of thanks to the Provost and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success was proposed by Mr. Bartlam.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On April 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Halliday 1, N. Bennett (first of Triples) 2, J. Coffey (first of Triples 'inside') 3, D. F. Yates 4, R. M. Edwards 5, A. W. Stone 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, P. R. Harrison 8. Rung to celebrate the reopening of the church after restoration and redecoration.

BARKSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. R. Platt 1, B. Hunt 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, W. R. Read 4, P. E. Parry (cond.) 5, B. Buttery 6.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob, and 300 Grandsire): R. W. Leighton 1, C. McGuiness 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, K. Cheeseman 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5. Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

BLOOMSBURY, W.C.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, J. Tomset 2, G. Parsons 3, M. Sinden 4, A. Lewry 5, F. Corfield 6, J. Euston 7, M. Oakshett 8. For evening service.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On April 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. B. Holmes 1, A. B. Cooper 2, A. Keller (first in method) 3, K. Rutland (first in method) 4, J. Saxton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. Cooper 7, S. Slaney (cond.) 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): E. Turner (13) 1, M. Edmonds (13) 2, C. A. Gerrish 3, M. H. Williams 4, W. T. Pett (cond.) 5, D. W. Davies 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, D. L. Hughes 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Gerrish, father of the ringer of the third.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. C. Hart 1, G. North 2, Miss R. K. How 3, W. A. Riddington 4, A. W. Gravett 5, C. Riddleston 6, R. Beale 7, A. W. Bond (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,500 Minor (240 London, 180 St. Clement's, 180 Double Court, 240 Cambridge, 240 Kent, 240 Oxford, 180 Plain Bob): D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, G. M. Rouse 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Hill 1, W. G. Buchanan 2, B. J. Wylde (first as cond.) 3, M. W. Edwards (first 'inside') 4, G. Buchanan 5, R. Buchanan 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung by a local band for Easter festival.

ELSHAM, LINCS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Raith 1, R. T. Harrison 2, A. W. Hoodless 3, S. Neave (first quarter) 4, W. A. Crowder 5, M. W. Crowder (first quarter, cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Orchard and Mr. Morrison, which took place this day.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drury 1, Miss M. Hamilton 2, C. Kennington 3, J. B. Budd 4, Miss G. I. Rusby 5, F. Kennington 6, S. Broomfield (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mayor of Grimsby (Ald. J. C. B. Olsen), who was laid to rest on this day.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Foreward 1, T. Smith (cond.) 2, G. Collet 3, J. Cruickshank 4, R. Trebilcock 5, R. Brown 6. Rung as a farewell tribute to Mr. and Mrs. A. Stone on leaving the parish after many years of energetic work.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For Easter morning service.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. E. Boulden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss O. M. Boulden 3, H. S. Humphrey 4, J. R. Cooper 5, S. J. Boulden 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, A. L. Terry 8. Rung to commemorate the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Lydd Airport on this day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Cordell 1, Wendy Bowak 2, I. McPhail 3, N. King 4, Daphne Hyams (first quarter) 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

PENN, STAFFS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roden 1, D. Smith 2, C. Eyre 3, E. Stitch 4, G. Smallwood 5, C. Griffiths 6, E. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. Bloore 8. Rung half-muffled for the father of B. Ford, a local ringer. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stitch 1, C. Griffiths 2, Miss J. Eyre (first quarter) 3, J. Roden 4, G. Smallwood 5, A. Williams 6, E. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. Eyre 8. For Confirmation service.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 7th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,568 Spliced Surprise Major (being 832 London, 320 Bristol, 160 Cambridge, 128 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, with 36 changes of method): T. R. Taylor 1, Miss S. K. M. Knight 2, R. Baldwin 3, R. G. Leale 4, W. T. Beeson 5, C. E. Smith 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. New (first quarter) 1, J. Wightman 2, W. J. Paice 3, L. Paice 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. New 1, Miss S. Revell 2, W. J. Paice 3, W. J. Parker (cond.) 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. Collins 6.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 All Saints): P. Hurcombe 1, M. Ling 2, F. E. Tranter (cond.) 3, C. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reserve Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Grandsire and 420 Plain Bob): D. Pollard 1, J. Martin 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. For Mission Week.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (five variations of Morris' 240 and 60): Miss A. Culpin 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, A. W. Allen 3, P. J. Lawton 4, J. F. Olney 5, Miss S. J. Devereux 6. Rung to welcome the Vicar-designate (the Rev. J. A. Benton) to the parish.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Shelton (13, first quarter) 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Miss M. Page (cond.) 3, Miss A. Bacon 4, R. N. Marlow 5, J. Maidment 6.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints, on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): P. Shute (first quarter) 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, H. G. Weedon 4, R. W. Sumner 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong.

STOKE DOYLE, NORTHANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Southrepps, 600 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): P. G. K. Davies 1, A. J. Frost 2, F. Crosier 3, D. James 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. C. H. Harding and Miss M. Arkinstall.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Mar. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: L. Batley 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, R. Smith 3, C. A. Hughes 4, J. Armstrong 5, R. F. Deal 6, C. Willmington 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Pusey (16, first quarter) 1, A. L. Dunn 2, R. Cooper 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. W. Webb 6, F. B. Cookson 7, Jill Tombs 8. For Evensong.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On April 1st, 1,440 Minor (720 Reverse Canterbury, 720 Plain Bob): Miss D. Honey 1, Miss J. Jones 2, James Honey 3, Jonathan Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods to be rung in this tower by a Sunday service band. For Easter.

THORNER, YORKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Minor (360 each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): Margaret Barker 1, Sheila M. Schofield 2, N. Smith 3, D. Atkins 4, A. E. Hartley 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Miss B. K. Whetherly (first 'inside') 3, A. F. Lee 4, T. J. Milsom 5, J. R. Hobbs 6. A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. Also On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, A. Lee (cond.) 5, R. S. N. Brown 6. Rung after the wedding of the Rev. R. E. S. Bennett to Miss Joyce Vera Berbridge. The bridegroom is leaving Twerton to become Vicar of Great Staughton, Hunts.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, E. E. Holman 4, R. Lumsden 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, F. C. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Morton, grandparents of the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. N. Wood 1, W. A. Yates 2, G. E. Green 3, R. H. Howson 4, H. C. Edwards 5, G. W. Holland 6, J. A. Green (cond.) 7, T. E. Roberts 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Green.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On April 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. Walker 3, D. Mortlock 4, A. Yarrow 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rachael Snell 1, Phyllis Holborn P. S. Whalley 3, W. Massey 4, E. G. Kettle 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, E. A. Edge 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2 and 3. Rung on the eve of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the third.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Wragby, 600 Woodbine): J. W. Buxton 1, H. Chant 2, C. Rusby 3, H. Rusby 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE EDWARDS

The death occurred on Easter Sunday of Mr. George Edwards, for many years the captain of the Penshurst, Kent, ringers.

Mr. Edwards commenced his ringing career at Chiddingstone over 60 years ago and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on November 29th, 1894. In the following year he rang in a peal, which was his first as conductor, and the last peal he rang was on November 2nd, 1946, which was in honour of his golden wedding. His peals, which number 103, include 66 of Grandsire Triples, 30 of which he conducted and were rung in 18 towers, 100 of them being rung for the Kent County Association. On May 26th, 1928, he conducted at Penshurst a peal of Grandsire Triples, all the ringers being members of one Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and at Tonbridge on July 16th, 1930, he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples rung 'non-conducted.'

He was well known in the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association and for over 20 years represented the District on the committee. He was present at all the ringing meetings in the District and his chief delight was to help a young beginner through his first course or touch.

For many years he sang in the choir at Penshurst and only advancing years and frailty caused him to give up ringing and choir work.

A loyal member of his band and the Association as well as a good friend to many in the district, Mr. Edwards will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

On April 19th, which would have been his 87th birthday, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in memory of an old friend. Those taking part were: L. Goater 1, R. D. Divall 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, E. J. Ladd (conductor) 4, T. E. Sone 5, W. H. Dobbie 6, B. Collison 7, R. Collins 8.

LATE NOTICES

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Buckminster, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute. Wymondham bells after tea.—Mrs. P. A. Corby. 8211

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, May 5th, at Emmanuel Church, Southport. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea free only to those notifying Mr. R. Kenrick, 19, Glenpark Drive, Southport, by Wednesday, May 2nd. 8214

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Cresswell (8), May 5th, 3 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafe. —J. Seager, Sec. 8215

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Liss, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Church Hall. Numbers for tea by 2nd to C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 8207

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Crusader meeting, Fyfield, May 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. 8206

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at York on Saturday, May 12th. Minster bells (12) available 2-3.55 p.m. Evensong in Minster 4. Tea at Festival Restaurant, Jubbergate, 5 p.m. Business meeting at York Institute of Architectural Study, Micklegate, at 6 p.m. Bells (6), recently rehung, available after meeting. Names for tea by 10th to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Subscriptions due and reports will be available. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 8208

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at New Mills, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 8170

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8159

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Meeting at Arkesden (6) on Saturday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Green Man Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8109

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, April 28th, from 6 to 9 p.m. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8146

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Anstey, April 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Killamarsh T.B. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Ospringe, April 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8114

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Kirtlington (8), Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. 8157

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hampstead Norris, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Wearing, Church Rd., Hampstead Norris.—Patricia Gaunt, Branch Sec. 8154

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, April 28th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8172

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting to be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent, April 28th. 8169

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, April 28th, changed to Rotherfield. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 8155

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Crawley, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m.—I. Butcher. 8129

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Odiham (Hants), Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8158

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Redhill, Thursday, May 3rd, 7.15 p.m. 8197

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Birmingham, May 5th. Train, Paddington, 9 a.m. Refreshments on train. Towers available: Cathedral (12), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 2 to 3 p.m.; Aston (12) and St. Chad's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. prompt at Corner Cupboard, Union Street. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28, by May 2nd.—A. B. Peck. 8188

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Kirkburton (8), Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service; all ringers welcome. 8184

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (N.-E. Branch).—Joint meeting, Ashbrittle, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8194

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at Wilden (5) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. All names for tea to Mr. R. Ruff, Chequers Hill, Wilden, Beds. No names no tea.—Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 8192

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rise, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (5) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hut 5 p.m. (price 3s.). Names for tea by Thursday to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hinds House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 8204

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 5th, Chatteris. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8181

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Rectory for those who notify me by Tuesday, May 1st.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8162

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Southminster (6) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Buses depart Maldon 1.15, 1.45, 2.25 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8151

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural and Bristol City Branches.—Combined meeting at Warmley, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. (rehung by John Taylor). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 1st, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 8183

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, May 5th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street, 4.45 p.m. Bells of St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 2nd, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 8128

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8) on Saturday, May 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential, to K. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley. 8182

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden (6) on May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden, by Tuesday, May 1st.—W. P. Garner. 8145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Thursday, May 3rd, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8134

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk, May 5th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8190

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton (8), Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—J. F. Turner, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 8202

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 5th, at Norwich. Bells available: Mancroft (12), 3.15 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (8) and St. George, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m. Bells also available after business meeting. St. John de Sepulchre (8) and St. Miles' (8) by request only by complete companies of eight. Service, Mancroft, 4 p.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Thetford (clergy attending, please robe). Tea, Chantry Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea must be notified by May 2nd to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Standing committee meeting at 2.45 p.m. to be held in the Vestry, St. Peter Mancroft.—W. Love, Gen. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 8142

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stewkley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 8196

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley-on-Thames, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Chantry House. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Tigwell, 34, Gainsborough Road, Henley, by Wednesday, May 2nd.—R. G. Burton. 8199

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbech, Saturday, May 5th. Names for tea to me, please, by Tuesday previous.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 8193

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at King's Cliffe, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Tuesday previous. Names to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8187

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Upavon (6) May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8198

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Eastwood (8) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Sun Inn, Market Place (3s. 6d. each). Names to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 8148

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 5th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Union Hall, 5.15. Ringing: Good Shepherd, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Individual names for tea must be received by Wednesday, May 2nd, to R. Percy, 24, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 8131

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, May 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 8191

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, St. Mary, Lambeth, 7.30 on Monday, May 7th. General meeting on Saturday, May 12th. All Hallows, Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3 to 4 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 to 6, the Vicarage, Church Street, Isleworth. Service 6.30, All Saints', Isleworth. Ringing at Isleworth 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel.: HOU 3921. 8174

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting on May 12th at Abbots Langley, Watford, beginning 3 p.m., followed by annual dinner. Members attending should notify D. L. Gullick, Stevenage, Herts. 8125

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), May 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th to Mr. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 8205

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Spring meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.40. Tea in St. George's Hall, Harleston, 5.45 p.m. for all who notify Mr. Wm. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk, by Tuesday, 8th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 8195

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Harwell on Saturday, May 12th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by 8th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 8178

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch. — Meeting, St. James' Church, Cowley, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea by May 8th to Mr. W. Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley, Oxford. 8210

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Harpole on May 12th. Important: Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Road Hill Cottage, Harpole, Northants, by Saturday, May 5th. 8189

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sherborne, May 12th. Meeting, Digby Church Hall, 2.15 p.m. Guild service, Abbey, 4. Meat tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. (price 4s), by ticket only from F. Slatford, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, before May 9th. Bells: Abbey, 1 to 2 p.m.; Gillingham, Mere, Wincanton, Blandford, Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorpe (all 8), Buckhorn Weston, Bourton, Bradford Abbas, Thornford, Stalbridge, Yetminster, Zeals (6 bells), from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m., and after 6 p.m.; Yeovil (10 bells), after 7 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. 8185

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 9th, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. 8203

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service uncertain. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m., Garage Café, Keepers Corner. Names for tea to Mr. L. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley, by May 9th. 424 bus, Reigate—East Grinstead, for church and tea. 8201

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, May 21st, at Chelmsford. Service, conducted by the Provost, in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, M.A., B.D., Bishop of Colchester. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea and coffee available in the Cathedral Hall 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall, and tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) and tea (2s.) tickets from A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford, by May 16th, and please enclose stamped addressed envelope. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), from 3 to 6 p.m.; Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), from 6 p.m.—F. V. Gant, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8179

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual general meeting at Ross on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service, Parish Church, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Ross (8), Weston-under-Penyard (6), Bridstow (8), Foy (6), Aston Ingham (6), Upton Bishop (6).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 8132

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner on Saturday, October 6th, 1956, at the Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned, and early application is requested.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 8209

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On April 15th, 1,296 Woodbine Treble Bob: C. Fennell 1, W. J. Paice (cond.) 2, L. W. Paice 3, J. E. Wightman 4, W. J. Parker 5, W. Collins 6. First of Woodbine by all. For Evensong.

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BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 1st, 1,216 Treble Bob Major: R. A. Lennard 1, J. R. Taylor 2, P. J. Shipton 3, C. Wright 4, L. H. Bowler 5, S. Foskett 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Atkins (first quarter) 1, R. J. Picton 2, R. W. Picton (cond.) 3, D. J. Goodman 4, D. Gray (first quarter) 5, G. Hazlewood 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

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

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. S. Benson 1, Miss D. Borer 2, Miss J. Highley 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, R. C. Burns 5, P. F. Borer 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, A. J. Hewitt 8. For Easter Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield 1, A. Foxall 2, R. Biggs 3, Miss D. Coker (cond.) 4, N. Cornwall 5, D. Cornwall 6, A. E. Cox 7, V. Evans 8.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Gaunt (first away from tenor) 1, E. R. Norton 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, C. Kortright 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Tester (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, C. Willmington 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. McPhail 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On April 8th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. T. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, G. E. Crisp 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, G. A. Lucas 6. For Matins.

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MR. GREATHEART

ON May 3rd, Mr. Albert Walker celebrated his 80th birthday, and the event did not pass unnoticed in the City of Birmingham, nor, indeed, in other parts of the country. For Mr. Walker is a national figure in the ringing Exercise, and has a career that is long and remarkable. Here is a life that stretches back almost to the Franco-Prussian War, and a ringing career that links several distinct generations of famous men.

The John Buffery-Harry Bastable generation, men who knew and worked with Henry Johnson, saw the beginnings of Mr. Walker's connection with St. Martin's Church and Guild, and at the present day the notable company of Birmingham ringers still counts him as a live and active participant. Between these extremes come his associations with John Carter, Tom Miller and the circle that gathered round the Cathedral, the magnificent Stedman Cinques bands of the great days of James Groves, Alfred Paddon Smith, Percy Laflin, the kindly warm-hearted George Swann, and many others, and the brilliant handbell bands that included Haynes, Perrins, Pervin, Smallwood, Norman and Morris J. Morris.

There are really fine and exciting things for Mr. Walker to look back upon, and one wonders which of his many splendid experiences stand foremost in his mind. Perhaps it is the general recollection of the great number of cathedrals and twelve-bell towers in which he has rung peals; perhaps it is the thought that he has rung well over five hundred twelve-bell peals; it may be the prodigious feat of five twelve-bell peals in one week, or that supremely brilliant handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, non-conducted, when the pairs of bells to be rung were drawn for just before the peal began. These, and many more performances, spring to the mind, but there are some we forget at this moment, feats that doubtless are quite clear and unforgettable in Mr. Walker's encyclopædic mind. But those who know Mr. Walker may suspect that some of his most pleasant recollections are of the social side of his ringing, of the Henry Johnson Dinner, of jolly outings and ringing trips, of the gathering of the select few round certain tables, of the privileged friends who met to celebrate the golden wedding with two peals of Stedman Cinques and a comprehensive supper.

For the friendly side is the one most apparent in Albert Walker, and it breaks forth at times in sparkling fun and an impishness that might (but for his technical ability and complete control) well appear irresponsible.

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This vivacity, mental alertness and competence seem to be derived from an outlook that finds the world very full of a number of things, that finds delight in a boxing match, that secures intellectual pleasure from an organ recital or a symphony concert, and spiritual renascence in the Sunday services at St. Martin's Church.

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E. C. S.

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J. Frederick Milner	5	†Charles Barker	11
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Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitaker, both of whom are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Elisabeth A. G. Grime	*Treble*	†Arnold Cole	6
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Frederick Seager	7
†John F. Bryant	3	†J. Martin Thorley	8
Geoffrey F. Bryant	4	*‡Philip Mehew	9
†John H. Fielden	5	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Wood. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal in the method. ‡ 75th peal. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., April 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt.

William H. Jackson	*Treble*	†Robin A. Hodgson	6
*Ruth M. K. How	2	†David Hodgson	7
*Shirley V. Rymer	3	*Donald H. Niblett	8
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	†Peter R. Sanders	9
†David A. Edwards	5	*Rodney B. Meadows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal in the method for the Society. The Society's 100th peal on tower bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	Peter Laflin	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Joseph W. Whittaker	7
Basil Jones	3	Alan J. Brown	8
John E. Bibby	4	Leslie Boumphrey	9
Alan A. Potts	5	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by John Worth.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

William A. Farmer	*Treble*	†Cyril A. Wratten	6
*Shirley M. Parsons	2	Leslie Barry	7
David W. Beard	3	Peter Baker	8
Frederick G. Nurden	4	Thomas Boreham	9
Valerie Willard	5	Edwin T. Newbury	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts Conducted by David W. Beard.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method and of Caters. First peal in the method and of Caters as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Frank V. Gant	*Treble*	*John Armstrong	6
*Barry Cook	2	*Brian J. Howard	7
John H. Crampion	3	*Philip A. Sadler	8
*Bernard C. Sadler	4	Charles E. Willmington	9
Philip J. Coward	5	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Christine Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Sadler.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt.

Frank Taylor	*Treble*	*A. Roy Whithyman	6
Ronald C. Noon	2	*Horace Bennett	7
John E. Allen	3	C. Harold Whitton	8
Maurice Bennett	4	Stanley E. Bennett	9
John G. Ames	5	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by Edward Francis. Conducted by C. Harold Whitton.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*Roger A. Lennard	*Treble*	*Robert L. Piron	6
†C. Henry Harding	2	*Alan Smith	7
Ronald J. Sharp	3	*§C. Edward Jeffries	8
‡Peter J. Shipton	4	†§Bryan Pattison	9
*John W. Sinfield	5	Bryan F. Sims	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Holifield. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § 25th peal together. First peal of Caters as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. Jeffries and Mr. D. Thompson, a ringer at this tower for over 60 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

John P. Fidler	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	6
Harold Marcon	2	Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	7
Ernest W. Rawson	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Mrs. P. Poole	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Gordon A. Halls	5	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*Donald H. Niblett	*Treble*	*Roger Keeley	6
*Herbert H. Alexander	2	*Frederick Vickers	7
Charles Coles	3	†George F. Burton	8
†Daphne R. Castell	4	*George W. Holland	9
*Edmund E. Pearson	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.
Rung for the 30th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Treble*	FRANK TAYLOR	5
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	JOHN G. AMES	6
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

GILES C. GALLEY	*Treble*	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
*JOHN G. GIPSON	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., April 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Treble*	GEORGE W. WATERMAN	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	6
MARION H. MILLS	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
MICHAEL A. MILLS	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ERNEST BOUMPHREY	6
JUNE M. HENSHAW	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BARNES, LONDON, S.W.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., April 14. 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES A. HALES	*Treble*	WILFRID G. WILSON	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	FRANK R. L. BLEWER	6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	PETER J. HUTCHINGS	7
JOHN HALES	4	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by N. G. HOLLINGWORTH.
First peal in the method as conductor, and the first peal on the bells for 20 years.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. A. C. Heath, M.A., and as an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Elson, who conducted the first peal on these bells in 1903.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
CECIL W. PIPE	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	FRANK BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
*RICHARD PRIME	2	HARRY POYNER	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
*JEAN A. BROOKES	4	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal in the method. † 300th tower-bell peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	*ALBERT W. DYER	6
RAYMOND P. SALWAY	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
HENRY G. KEELEY	4	WILLIAM G. TURK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A 50th birthday compliment to the tenorman.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	*PETER BERESFORD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. First peal of London Surprise Major as conductor.

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WISTANSTOW, SALOP.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	REGINALD T. JONES	6
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

COLIN A. TESTER	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
PETER N. BOND	2	RAYMOND OVERY	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 992 changes of London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
†JOHN L. MORRIS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	*HARRY POYNER	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	*WM. A. LACEY	6
*ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal in the method.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*MILTON C. FOWLER	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 200th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	†GEORGE FRANCIS	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	RALPH BIRD	6
†ERNEST TREAGUS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
†W. LESLIE WELLER	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Yorkshire. Mr. L. Stilwell first rang a peal at Arundel on April 16th, 1906, and now 'completes the circle.'
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. W. L. Weller.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Composition contains 216 7-8's at back-stroke, the greatest number yet obtained.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Extent of 4, 6, 8 and 22 courses 6, 7, 8. Tenor 6 cwt.

MADELINE SMITH	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb

*HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED	5
A. WILLIAM BIRD	2	PETER KINDRED	6
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	*MICHAEL SOLLEY	7
EDWIN R. GOATE	4	†JOHN ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung to welcome home John Allen from Germany, on completion of his National Service.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., April 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

SIX BELL PEALS

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., April 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*IAN G. PIDOUX	*Treble*	‡DAVID HODGSON	4
†PHYLLIS J. HOLBORN ..	2	ROBIN A. HODGSON.. ..	5
†JOHN F. W. READ	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal in four Minor methods. ‡ First peal in four Minor methods 'inside.' First peal in four Minor methods as conductor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., April 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	4
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. Shallard, widow of the late Rector of Burgh, who died April 6th and would have been 90 this day.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*TERENCE J. MILSOM.. ..	*Treble*	†LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR ..	4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS.. ..	2	ROGER O. FRY	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN.. ..	3	*ALAN F. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE PEARL	*Treble*	GEORGE FILBY, SEN. ..	4
BARBARA M. FILBY	2	ROBERT PLUMMER	5
CHARLES BROWN	3	GEORGE FILBY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FILBY, JUN.
* First peal.
Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 240 Stedman, 720 All Saints', 960 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 960 Reverse Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob, 1,200 Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN CRUICKSHANK	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	4
DAVID WOODWARD	2	TOM SMITH	5
ROBIN TREBILCOCK	3	REG. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SMITH
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. Eastman, who was inducted Vicar of St. Andrew's on April 6th.

ANSTEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. ALBANS DELIGHT MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 136, 129—132).
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JILL MAYES..	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
STEPHEN IVIN	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 4D. 20). First peal on the bells for nearly 22 years: the previous peal was the first of four peals in that day by one band (May 21st, 1934).



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ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Single Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ROLAND H. COOK	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
RICHARD E. MANTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First of Treble Bob Minor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

JOHN J. PRENTICE	*Treble*	LEONARD S. SHARPE	4
ALICE E. J. LESTER	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	ROBERT E. LESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

First peal in four methods as conductor.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, consisting of eight extents of All Saints', 12 of Plain Bob, 20 of Grandsire and 240 Morris's. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ROBERT J. COURT	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. COOK	4
T. ARTHUR PALMER	2	GEORGE A. NEWMAN	5
FREDERICK J. READ	3	*THOMAS TAPLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK READ.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal in three methods by all.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD F. CONNOCK	*Treble*	F. CECIL MOGFORD	4
MICHAEL HORSEMAN	2	LEONARD DERRICK	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

A birthday compliment to E. F. Connock.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	*JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* 300th peal. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Treble*	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	4
*IVOR JENKINS	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
ERIC SIMPSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 35 methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. G. S. Winstanley, Vicar of this parish, and Samuel Smith, a ringer at the above church for many years.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY	*Treble*	HAROLD J. MUNCEY	4
STANLEY SHIPP	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal of Minor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN E. BROUGH	*Treble*	J. DEREK SMITH	4
ROSEMARY G. SEATON	2	†ALAN SHARPLES	5
*G. BARBARA COOKE	3	JOHN R. JOYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 20 methods with 184 changes of method, viz.: (1) College, Wavertree College, Childwall and St. Clement's; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob and Fulbeck; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

DAPHNE CASTELL	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
*DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal. First peal in 20 Minor methods by all the band. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman (four different callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four different callings) and 26 of Grandsire (ten different callings).
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in D.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	*ALFRED H. WINCH	3
*ARTHUR H. SMITH	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.

Rung to the glory of God and to commemorate the Guildford Diocesan Mission Week.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 67, ORIEL ROAD, NORTH END,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of College, St. Clement's Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	†ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
*ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First handbell peal in seven methods.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7—8
†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9—10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal in the method and first on ten handbells. First peal in the method as conductor.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A very cold, miserable Saturday was April 14th, when the Sussex Division met at Uckfield (8). About 35 ringers attended. A short service was held during the afternoon. Tea was enjoyed at the Limes Cafe: unfortunately those not notifying could not be accommodated. A short business meeting was held and two new members elected. The next meeting will be at Aldrington, near Hove, on June 30th, subject to the incumbent's permission.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted mainly of rounds and Grandsire Triples for the younger ringers (of whom many were present) and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich for the more advanced, with the help of the gentlemen.

Thanks were extended to Mr. Weller for the use of the bells and for arranging teas.

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society

There was a record attendance at the meeting of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society at Snodland on April 14th, Of 29 who were at tea 24 were ringers.

Some good change ringing was accomplished both before and after tea. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Darlington, with Mr. Gammon at the organ, and Snodland choir leading the singing.

The Society was entertained to tea by Snodland ringers, and the business followed, the Rev. C. E. Darlington presiding. Two new members were elected, and Anthony Lurcock (aged 12) was congratulated on being a promising change ringer.

The next meeting will be at Boughton Monchelsea on July 21st. P. J. B.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on April 7th. The Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) thanked the Vicar of Aston for the use of the bells, and the Aston ringers for arranging tea. On behalf of the Guild, the Master conveyed congratulations to Mr. H. J. Yardley and Miss Hepenstal, both ringers at Aston, upon their recent engagement.

The following were elected full ringing members: Miss M. Hepenstal, Miss M. Masters and Mr. John Anderson, of Aston, Miss Jean Bennett and Miss Jennifer Bennett, of Handsworth, and Mr. J. W. T. Davis, of Coleshill. The tower election as a life member of Mr. H. David Holland, of Sheffield, was duly ratified.

Coleshill was chosen as the venue of the next meeting on July 7th.

An appeal from the Rector of Bow for the installation of a new ring of bells to replace the 12 that were destroyed by enemy action, was placed before the meeting, and it was decided to subscribe the sum of five guineas from the funds of the Guild.

The Master referred to the summer meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths which is to be held in Birmingham on May 5th, and he hoped that all members of the Ancient Society in Birmingham would ensure a successful meeting by giving their support. Much ringing should be heard in Birmingham during that week, as Mr. Albert Walker attains his 80th birthday on May 3rd.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Barker 1, R. W. Barker (13, first 'inside') 2, A. Armstrong 3, P. J. Barker (cond.) 4, H. Butler 5, G. Bradbury 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Branch

With the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) in the chair, the annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held at Thame on April 21st. Five new members were elected, bringing the total to 105. The Vicar of Brightwell Baldwin was elected Branch chairman, Mr. H. Badger secretary, and Mr. F. Absolom Ringing Master.

The secretary in his report said that although progress had been made in several towers, there was still apathy on the part of some members to attend Branch meetings. The outstanding event of the year had been the addition of two trebles at Warborough, making seven rings of eight in the Branch.

The service was conducted by the Master of the Guild and the address given by the Rev. C. N. Middleton-Evans (Vicar). The Branch secretary was organist and singing was led by a voluntary choir from the ringers. Wives of local ringers served an excellent tea.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

'A valuable and most enjoyable meeting,' was the verdict of the Farnham District's meeting at Seale on April 7th. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor, under the leadership of Mr. D. McPhearson, assistant Ringing Master. The ringers' service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Gardiner), was most inspiring.

A generous tea was served by local ladies, and Mr. C. W. Denyer presided at the business meeting, when plans for ringing during the coming Diocesan Mission were discussed.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 'Johns' have rung their first name peal of Surprise Maximus. This took place at St. John-the-Baptist's, Croydon, on April 21st. Mr. John Thomas, who rang the third, took part in the other 'John' peal on 12 bells, one of Stedman Cinques, rung more than 40 years ago.

A Branch secretary raises an interesting question: 'What are the qualifications for a candidate for the Central Council?'

Mr. Bryan Pattison desires, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the ringers in the Birmingham and Shrewsbury area for their kindness during his short stay at R.A.F., Bridgnorth.

Blaydon, Co. Durham, this Easter celebrated the 80th anniversary of its ring of bells. It had been hoped to ring a commemoration peal on April 16th, but the band was one short, so a quarter peal of Doubles was rung instead.

Mr. Wilfred G. Saunders becomes the first ringer to 'circle' his own tower at New Buckenham, Norfolk. This pleasant-toned ring was cast by William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, 'in commemoration of peace, 1814,' and to date eleven peals on the bells are recorded.

After very many attempts since the war, the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells was rung at Martock on April 14th. Three local ringers were in the band. The peal was for the 50th birthday of Mr. W. G. Tuck, who made the arrangements and afterwards entertained the ringers to an excellent meal.

The Rev. G. Waterson, Vicar of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, where the first peal has just been rung, will be very pleased to welcome any ringers at any time either for a peal or for Sunday ringing. The bells, recently augmented and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are a very handy and pleasant ring of five, the lightest in the country.

On the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Bristol and North Somerset, the Nailsea ringers decided that in order that all members of the tower should be associated with the event, two quarter peals should be attempted instead of a peal attempt, which was first contemplated. One member of the band was unable to attend so her place was taken by a ringer from Backwell, who has regularly attended the Nailsea practices. The resultant two quarter peals, recorded elsewhere, included two 'firsts' and two 'first inside.'

After the recent peal of Doubles was rung at Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts, the ringers taking part were the guests at tea of the local ringers at the residence of Mr. E. Taplin, their captain.

The letter of Mr. N. Chaddock regarding the peals of the late Mr. Ben Knights (page 251) should read: 'Ben kept no complete personal record of his peals after 1925.' The omission of the negative is regretted.

St. Michael's, Aldbourne, ringers have lost a sincere friend by the departure of the Rev. R. H. Gitting, who has been Vicar for eight years, on his acceptance of the living of Studley, near Trowbridge. Mr. Gitting was at one time chairman of the Marlborough Branch. In the belfry on April 15th the ringers personally thanked him for all he had done in the interests of ringing.

After 41 years' continuous service as an officer of the Kent Association, Mr. F. M. Mitchell resigned as hon. treasurer, owing to ill-health, at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday. He was first elected as Rochester District representative on the committee in 1915, and has also served as District secretary and general hon. secretary and treasurer. He also represented the county on the Central Council for 21 years.

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CLERICAL RINGING WEEK IN DERBYSHIRE

EIGHTEEN members of the Clerical Guild joined in the annual tour from Monday, April 9th, to Friday, April 13th, in Derbyshire, with headquarters at the High Tor Guest House, Matlock, where Mr. and Mrs. Grant made us extremely comfortable. Most of the party assembled at Derby on the Monday, visiting St. Andrew's (10, tenor 18 cwt.) after tea, where they were welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. Martin Pierce, and Mr. Geo. Freebrey, and attended Evensong. After dinner at the Clarendon Hotel a pleasant hour was spent on the fine-toned ten at All Saints' Cathedral (tenor 19 cwt.), where Mr. Ronald Bullen, of Darley Dale, and several of the Cathedral band met us. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and some Cambridge Major were rung.

Tuesday began with our customary corporate Communion at St. Giles', Matlock, the Vicar being the celebrant and, as it was the transferred Feast of the Annunciation, the congregation was enlarged by members of the Mothers' Union. Prayers for the Guild were included. Following breakfast, the coach was boarded for the hilly run to Ashover (8, tenor 18 cwt.), where the bells are rung from the ground floor. Here the Vicar, Rev. P. H. Fleming, and his lady churchwarden, Miss Bassett, welcomed us, afterwards entertaining us to coffee at the historical Crispin Inn. We were shown interesting monuments to the Babington family in the church.

Then on to All Saints', Chesterfield (10, tenor 25 cwt.), with its famous crooked spire. In the short time allowed for ringing we made the most of these good going bells, joined by Mr. S. Scattergood, ringing Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Royal. At the next tower, St. Mary's, Bolsover, renowned for John Flint and his band years ago, the eight (tenor 14 cwt.) were enjoyed from the ground floor in various methods. The Vicar, Rev. W. Speakman, kindly presented us with copies of his guide book to the church, and drew our attention to a tombstone outside bearing the following inscription to a watchmaker:

'Here lies in a horizontal position
The outside case of
Thomas Hinde
Clock and watchmaker
Who departed this life
Wound up in hope
of being taken in hand by his Maker
And being thoroughly cleaned
Repaired and kept going
In the world to come.'

Picnic lunch was taken here, some of the more adventurous spirits climbing to enjoy theirs at Bolsover Castle, restored after 1613. Roads 'liable to subsidence' were negotiated without mishap to St. John Baptist, Staveley (8, tenor 18 cwt.). This church possesses an east window containing every colour imaginable, designed by a York artist. At SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington (8, tenor 16 cwt.), the assistant priest, Rev. S. R. Kenyon, was awaiting the party. This, we learnt, was the native place of one of our members, Rev. Gordon Graham, whose motor cycle enabled him to join in much of the week's ringing when he could slip away from parochial affairs. After tea at the White Hart Inn the coach brought us to St. John Baptist, Dronfield (8, tenor 12 cwt.), where we found a chancel of cathedral-like proportions and an unusual east window. Back for dinner at headquarters and then to Matlock tower (8, tenor 14 cwt.)—proving for some rather elusive in darkness and rain. Double Norwich, Cambridge and Oxford Bob Triples satisfied us here, the small ringing chamber being uncomfortably crowded.

DUFFIELD AT DUFFIELD

Wednesday began with a short journey to St. Mary's, Wirksworth (8, tenor 14 cwt.). A practice course or two of Duffield Major was put in here in anticipation of the late Sir A. P. Heywood's tower, St. Alkmund, Duffield (10, tenor 17 cwt.). There some good Caters and Royal were rung, but we had to be content with Duffield Major, though Royal might have been ventured.

At Heanor, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, whose father was Vicar there for 13 years, most generously entertained us all to luncheon at the Market Hotel, including Mr. A. Elliott, a stalwart of the local band, deputising for the Vicar, who had to be away. St. Lawrence's eight (tenor 13 cwt.) were made good use of before lunch. Considerably fortified by the latter we next tacked the rough going eight (tenor 13 cwt.) at St. Martin's, Alfreton; then on to All Saints', Ripley (8, tenor 16¼ cwt.), where the fine bells were left rather reluctantly at tea time.

The final tower of the day was Pentrich, one of five bells (tenor 11 cwt.). Here the Vicar, Rev. E. J. Lewis, kindly allowed the members to sing Evensong, conducted by our Precentor, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, assisted by the president, Canon C. Carew Cox. Cassocks being non-existent the officiating clergy did their best in the way of camouflage, and fulsome surplices helped! The Rev. N. G. Coleridge performed powerfully on the organ—a hand-blown instrument which reduced the energies of our secretary, Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, to the point of exhaustion.

At the annual business meeting in the evening all the officers were unanimously re-elected, with the addition of Rev. Ll. Edwards as a vice-president. Various centres for next year's tour were discussed, and the vote went in favour of Dorset, possibly touching the Somerset border. Much to be regretted was the absence of our members from the Winchester Diocese who, under obedience to their Bishop, were chained there in conference.

On Thursday morning a peal attempt for Oxford T.B. Major at Darley Dale (tenor 15¼ cwt.) came early to grief. A unique feature in St. Helen's churchyard is a yew tree reputed to be over two thousand years old. Moving on to St. Anne's, Baslow (6, tenor 7¼ cwt.), attention became divided between ringing and studying one of the dials of the church clock, the hours being marked by 'VICTORIA 1897' instead of the usual figures. Stopping next at Edensor, a model village on the edge of the Chatsworth estate, a long flight of steps led up to the Church of St. Peter (6, tenor 13 cwt.). It contained interesting memorials, both to a former vicar who held the benefice for 52 years and to the Cavendish family. Chatsworth House and gardens, the principal seat of the Duke of Devonshire, and one of the 'stately homes of England,' provided a pleasant spot for our luncheon interval.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK

From there a diversion was made so as to pass through Eyam, well known as the 'Plague' village. Then on to St. John Baptist, Tideswell (8, tenor 13 cwt.), the Cathedral of the Peak, where Superlative was added to other methods. For some freak performances Wormhill had been included in the programme. Here we found the lightest six in existence (tenor 1¼ cwt.), which very nearly defeated us, and stays were more of a handicap than otherwise. Bakewell (All Saints', 8, tenor 17 cwt.) was reached in time for tea, generously provided for us by the Rev. Gordon Graham, the assistant priest here. Perhaps that is why we were able to bring round a respectable course of London Major afterwards. All Saints', Youlgreave (8, tenor 26¼ cwt.), the second heaviest eight in Derbyshire, gave us a final 45 minutes of much enjoyment; and so home to Matlock for a quiet evening.

Friday morning saw the gradual dispersal of our party, and on the way south visits were paid to St. Michael's, Crich (8, tenor 12 cwt.), a delightful ring. The Vicar, Rev. J. W. Brown, himself learning the art and joining us in some rounds, turned out to be a former neighbour of one of our members, Rev. A. S. Roberts, in Cornwall. A short time was spent at St. Mary's, Denby (6, tenor 9 cwt.); then the six at St. Clement's, Horsley (tenor 12 cwt.), provided a lovely finish. There a tablet in the ringing chamber recorded that 'During the year 1915 there was rung in this steeple for Divine service 35,520 changes in the following methods: Grandsire, Manchester and Antelope,' with the names of the ringers below. Horsley only had five bells at that time. With a parting blessing from the Vicar, Rev. T. H. Miller, all then went their several ways.

We should like to place on record the excellent condition of the ropes in all the towers visited; the welcome received from the incumbents and their local ringers; our thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Grant at High Tor Guest House; to Mr. Jack Haynes, our coach driver, of the Silver Services; to all, too, who contributed to making our visit so pleasant in somewhat cheerless weather; and finally, to our hon. secretary for his splendid organisation of a really grand week.

D. P. R.

Cumberlands Have Joint Meeting With Kent Association

A very successful combined quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Tonbridge District, K.C.A., was held at Westerham on April 7th. Ringing during the afternoon took place on the fine octave at St. Mary's Church, a large gathering of members and friends of both Societies being present.

A very enjoyable service, at which the organist, Mr. J. H. Smart, and members of his choir were present, was conducted by Rev. P. P. Kirwin (Vicar). Tea at the Kings Arms Hotel followed. At the two business meetings, Mr. H. E. Audsley, Master of the S.R.C.Y., took the chair for both meetings. The matter of the Bow Bells appeal was on the agenda for each meeting. It was decided by K.C.A. members that towers should be circulated with a view to obtaining the opinions of members on action to be taken by the Tonbridge District. For the Cumberlands, Mr. T. H. Francis proposed that the matter be left over until the annual general meeting, when he would propose that the Society grant a sum of £5 5s. The hope was expressed that members would be allowed to ring on the restored bells.

The following new members of the S.R.C.Y. were elected: Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Preston Candover; D. Reed, Newport, I.O.W.; P. Brown, Bexley; and E. Brunger, Tunbridge Wells.

The Society's next quarterly meeting would be at Great Baddow and Chelmsford on July 7th and the annual dinner on October 6th at the Old Bell, Holborn, and members were asked to support the function.

Finally, the Master of the Cumberlands proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success. This was the first time a combined meeting with the K.C.A. had been held, and he hoped it would not be the last. He thanked the K.C.A. members for welcoming the Society and also the local tower secretary, Miss M. Cosgrove, for her assistance.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 1,600 PEALS

WE have already published the peal report of Mr. Ernest Morris's 1,600th peal, which was rung on April 3rd. Now 66 years of age, Mr. Morris, if his health holds out, has every chance of surpassing the totals of W. Pye, 1,969, and G. R. Pye, 1,876.

By passing the record of Mr. Frank Bennett (82), of Brighton, Mr. Morris has more peals to his credit than any other living ringer. It was on August 6th, 1906, at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, that he rang his first peal, and by the rate he is now ringing his 50th year as a peal ringer will be a record one.

Probably no man has written more for journals and magazines and by books to enable the public to take an interest in and understand something about bells and ringing, than the verger of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester. From a ringer's point of view his 'History and Art of Change Ringing' is his greatest contribution; a second edition bringing the history up-to-date would, indeed, be welcome, but the high costs of publication today prevent such a venture.

His 1,600 peals contain many that are of special interest. Of the 645 he has conducted are the longest lengths for the Midland Counties Association of 6,600 Doubles, 7,200 and 10,080 Minor; twice 7,008 and 13,440 Bob Major and another of 9,760 with 400 Singles. He also conducted 10,912 Kent Treble Bob, 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob, the record for Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Ilkeston), 9,120 and (Worcester) 9,600.

Among the peals he has taken part in are 7,008 and 12,896 record of Cambridge Surprise Major; 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford Cathedral; 9,344 and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major; the peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral by twelve secretaries; Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the old Bow Bells; Stedman Caters on the old ten at Manchester Town Hall called by the late James W. Washbrook and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the new twelve.

He conducted the quickest tower-bell peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes, also the only 'Ernest' peal of Major, and took part in peals with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons, also five fathers and sons.

SUMMARY OF HIS PEALS

Doubles: 125 tower (conducted 112); h.b. 2 (1).
Minor: 253 tower (170); h.b. 9 (–).
Triples: 247 tower (123); h.b. 56 (8).
Major: 232 tower (130); h.b. 57 (5).
Surprise Major: 270 tower (35); h.b. 2 (–).
Caters: 79 tower (33); h.b. 76 (4).
Royal: 74 tower (16); h.b. 11 (1).
Cinques: 29 tower (5); h.b. 40 (–).
Maximus: 35 tower (2); h.b. 3 (–)

Total: Tower	1344	Conducted	626
Handbells	256	„	19
	1600		645

TO PEAL CONDUCTORS

Since 'The Ringing World' was established in 1911 the following order for incidentals has been adopted for footnotes:—

* First note when reading the list of ringers. † Second note. ‡ Third note. § Fourth note. If this method were adopted the Editor would be saved hours of work in the course of a month. Peals should be written out in the style they are to appear. Mistakes through omission would then be avoided.



MR. ERNEST MORRIS

MELTON MOWBRAY RINGERS IN NORTH NOTTS

Efficiently arranged by Mr. F. J. Williams, the former District chairman, who now lives at Blyth, the Melton Mowbray District outing in North Nottinghamshire on Easter Monday was a very happy day.

A great privilege and experience was to ring at Southwell Minster from a gallery round an open well in the central tower. At Warsop, where the church has been skilfully shorn up as a protection against mining subsidence, Mr. Rooke and his colleagues met the party. Similar precautions had been taken at Cuckney.

After lunch at the Red Hart Hotel, Blyth, some rang on the pleasant six at West Retford and others on the ten at St. Swithun's, East Retford. Mr. John Segar supplied various visitors with figures and problems of a technical nature and delight all with his skill in 'tapping.' Permission was obtained by Mr. Williams for a visit to the beautiful grounds of Hodstock Priory.

Following tea at the Red Hart Hotel, Evensong was sung at the Church of SS. Mary and Martin. The fine ring of six, restored just before the war, was put to good use until a late hour when the visitors joined the rush of Bank Holiday traffic for the journey home. The thanks of the District were expressed at tea to Mr. Williams for yet one more debt for services rendered, by Mr. Harry Cook, the new District chairman.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S EASTER TOUR

FOR the second year running, the Society visited the Midlands for its annual tour, which this year embraced North Staffordshire with bits of Cheshire and Shropshire. About 20 members participated, although some were unable to be present for the whole tour. Stoke-on-Trent was the headquarters, and we were accommodated in two hotels, the resident members living in the Clifton Hotel, while the rest, supposedly more opulent, were in the more exclusive Metropole.

Members arrived over the Easter weekend, and Sunday was spent visiting one or two local towers and ringing for services at the parish church of Stoke-on-Trent.

On Monday morning we set off by motor coach and our first stop was Rugeley, a light six in an interesting church. Suitably fortified by a good lunch we prepared for the highlight of the day, Lichfield Cathedral. Mr. F. A. Sedgwick, of the Cathedral band, gave a very interesting account of the history of the bells. Proceeding to the tower we were given a very warm welcome by the Dean of Lichfield, and soon these very fine bells were going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Almost as noteworthy was our next tower, Hoare Cross, where our heavy bell ringers had a chance to prove their mettle.

Ringing began on Tuesday at Barlaston, the only 5-bell tower on the tour, and after ringing we were very kindly provided with tea and cakes by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Freeman). From here we journeyed to Stone and then to Stafford. After lunch we moved on to Broughton, a very good eight, where we were met by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Morgan) and Mr. A. Lawton. Here we had a short ring, leaving a band of experts to attempt a peal of London. A somewhat depleted band reached Cheswardine, the next tower; but even so, courses of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative all came round. After tea at Market Drayton we made for the tower, only to be ambushed by the press photographers of a local paper, and the sight of some familiar faces in this the following evening was but poor consolation for the resulting short ring on these fine bells. We collected the peal band on the way home, and were very disappointed to hear that the peal had been lost only two courses from the end.

On Wednesday we visited the Roman Catholic church at Cheadle, and then moved on to the second 6-bell tower of the tour, Kingsley, where some of our members found that London Minor was not quite the same as London Major. We had a good ring at Leek, where we were joined by Mr. J. Ryder, and Cambridge Royal, Stedman, and the inevitable Grandsire Caters all came round. In the afternoon we visited Macclesfield, St. Michael's, the only 12 on the tour, and then on to Gawsworth, where we had difficulty in striking the bells. The last tower of the day was Norton-le-Moors, with a very good ring of eight recently installed. Here a course of Spliced came round, but Cambridge and Little Bob were not so successful.

On Thursday, the last day of the tour, we travelled north-west to Barthomley, but ringing here was curtailed because of an illness near the church. At Crewe, too, a broken rope shortened ringing time. After lunch some of us set off for Newcastle for a peal attempt, while the rest visited Nantwich, Middlewich and Wolstanton. The peal, Little Bob Royal, was successful and was the Society's first in the method and its 100th tower-bell peal. Not satisfied with this, six members remained behind to ring another peal, this time one of Minor in four methods.

The Society thanks all incumbents and tower captains concerned for the use of their bells, and Mr. E. H. Edge for his very efficient organisation of the tour.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING FOR THE FILMS

Dear Sir,—The leading article of 'The Ringing World' of April 20th prompts me to write this account of how the Oxford Diocesan Guild helped in the production of the film 'Doublecross.'

On returning home from a peal at Farnham Royal, a collection of 'phone messages and telegrams awaited, asking me to contact a certain film producer in connection with bell-ringing. This I did, and was asked if I would go to the Beaconsfield Film Studios to teach some actors to ring handbells.

On arriving, I found that the scenes including bell-ringing were to be filmed in three days' time, and that during that time I should not be able to have the four actors concerned together until the actual filming, also each of the actors had about two hours' free time in which to be taught to ring both Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. This introduced quite a problem into what I thought was going to be a simple task.

To overcome it I taught four film 'extras,' not concerned with the ringing scenes in the film, to ring rounds, and then introduced the actual 'ringers' into the band when and where possible. This explains why the actual ringing as filmed was so poor in quality, since not only had the band not rung together before, but also their sum total of ringing experience amounted to about one hour per person. The sound recording was made later, and to prevent the bells sounding while the action and dialogue were recorded the clapper buffers were bent inwards to stop the clappers striking the soundbows.

The reason why the substitute incident referred to seemed such a success was because the substitute received no ringing instruction other than the method of holding handbells. Whether, therefore, the technical qualities of a ringer having one hour's experience are superior to one having none, I leave to the imagination of those seeing the film.

The sound recording was made by the following: William Butler (Clewer), Derek W. Stone (Old Windsor), Jeffrey C. Birt (Slough) and myself.

This also had its difficulties, since we had not only to ring in the semi-darkness, but watch the film for starting points and clues, to try and change the method after 17 seconds' ringing, explaining the undue speed of the ringing and why 'Go, Plain Bob Major' was called when the treble was in 7ths place.

However, I hope the total effect wasn't too awful even for a ringer to witness.—Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL HATCHETT.

Amersham.

BOW BELLS — THEIR RADIUS

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter by Henry J Ranzetta describing the hearing of Bow Bells from the Whittington Stone at the foot of Highgate Hill, I can well believe the story told by some of the inhabitants of the well-known village at the top of Highgate Hill some half-mile farther north, of the bells being heard there. It appears the sound of the bells used to come on a light south wind during a calm evening; the distance must be nearly five miles.

It would be very interesting to hear how far from the City on the south side of the River Thames the bells were ever heard. — Yours faithfully.

RICHARD NEWMAN.

Stroud Green Road, N.4

ROUNDS IN A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Having not seen 'The Ringing World' for some time previous to this month, I may be unwittingly re-opening a previous discussion, but I am amazed to see on page 249 the item (c) in the Central Council agenda, motions regarding bells striking in rounds during peals.

As the old saying goes, 'The man who never made a mistake never made anything,' and according to the present rules and usage a mistake in a peal is permitted **provided that it is corrected immediately.** The very fact, however, that a mistake is made means that some row was rung which was not intended, and it could as easily be a row properly included in another place in the composition as not—on seven or fewer bells it must be.

Let us take an example:—

Suppose a peal of Bob Major is being rung, consisting of a half-peal with bobs only and doubled by singles, and take first a true composition with a single at the first lead-end in each half. Suppose that 2 and 3, being taken unawares, accidentally make the first single into a bob but correct themselves immediately, then the row 12357486 will be rung instead of 13257486, and this row occurs (but this time legitimately) at the corresponding place in the second half. If no other mistake is made this peal will be recognised, even though one row has actually occurred twice, **because the mistake was corrected immediately.**

If this composition be varied only by putting the singles at halfway and end, suppose it is now attempted in this form and 2 and 3 make the same mistake as before but correct themselves immediately, the halfway row, which should be 13245678 will actually be rung as 12345678, and this row (rounds) legitimately occurs elsewhere in the peal—at the very end.

Now, comparing these two performances, we find that (according to the generally accepted rules of variation) the same composition has been rung, in each case one mistake only has been made, and that by the same two bells under exactly similar circumstances.

The first is clearly a recognisable peal. Messrs. Barnett and Lewis would have the second discredited. Why?

What special significance has rounds other than that it is instantly detected if it occurs in the middle of a touch, whereas some other row would pass unnoticed if duplicated?

There may be some who would say that rounds occurs twice already, at beginning and end; but if they go into the matter carefully they will find that only one of these (that at the end) is counted in the number of changes which make up the peal.

This motion savours of having one law for the complicated composition and another for the simple, and is most unfair.

I call, therefore, on all rightminded members of the Central Council to weigh this motion carefully, and, when it comes to the division, to have none of it.—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Brackley, Northants.

A PEAL IS QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Plain Bob Minor comprising seven different 720's rung at Folkingham, conducted by Mr. J. H. Musson on April 2nd last, and published in 'The Ringing World' I beg to say I heard the peal in the near vicinity of the church from start to finish, and as the bells only came into rounds six times in all I consider the peal should be withdrawn.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham.

CLOSED LEADS AND FAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—In his letter (page 251) on fast ringing, Mr. Price makes two statements with which I disagree.

Closed leads themselves do not make the ringing fast. The rhythm of the bells is what matters, and this can be fast or slow, according to taste and circumstances. The faster the ringing, the shorter is the time between each blow: the slower the ringing, the longer is this time. A state of good striking is reached when the time beween each blow is the same throughout the change, or, it may be better to say, through two changes, for we do not want, on eight bells, eight slow blows and then eight quick ones, but 16 blows at regular intervals. (I am disregarding the rallentando which some prefer.) If, therefore, a band intends to ring quickly, it closes up or shortens the interval between each blow.

May I call this interval 't'? Then rounds looks like this:—1 t 2 t 3 t 4 t 5 t 6 t 1 t 2 t 3 t 4 t 5 t 6 t x 1 t 2 t, etc.; 'x' is the handstroke gap, or open lead, and is, of course, omitted when ringing with closed leads. Doesn't experience show that a band will make the length of 't' longer when cartwheeling than when ringing with open leads? Or, in other words, a band will take much the same length of time for a peal whether they ring with open or closed leads. To back this argument I can compare the times taken for peals of Minor in Cheshire and the Barnsley area with the times for similar peals in the rest of the country. They are not, on the whole, quicker.

When I have rung with the Barnsley and District Society, in which closed leads are the rule, I have noticed that the emphasis is not only on the quick (to the open-lead ringer) handstroke, but also on ringing the backstroke well up. The result is that 't' is no longer than when ringing with open leads. The interesting thing is that the standard of striking in the Barnsley District is above the average standard in the country. The call change ringers of Devon and Cornwall also have a higher standard, I believe, and they, too, ring with closed leads.

Whether one rings with closed or open leads is a matter of choice; there is nothing wrong or right about it. However, if closed-lead ringers have something to teach us in the way of striking we ought to be willing to learn. The question is 'What have they to teach us?'

Is it that the handstroke gap 'x' is one of the chief causes of bad striking because people do not agree on its length, or, through bad bell control, they allow the bell to go up too high? (By catching the sally too low, for instance.) Is it that people fail to pull the handstroke hard enough with the result that the backstroke has to be pulled harder than necessary to keep the bell up? This, in turn, may result in a too slow handstroke.) Or what is it?

Mr. Price also says 'The tapping of the bells was near perfect throughout the peal in spite of the cartwheel rhythm.' Why 'in spite of'? 'Because of' would surely be just as true.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Normanton, Yorks.

MORE FILM RINGING

Dear Sir,—Anyone wishing to get a laugh at the expense of the film industry would be well rewarded by a visit to 'Richard III.' He should pay particular attention to the campanological anachronisms with which this film is richly endowed.

The most striking example was the shot of the interior of a belfry, showing the bells swinging in full circle, and ringing some form of Triples, I think. They were celebrating the Coronation of Richard III.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

LETTERS—Continued

BEAUTY AND THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I have been reading Miss Kathleen Yeo's letter. I do not agree with everything which the writer of 'Beauty and the Belfry' says, but I should like to ask Miss Yeo why she is so set against milk-bars after a practice. I think they are very nice, and where I come from we quite often go to one afterwards. Sometimes the gentlemen come too, and as for the other kind of bars, I have known ladies asked into them too, and thought none the worse of them for it.

As for tenor ringing, with all respect, and not wishing to offend anyone, the gentlemen in our belfry are in fairly poor health, and it usually means that the ladies are expected to turn in the tenor, and I should not agree with Miss Yeo that in this case the gentlemen should be asked to help with this job.

Also, we do not think that stay-breaking is quite as bad a sin as Miss Yeo seems to think it is, though of course, it should be done as little as possible; but sometimes it cannot be helped. It has happened sometimes with us and of course we ladies always go up and see if we can put the damage straight.

No, where I think the writer of 'Beauty and the Belfry' is wrong is where he says that a ringing boy-friend helps you on. This is only a man's idea. I have done without one, and I shall go on doing so, I hope.—Yours, etc.,

G. PARKINSON (Mrs.).

Kent.

Dear Sir,—Kathleen M. Yeo, of SS. Peter and Paul's, Hellingly, evidently did not trouble to read the whole of the article. While it is evident throughout that the writer is a woman, the last sentence of the fourth paragraph confirms this: 'At this point, the writer pauses uneasily to wonder in which of these classes she belonged.' So, Miss Yeo, do not accuse the men unfairly.

Most of us must have seen many of the types described, and surely we can laugh at ourselves.

As a fairly new comer to the ringing community, and in an area where the men predominate, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation. In a long experience of serving my country in mixed units I have nowhere found such universal kindness and helpfulness as amongst my fellow ringers. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.—Yours faithfully, MARGARET E. WILKINSON.

York Minster.

THE FASCINATION OF RINGING

Recently in the Welsh edition of Women's Hour, Mrs. Mary Buckland, who rings at St. David's Cathedral, gave a talk on the bells of the Cathedral. In reply to the interviewer's question as to how long it took her to learn the art of bell ringing, Mrs. Buckland replied:—

'That's a difficult question: but in about six months I got over the stage of being a danger to myself and other people, and by now I'm pretty steady, and exploring some of the complications. But of course you can't become a highly skilled ringer until you've been at it regularly for years, or even a lifetime; but that's part of the fascination of bell-ringing—you always go on learning.'

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS

The 8-bell tower of North Wingfield was the venue for the annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association held, as usual, on Easter Monday. Bells were raised by 2 p.m. and much good ringing ensued till 4.30 p.m., when all assembled for the service, conducted by the lay reader in the absence of the Rector through prolonged illness.

The ladies of the church prepared tea under the direction of the very capable Mrs. W. H. Wain, well known as a ringer, a maker of sumptuous teas and for her lovely mincepies.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. J. W. England) asked the assembly to stand in silence to the memory of those members who, since the last annual meeting, had been called to higher service, viz., M. Slater (South Normanton), Mrs. R. Mason (Shirland), A. Slater (Tibshelf), H. Draycott (Tibshelf) and F. Marshall (Clay Cross).

The secretary, in his report, thanked all members for their loyal support. Twelve meetings had been held with almost a 50 per cent. attendance of ringing members, which was very satisfactory. Looking up records he could find no one year's record to surpass 1955. He appealed to members to try and make, if possible, 1956 a greater success, as the next annual meeting would be the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Association.

The officers were re-elected. The golden jubilee shield, awarded annually for progress, was won for the second year in succession by the Swanwick band.

An invitation was received from the Vicar, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of Clay Cross for the Association to hold its 70th jubilee meeting at the founder church and was accepted unanimously.

Almost 100 members and ringers attended from towers near and far. A fitting end to a very successful year. B. A. S.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting held at Cawthorne on April 14th was well attended. After ringing in the afternoon the tea and meeting were held in the adjoining Parish Room.

It was regretted that the secretary, Mr. Dan Smith, was absent owing to illness, and Mr. H. Chant deputised during his absence.

Two unusual features, worthy of special mention, took place:—

(i) The tea, which was provided free of charge by the local company, proved to be so lavishly provisioned that in spite of commendable efforts by the assembled company, defeat was eventually admitted and mountains of food still remained on the tables.

(ii) A local inhabitant arrived, after tea, with a tape-recording apparatus. It turned out that, unbeknown to the local ringers, he had made a recording of a touch rung for Sunday service a few weeks previous. This was duly played back and ringing, of which any winning contest team would be rightly proud, delighted the ears of all present. No wonder the people of Cawthorne are proud of their ringers!

After the meeting further ringing followed, when attempts were made, unsuccessfully, to emulate the high standard of the local band's striking. H. C.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Sir Arthur Heywood's Memory

THE annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held at Derby on April 7th. The bells at Alvaston were available during the morning and at the Cathedral and St. Peter's during the afternoon. A rehearsal for a broadcast service at the Cathedral made it necessary to cancel the customary service and evening ringing, but after the meeting ringing continued at St. Peter's. Tea was taken at Diocesan House, and approximately 50 members and friends were present for the business meeting which followed.

The president was unable to be present and the chair was taken by Mr. W. Lancaster, the vice-president. The retiring officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes; vice-president, Mr. W. Lancaster; treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt; trustee, Mr. M. Taylor.

The annual reports of the general secretary, peal secretary and treasurer were confirmed and the officers were thanked for their work in this connection. It was revealed that, in the Derby District particularly, there was a marked increase in the interest taken by younger members. There had been a slight falling off in the number of peals scored for the Association but the variety of methods and the number of peals recorded by new members was an encouraging feature. The financial statement was satisfactory but special efforts would be needed to maintain the position in future. The new Association badges were available and members expressed pleasure with the design. The appeal for Bow Bells was discussed at some length and after some opposition it was finally decided to donate £5 from the Bell Repair Fund. Special collections would be taken in the Districts to cover the amount subscribed.

It was reported that the annual dinner held in February was again a great social success, and thanks were accorded to the sub-committee responsible for the arrangements. Members felt that future annual dinners should be held in October or November, and this would be considered by the committee. A resolution to arrange future dinners in honour of the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood was unanimously approved.

There was some discussion about a resolution to appoint additional Association officers to be responsible for advising on the condition of bells and fittings at towers in the Association in order to comply with Central Council rules. It was felt that suitably qualified persons were not available in the Association, but it was agreed that all members should watch the position and ask the general secretary to communicate with incumbents where it was considered that attention was necessary.

Thanks were accorded to all who had been concerned with the arrangements for the meeting and ringing, and to Mr. Harold Taylor for providing tea.

Ilfracombe magistrates granted an hour's extension from 3 to 4 p.m. to the Chichester Arms on the occasion of the annual festival of bellringers on May 5th. 'I had no idea they were such thirsty men,' said Mr. F. C. Reed (chairman).

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ABERDARE, GLAM.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. O. G. Rees (Vicar, first quarter) 1, T. Templeman 2, D. G. Williams 3, B. Gladwyn 4, D. Kerley 5, A. Scribbins 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, D. Evans 8.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Rowlinson (first quarter) 1, J. Bonnett (first 'inside') 2, H. J. Wilde 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, D. Stride (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Flack 1, M. Hutton (first 'inside') 2, P. Hutton 3, P. Stacey 4, L. Hughes 5, W. Collins 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 8th, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's and 720 Cambridge): Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss J. Cox 3, J. L. Morris 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5, P. P. Brown 6. First in two methods for 1, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, F. P. Harwood 2, D. White 3, A. Freeston 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Dewey 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Muriel Helen Shaw, a church worker for many years; and Frank, brother of the conductor, who was interred on this date.

BRIXWORTH, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Collyer 1, J. Inns 2, H. Wilson 3, A. C. Cozens 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3, who are members of the local band.

BROOKFIELD, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 1, J. M. Payton 2, T. Bevan 3, J. T. Odell 4, G. F. Carter 5. P. G. Foote 6. For Evensong.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Kingston Treble Bob Minor: T. Taylor 1, G. D. Fearnehough 2, Mrs. G. Richardson 3, W. H. Smith 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, G. A. Hughes (cond.) 6.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Dando 1, E. Cannock 2, P. Gallop 3, A. Hazzard 4, C. York 5, D. Dando 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. Babb 8. First quarter by the Sunday service ringers. Rung to commemorate the visit this day of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. for the inauguration of the Chew Valley Lake.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Matthews 1, W. Wills 2, D. Wills 3, H. May 4, J. Pym (cond.) 5, S. Hartnoll 6. First quarter to be rung by the band since the bells were restored after enemy action.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sturgess 1, A. T. Weeks 2, W. Swift 3, J. Romain 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, P. Whale 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. A. J. Rutter, verger of the church, and Mrs. Rutter. Also at St. James' Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Lyons 1, A. T. Weeks 2, G. Winter 3, H. Gummer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. Mortimer 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. A. E. Pike, who began to ring in 1903 when there were only four bells.

EXETER, DEVON.—On April 8th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, J. Salway 4, E. E. Retter 5, W. Reeks 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Rung for the annual service of combined Exeter Lodges Loyal Order of Moose.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On April 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Ann Gower 2, F. Barker 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. For Evensong.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for Sunday School anniversary service; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Atkins, wife of the conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, J. H. Cox 2, B. E. Woodall 3, L. Clissett (cond.) 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, H. Shilvock 6, T. Greenhall 7, J. Byng 8. Rung for the first visit of the new Bishop of Worcester to this church.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 18th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, Miss D. A. Deverill 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, R. Newman 4, A. Butler 5, W. D. Prockson 6, A. Turner 7, H. W. Barnard 8. For the institution and induction of the Rev. R. E. Simpson as Vicar.

QUARTER PEALS

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Baker (first on eight) 1, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 2, A. J. Frost 3, R. March 4, R. F. Turner 5, C. W. Bird 6, B. Austin 7, D. W. James (first of Triples) 8.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, on April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hart (first quarter) 1, Miss M. L. Hawksley 2, A. F. Thirst 3, D. E. Fowles 4, M. W. Harbott 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Turner 1, R. Fox (first of Stedman Triples) 2, F. E. Strickland 3, S. W. White (first in method) 4, R. P. Selway 5, A. W. Dyer 6, W. H. Poole (cond.) 7, W. G. Turk 8.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. T. Dyke 1, E. C. Wadman 2, W. H. Poole 3, J. Looker 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. E. G. Jeanes 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. J. White 8. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Lewis (first quarter) 1, Mary Powell (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary Strong 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, Ruth Gaunt 6. Also, the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brain (first quarter) 1, M. Horseman 2, Mrs. D. Strong (first 'inside') 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Bristol and North Somerset.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 240 All Saints', 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 120 April Day and 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew): F. G. Henbest 1, M. D. Ling 2, R. K. Russ 3, E. L. Baughan 4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. M. Baughan 6. First in six Doubles methods by all.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Fernley 1, J. Fernley 2, Miss E. Brentnall 3, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 4, Mrs. J. Fernley 5, B. Jones (cond.) 6, I. Brentnall 7, L. Boumphrey 8.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Boyd 1, A. J. Bull 2, N. Clark 3, E. B. McKie (cond.) 4, W. D. N. Foote 5, J. T. Y. Roberts 6. For Evensong.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barnes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Miss Miller 3, J. Barnes (first 'inside') 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For morning service.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Hunt 2, P. Harding 3, D. Knight (13, first 'inside') 4, A. Knight 5, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, J. Case 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Tessa Wilson, daughter of Rear Admiral Wilson, to Mr. F. J. King, at Buenos Aires Cathedral on April 14th.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ayers (first quarter) 1, C. J. Turner (cond.) 2, K. Clarke 3, J. Manley (first quarter) 4, R. Woodley 5, E. H. Marks 6, R. T. Wood 7, C. Glanville 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Gillian S. Crosse and Mr. Martin W. Evans.

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OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gail Hawkins 1, J. Thomas 2, Mrs. M. James, 3, C. Smith 4, M. S. Hart (cond.) 5, W. Smith 6. First quarter for all except 3rd. Rung on the back six for the Queen's birthday.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. A. Naylor 1, Miss D. J. Borer 2, Miss E. B. P. Walker 3, J. Hale 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, W. A. J. Knight 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, W. G. Hollands 8. For the Queen's birthday, also a birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia E. Naylor, daughter of the treble ringer, and a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Carey, both ringers at this church.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,200 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Winchendon, St. Nicholas' and Grandsire): W. Warner 1, B. Barber 2, J. Forder 3, G. Walpole 4, E. Long (cond. 5). For morning service.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Brant 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, K. Cotterell 3, J. N. Diserens 4. R. Burton 5, A. K. Street 6, N. J. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 3.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Chaddock (13) 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, H. O. Chaddock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock (15) 4, G. K. Chaddock 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Nos. 3 and 5 are father and son and 3 and 6 brothers, 1 and 4 being daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): N. Bishop 1, R. Brewin 2, M. Bishop 3, G. M. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Plowright 6. For Matins.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. K. Saunders (first of Stedman) 1, R. Bird 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5, G. T. Jennings 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, E. T. Lee 8.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. White 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, L. Dawson (cond) 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. A compliment to Mr. Jonathan Pilling on his 92nd birthday.

STAFFORD.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, F .R. Wiggin 2, F. Eley 3, R. Barlow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, J. C. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled for the service of dedication of the Book of Remembrance and the Garden of Memory by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on April 8th, 1,320 Doubles (five extents St. Martin's, four St. Simon's, two Plain Bob): B. Bladon (cond.) 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddlesden 6.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, M. Hood (first in method) 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, H. W. Simonds 6, D. J. Cross 7, K. Shelley 8. For evening service.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Hayes 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, D. Hewitt 4, C. T. Coles 5, E. E. Holman 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and for the birth of a grandson for Mr. and Mrs. H. Rumens.

WESTON-ZOYLAND, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Miller 1, M. Stone 2, G. Marchant 3, C. Marchant (first of Treble Bob) 4, C. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Short 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mecham 1, J. R. Wilson 2, W. L. Weller 3, Miss D. K. Saunders 4, Miss J. M. Clements (cond.) 5, B. W M. Cowper 6.

WINWICK, HUNTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. M. Alderman 1, M. J. Alderman (first quarter) 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, R. Chapman 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Percy Emmanuel Coles, ringer at this church for a number of years.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.—On April 16th, 1,320 Doubles (240 Winchendon Place, 120 St. Nicholas', 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's, 240 Plain Bob): Miss M. Welton (first quarter) 1, K. Garner (first 'inside') 2, M. Hooton 3, Rev. C. E. Wigg 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. Rose 6.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. JONES

On Saturday, April 21st, the death occurred at Newport of Mr. John William Jones, late secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, a post he held for 46 years, resigning in 1945. His death has severed one of the last links with early days of the Association; he was undoubtedly the greatest pioneer of change ringing in South Wales.

Born at Tidenham, Glos, on December 5th, 1865, he came to Caerleon with his parents at the age of four. He began his ringing career in 1888, being taught by Mr. Evan Davies, a schoolmaster at Caerleon. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Caerleon on January 12th, 1889. When the bells of All Saints', Newport, were dedicated in May, 1902, he was appointed leader and held that office until about 1950 when he retired.

During his 46 years as secretary of the Association he carried out his duties with vigour and enthusiasm, and many towers in the district can thank him for their early instruction; he must have travelled many hundreds of miles in doing this service.

For many years he was a member of the Central Council and was at the time of his resignation the oldest member. A friendly man, he was loved by all who came in contact with him.

Mr. Jones was a great traveller and visited most parts of Great Britain, ringing in nearly 700 towers. He rang over 500 peals, mostly in the standard methods.

As a boy he joined the Great Western Railway at Newport, and was a storekeeper in the engineering department at Newport.

In his younger days he was a very good cricketer and played for Monmouthshire in the Minor Counties Championship. For many years he saw every England–Australia test match in this country.

Although he had been confined to his room for three years he remained very cheerful, and was looked after by one of his three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, and her husband.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Birmingham, May 5th. Train, Paddington, 9 a.m. Refreshments on train. Towers available: Cathedral (12), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 2 to 3 p.m.; Aston (12) and St. Chad's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. prompt at Corner Cupboard, Union Street. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.—A. B. Peck. 8188

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (N.-E. Branch).—Joint meeting, Ashbrittle, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8194

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 5th, Chatteris. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8181

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District. — Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8162

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Southminster (6) on Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Buses depart Maldon 1.15, 1.45, 2.25 p.m. 8151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, May 5th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street, 4.45 p.m. Bells of St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 8128

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8) on Saturday, May 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential, to K. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley. 8182

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden (6) on May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. P. Garner. 8145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 8134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley-on-Thames, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Chantry House.—R. G. Burton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Warfield on May 5th and at Arborfield on May 19th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8230

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, May 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 8191

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, St. Mary, Lambeth, 7.30 on Monday, May 7th. General meeting on Saturday, May 12th. All Hallows, Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3 to 4 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 to 6, the Vicarage, Church Street, Isleworth. Service 6.30, All Saints', Isleworth. Ringing at Isleworth 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel.: HOU 3921. 8174

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, May 7th, at 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Crofton, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. F. Townend, Bleak House, 529, Doncaster Road, Crofton, near Wakefield, not later than May 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8241

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Rounds to Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 8235

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield.—B. Corbishley, Sec. 8243

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Lillington on Saturday, May 12th (please note change of place and date). Ringing 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 8 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea in Leamington; own arrangements.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, West Hartlepool, May 12th. All Saints', Stranton (8), 11 to 12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30; St. Aidan's (8), 2.30 to 4.30; St. Oswald's (10), 7 to 9. Committee, All Saints' Vestry, 3.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, St. Matthew's Hall, Elwick Road, 5.15. Names for tea by May 10th to Mr. W. Maughan, 1, Powell Street, West Hartlepool. 8242

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex County, May 12th. Worth (6) 3 to 4.30. Tea at Turner's Hill (8) with ringing after. Names to Ivan Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett, I. Butcher. 8228

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 12th, at Teversall. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. C.7 M.G. bus to Healdswood from Alfreton, a few minutes over fields to church.—B. A. Sollis. 8224

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Crusader meeting, Fyfield, May 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. 8206

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (8), May 12th. Names for tea to H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury. — W. B. Kynaston. 8225

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), May 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by May 9th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8246

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th to Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton.—R. Collins. 8219

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting on May 12th at Abbots Langley, Watford, beginning 3 p.m., followed by annual dinner. Members attending should notify D. L. Gullick, Stevenage, Herts. 8125

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington (6), May 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 8222

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — Quarterly meeting, Bodenham, (6), Saturday, May 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Good bus service from Hereford. Names for tea by May 8th, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 8249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m., Benington. Please bring own tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8239

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), May 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th to Mr. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 8205

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Huyton, May 12th. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. R. Birchall, 157, Bluebell Lane, Huyton.—G. I. Howlett. 8244

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, May 12th. Bring own food. Preston, Blackburn, Old Road bus 158.—L. Walmsley 8240

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Saturday, May 12th, St. Peter's (6), 3 p.m., and St. John's (6), Lytham. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting after tea. — J. F. Turner. 8250

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Milnthorpe, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to A. C. Thompson, 31, Park Road, Milnthorpe, Westmorland. —N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8248

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to Mr. G. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach. 8234

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at All Saints', Church Street, Edmonton, on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m. Two minutes from Edmonton Town Hall. No. 128 bus passes church. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 8217

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek on Saturday, May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to be received not later than Thursday, May 10th, to E. Sharatt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8245

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Spring meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. George's Hall, Harleston, 5.45 p.m. for all who notify Mr. Wm. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk, by Tuesday, 8th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 8195

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch. — Meeting, St. James' Church, Cowley, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea by May 8th to Mr. W. Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley, Oxford. 8210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Harwell on Saturday, May 12th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by 8th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sherborne, May 12th. Meeting, Digby Church Hall, 2.15 p.m. Guild service, Abbey, 4. Meat tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. (price 4s), by ticket only from F. Slatford, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, before May 9th. Bells: Abbey, 1 to 2 p.m ; Gillingham, Mere, Wincanton, Blandford, Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorpe (all 8), Buckhorn Weston, Bourton, Bradford Abbas, Thornford, Stalbridge, Yetminster, Zeals (6 bells), from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m., and after 6 p.m.; Yeovil (10 bells), after 7 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 9th, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. 8203

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at North Wheatley (6), Saturday, May 12th. Tea at The Plough for those who notify Mr. J. Wright, North Wheatley, Retford, by 8th.—H. Denman. 8233

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service uncertain. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m., Garage Café, Keepers Corner. Names for tea to Mr. L. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley, by May 9th. 424 bus, Reigate—East Grinstead, for church and tea. 8201

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with East Grinstead, Saturday, May 12th. Ringing at Worth (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Turner's Hill 5.30 p.m. Turner's Hill (8) from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8212

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Quarterly meeting, Steyning (8), on May 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Badsey, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—W. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at York on Saturday, May 12th. Minster bells (12) available 2–3.55 p.m. Evensong in Minster 4. Tea at Festival Restaurant, Jubbergate, 5 p.m. Business meeting at York Institute of Architectural Study, Micklegate, at 6 p.m. Bells (6), recently rehung, available after meeting. Names for tea by 10th to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Subscriptions due and reports will be available. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 8208

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Llangynwych, May 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 8223

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8231

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Benhall and Saxmundham on Saturday, May 19th. Bells: Benhall (6), 2.30 p.m. Service: Saxmundham, 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Saxmundham (6) bells after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 15th, to A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec., Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 8236

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 8229

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, May 21st, at Chelmsford. Service, conducted by the Provost, in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, M.A., B.D., Bishop of Colchester. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea and coffee available in the Cathedral Hall 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall, and tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) and tea (2s.) tickets from A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford, by May 16th, and please enclose stamped addressed envelope. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), from 3 to 6 p.m.; Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), from 6 p.m.—F. V. Gant, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8179

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 21st, at Cullompton. Service 12.15. Luncheon, Manor House Hotel, 1.15. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, may be had on application to Prebendary E. V. Cox, Hunthay Close, Axminster, Devon, before May 16th. Bells available: Cullompton, 11 to 12; Bradninch, 11 to 11.45; and both towers also after business meeting. A Ringing Master will be present in each tower. 8221

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual general meeting at Ross on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service, Parish Church, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Ross (8), Weston-under-Penyard (6), Bridstow (8), Foy (6), Aston Ingham (6), Upton Bishop (6).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 8132

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Whit Monday, May 21st, at Kettering. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tea 4, followed by the business, in the Corn Market Hall. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged only for those whose names are received not later than Monday, May 7th, by Mr. P. I. Chapman, 132, Ardington Road, Northampton. Towers open for ringing, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Desborough, Rushton, Burton-Latimer, Geddington, Grafton Underwood, Cranford; 1 to 3.30 p.m.: Rothwell, Thorpe Malsor, Weekley, Warkton, Isham, Barton Seagrave, Pytchley, Orlingbury; noon to 3.45 and 7.30–9 p.m., Kettering. Evening ringing announced at tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 8238

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at Crewe, Saturday, May 26th. Service in Christ Church 3.30 p.m. Tea (5s. per head) at the Co-operative Rooms, Market Street, 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Branch secretaries please inform Mr. W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe, of numbers not later than Tuesday, May 22nd. Towers available: Sandbach (8) and Acton (6), 1.30 to 3 only; Crewe (10), Nantwich (8), Wistaston (6), 1.30 to 3 and after the meeting. For other towers consult Mr. Kerr.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 8220

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Preliminary Notice. The June meeting of the Western District will be at Withycombe Raleigh on June 9th. Other towers: Heavitree and Clyst St. George. Usual coach will run from Bath–Bristol district. Names for coach as soon as possible, please, to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. —M. J. de Jong, Hon. Sec., Western District. 8216

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner on Saturday, October 6th, 1956, at the Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned, and early application is requested.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 8200

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: B. J. Townsend (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, J. E. Cawser 2, G. E. Oliver 3, J. B. Webb 4, Joan Beresford 5, P. Beresford 6, E. Malin (first in method 'inside') 7, D Beresford (cond.) 8.

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THE GUIDE

THE second edition of Ronald H. Dove's 'A Bell-ringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' has made its welcome appearance. The original Guide was an instantaneous success, and but for difficulties in the printing industry a second edition would have been in the hands of the waiting public many months ago. It is very significant of the change and, generally speaking, advancement that over 2,000 amendments to the original Guide were necessary. Some are of necessity corrections to the original work, which arise through the light of publication, but augmentations and recastings are constantly occurring. The new Guide includes many improvements, among them being a stronger and better finished binding, a necessity for many perhaps with a well-thumbed book.

A comparison since the last Guide was published in 1950 is of interest. In England there were 5,226 rings of bells; the number has now been reduced to 5,208. This total is made up of 55 rings of 12 (against 54 in 1950), 160 rings of ten (158), one ring of nine (All Saints', Basingstoke), 1,523 rings of eight (1,482), one ring of seven (Goldhanger, Essex), 2,488 rings of six (2,484), and 980 rings of five (1,048). In Wales and Monmouth there is a decrease of one to 168, the respective figures being 12 bells one (1), ten bells four (4), eight bells 58 (61), six bells 84 (85), and five bells 21 (18). Scotland has one new eight for ringing, at Dunblane, Perth, where the eight were previously chimed, and totals 13. In Ireland there are 33 rings—a new 10 at St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast. Thus the total for the British Isles is 12 bells 57 (56), ten bells 174 (171), nine bells 1, eight bells 1,607 (1,568), seven bells 1, six bells 2,580 (2,577), and five bells 1,002 (1,067); total 5,422 (5,439).

As regards rings of 12, Liverpool has been enriched by the 12 in the Cathedral and the recasting of St. Nicholas', with a tenor weighing 41 cwt. 3 cwt. 15 lb. St. Giles', Cripplegate, is a replacement and Evesham is added to the list. The loss has been at Christ Church, West Bromwich, where four unsatisfactory trebles have been scrapped. There have been some noteworthy changes among the rings of 10. There are two new rings at New Westminster, B.C., and at Belfast, and augmentations by two trebles at Stradbroke and Marsden. The ten in the former Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street, have now a home at Twickenham. (They were originally at St. Dionis', Fenchurch Street.) The former Church of St. Michael, Gloucester, has been deconsecrated, but the bells have not been removed, although they are not allowed to be rung.

Sherborne's claim of having the heaviest eight (tenor 46 cwt.) is still undisputed. Ullenhall, Warwicks, is now regarded as having the lightest eight with a tenor of not more than three cwt. Among the sixes the pride of place is Queen Camel, Somerset (tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.), but the lightest is now at Home Farm, Balscote, Oxon, with a tenor of 134 lb. Peterborough Cathedral with a tenor of approximately 30 cwt. has the heaviest five. These bells have not been rung for about 40 years, although Mr. Dove is inclined to question the justification of this decision. Next in order are East Pennard, Somerset, and Isleham, Cambs. For light bells the order appears to be Foots Cray (3¼ cwt.), Advent, Cornwall (3 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.) and Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey (3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.).

Interesting new features in the second Guide are 'Post-War Losses of Ringing Bells' and 'Transfers of Ringing Peals.' There have been ten post-war losses, but only at St. Helen's, Worcester, and Shenstone, Staffs, were the bells in ringing order. Two incidents recorded are to be deeply deplored. At Perlethorpe, Notts, five of the six bells have been sold and a gramophone installation provided. The other instance comes from West Lulworth, Dorset. Because of proximity of an artillery range a new tower was necessary. The tower designed by a diocesan architect was not only too weak to carry ringing bells, but too small to house even a chime. Only two bells were kept for use in connection with the clock.

The foreword to the second edition has been written by Group Capt. T. V. Lister, of Apperley, Glos. 'It is invaluable,' he writes, 'to organisers of ringers' outings; to ringers whose daily avocations involve travelling, and to every ringer who requires an easy book of reference.' Your editor regards Mr. Ronald H. Dove's work as indispensable, and no one could say a warmer 'Thank you' to him. He wore out three copies of the first edition with almost daily consultations! Mr. Dove certainly deserves some form of recognition from the Central Council, and we trust that the second edition will meet with a rapid sale.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*R. ROGER SAVORY	6
*RALPH HARRIS	2	*REGINALD WOODYATT	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4	*GERALD C. HEMMING	9
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	*THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Royal. First of Oxford T.B. Royal as conductor. First of Royal on the bells.
Rung on the 106th birthday of Mrs. Fanny Hopkins, Evesham's oldest resident.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

*ALICE E. LESTER	*Treble*	*RICHARD ROSE	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	*LEONARD S. SHARPE	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	†FREDERICK J. BUCKLE	8
JAMES B. MORLEY	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	9
*KENNETH G. BROWN	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Arranged by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal on ten as conductor.

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY L. MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
JOHN W. WARD	2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS	8
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	9
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BURFORD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by the Ely Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

GWEN I. RUSBY	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	5
MICHAEL CROWDER	2	C. AUBREY HARRISON	6
JACK BRAY	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
NORMAN BELL	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. E. S. Owen, who is shortly leaving this parish.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., April 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY SKINNER	*Treble*	GEORGE SKINNER	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	*DENNIS J. CROSS	6
HAROLD P. BURTON	3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal at first attempt. First peal on the bells for 20 years.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mallett.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES H. MUSSON	*Treble*	LEONARD P. WILSON	5
THOMAS F. GARFORD	2	†BARRY BROWN	6
*S. ROY WILSON	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
BERNARD H. DALTON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

HENRY PRATT	*Treble*	*JOHN BROWN	5
*MRS. M. MOORE	2	JOHN WARNER	6
*HAROLD MOORE	3	ALAN SYDER	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method.

CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	†ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	BRIAN HOWARD	6
C. RONALD SMITH	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
†LIONEL S. WOODS	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.
Rung in connection with the launching of a Church Restoration Fund appeal.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

MRS. M. I. PAILING	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	*WILLIAM L. EXTON	6
JAMES H. PAILING	3	ALLAN SIMPSON	7
PETER M. GILES	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES (C.C.C. 47). Conducted by J. H. PAILING.
* First peal in the method. First peal on eight as conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*HAROLD BARRON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	5
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	2	SYDNEY H. BARRON	6
JACK STITSON	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
ALBERT W. BOND	4	*MAURICE BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
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At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

F. Bernard Ditcher (Auditor)	*Treble*
John J. L. Gilbert (Treasurer and Ringing Master)	2
Wilfred L. Robinson (Assistant Ringing Master)	3
Rev. G. Gordon Graham (Vice-President)	4
*John S. Seager (Secretary)	5
John E. Turley ('R.W.' Representative)	6
Herbert O. Chaddock (President)	7
Norman Chaddock (C.C. Representative and Asst. Secretary)	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis (former Ringing Master).
Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung by officers of the Sheffield and District Society for the Queen's 30th birthday.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 DUNMOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

H. Walter Smith	*Treble*	Allen W. Cansdale	5
Edward P. Duffield	2	James H. Edwards	6
Hilda G. Snowden	3	Walter Arnold	7
Terry Earle	4	Harry J. Millatt	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
The first peal in the method, which is 2nds place Essex.
Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Giles Galley	*Treble*	*T. Reginald Dennis	5
Ruth M. Jackson	2	William T. Cook	6
*John G. Gipson	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	7
William J. Ridgman	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard Harbour	*Treble*	*Derek G. Spittle	5
Joan Beresford	2	Albert E. Cheesman	6
Margaret M. Lewis	3	Frank Oakshott	7
Edward G. L. Coward	4	Albert Harman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Albert Harman.
* First peal in the method.

HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*Rodney Stringer	*Treble*	*Frank E. Fagg	5
Jean Stewart	2	William Hall	6
*Victor Griffin	3	John T. Dunwoody	7
William Pratt	4	Harry Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Harry Brown.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Graham, former local councillor, and Mrs. Campbell, mother of Jack Campbell, former District treasurer.

DUNMOW SURPRISE MAJOR.
-58-4, 58-58, 16-14-3, 14-14, 5.
2nds place lead-end. Clear proof scale.

HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*Crawford T. Hillis	*Treble*	Frederick G. Huckstepp	5
John R. Cooper	2	†Geoffrey Pearson	6
†Olive M. Boulden	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Albert J. Lancefield	4	Mark W. Marshall	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

William Davies	*Treble*	Ernest Stitch	5
*P. George Golder	2	†David M. Lees	6
Henry Hubble	3	Frederick G. Handley	7
Stanley Prestidge	4	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method and 25th peal.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	Adrian J. Tumber	5
Rosemary J. Seabrook	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Nelia M. Leahy	3	J. Michael Lakin	7
*S. Kathleen M. Knight	4	†Peter Nash	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5152 SIBSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

Norah M. Bibby	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Denis A. Frith	2	†Geoffrey Paul	6
Gwen I. Rusby	3	George H. Randles	7
*Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 100th peal. † 50th peal. The first peal in this method.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Barbara M. Williams	*Treble*	W. Gwynne Jones	5
Dorothy A. Atwell	2	William E. Thompsett	6
Jacqueline S. Evans	3	David J. King	7
*John F. James	4	Donald G. Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam John W Jones, Newport.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5136 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Contains 2,880 of Double Norwich and 2,256 of Plain Bob, with 60 changes of method. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Bertram C. Hines	*Treble*	Lionel C. Woods	5
Harry Turner	2	Charles E. Willmington	6
Ernest C. Furbank	3	John H. Sitch	7
Frank V. Gant	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Harry Turner.
Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. E. C. Sharplin, a member of the local company.

SIBSEY SURPRISE MAJOR.
38-14-1256-16-34-58-56-18.
Seconds place lead-end. Fourths place bob.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

STANLEY W. COPLING ..	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Mr. A. C. W. Roope, of the local band, who has made a good recovery from a serious illness.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	*G. HARRY BRAY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. W. Thornley has 'circled the tower.' Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	*ALAN S. SMITH	5
C. HENRY HARDING	2	*STEPHEN IVIN	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

ALBERT CATTERWELL ..	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	JACK H. BRETT	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 650th peal. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM ..	2	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ..	6
*GEOFFREY F. GARNETT ..	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
*GEOFFREY S. MILLS	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First of Double Norwich Court Bob.

Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Most Rev. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of York on April 25th.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
JOHN WALDEN	2	GEORGE W. CREASEY	6
*DENIS A. FRITH	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	H. LESLIE PASK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples

Rung to celebrate 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by Mr. John Walden.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

JOHN N. DISERENS	*Treble*	ALBERT DISERENS	5
*JEAN DAWSON	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4	RONALD F. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Surprise.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

J. HENRY GARDNER	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
*FRANK A. BARRETT	2	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7
†ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK ..	4	†REGINALD W. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Bob Triples by all except the ringer of the seventh.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 28 cwt., approx.

RICHARD E. PRICE	*Treble*	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK ..	5
ROGER WOODCOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
G. WILLIAM MORRIS	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
FREDERICK E. SCOTT	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5152 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	F. KEVIN THOMPSON ..	6
MARY C. PAYNE	3	†GEOFFREY J. LOWE	7
*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	4	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. First of Major in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all except the conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JOHN NIXON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM MASSEY	4
CHARLES H. PAGE	2	ROBERT ARROWSMITH ..	5
†PHILLIP S. WHALLEY ..	3	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

* First peal, first attempt. † First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate Mr. Arthur Windsor reaching his 50th year as a ringer at Kidsgrove Parish Church.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven complete 720's in 21 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Cambridge, Hexham, Berwick, Primrose, Surfleet; (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (3) Cunecastre, London, Wells; (4) Alnwick, Newcastle; (5) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (6) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge; (7) York, Durham; 107 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

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

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal, for all the band, and for the Association.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., April 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON	4
RITA M. STRATFORD	2	JOHN VERNON	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD ..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal of seven Surprise Minor methods by all the band, on the bells, and by six Hinckley District ringers.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wass.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	W. RUSSELL READ	4
*JOHN E. COOK	2	ROY STEPHENSON	5
BRIAN HUNT	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor and first 'inside.'

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob. (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) Hereward Bob; each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERYL PHILPOT	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	4
DAVID STAPLES	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in ten methods by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who left for National Service on April 19th.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JANE THORPE	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN ..	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	J. DESMOND PAINTER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

ARRETON, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 Pitman's arrangement, and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANK S. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. DRAKE	4
*WILLIAM UPTON	2	DAVID R. REED	5
†HENRY F. LONG	3	SIDNEY MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID R. REED.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal at first attempt.

Rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	ARTHUR W. BIRD	5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	3	*PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

*25th peal. The first peal of Kent T.B. Minor by all.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.



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BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford T.B., three extents of Kent T.B. and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ..	*Treble*	JAMES BAGNALL	4
ROLAND F. ECCLES	2	ALAN CAPSTICK	5
JAMES E. BURLES	3	ALAN CASSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jane Margaret Howarth and Mr. Joseph Odam, who were married at this church the same day.

EXFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SALVYN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*GEORGE MAIDMENT	*Treble*	*ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ..	4
GILBERT G. DAVIS	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
*REV. HENRY F. WARREN..	3	HENRY W. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal of Minor. First recorded peal on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL ..	2	ARNOLD HILL	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

HOLKHAM PARK, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

HUBERT C. CROME	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Anne Coke, daughter of the Earl of Leicester, and the Hon. Colin Tennant.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

DONALD B. MUNRO	*Treble*	PETER G. BARNES	4
MRS. P. G. BARNES	2	GEORGE W. BARNES	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

The first peal on the bells since restoration by John Taylor and Co.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. ..	3
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	2	STANLEY SHIPP	4
*HENRY C. FOSTER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HENRY C. FOSTER.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

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

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., April 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM ..	*Treble*	JOHN W. RAWSON	4
ROLAND BENISTON	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently; 'Ropesight' Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 18 and 22. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. R. E. LESTER.. ..	*Treble*	KENNETH G. BROWN.. ..	4
JAMES B. MORLEY	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
ALICE E. J. LESTER ..	3	LEONARD S. SHARPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal and first attempt.

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

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., April 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM COLLINS	*Treble*	†JAMES E. WIGHTMAN ..	4
BERNARD C. CASTLE.. ..	2	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
LESLIE W. PAICE	3	WILLIAM J. H. PARKER ..	*Treble*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. H. PARKER.

* First peal on treble. † First peal and first attempt.

Rung to commemorate the 75th year of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.

HANDBELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

*MARGARET BEAMISH ..	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
*WALTER WHITEHEAD ..	3—4	*HUBERT ASHLEY	7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Yorkshire 'in hand.'

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT KNAITH, SPENCERS PLACE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

LEONARD STILWELL	1—2	*GEORGE FRANCIS	3—4
		*W. LESLIE WELLER.. ..	5—6

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT THE GLADES, BARNS GREEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being one extent each of (1) Huntspill Bob and Oakley S.C., (2) New Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (3) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (4) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham S.C.; two extents each of (5) St. Nicolas' Bob and Longford S.C., (6) St. Nicolas' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (7) St. Nicolas' Bob and Thornborough S.C., (8) St. Remigius' Bob and Thornborough S.C., (9) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (10) St. Remigius' Bob and Longford S.C., (11) Winchendon Place Bob and Hascombe S.C., (12) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C., (13) St. Simon's Bob and Merton S.C., (14) St. Simon's Bob and Slapton S.C., (15) St. Osmund's Bob and Slapton S.C., (16) St. Osmund's Bob and Merton S.C., (17) St. Osmund's Bob and Rugby S.C., (18) St. Martin's Bob and Rugby S.C., (19) St. Martin's Bob and Merton S.C., (20) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C.; and three extents each of (21) Winchendon Place Bob and Longford S.C., (22) Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough S.C.; 267 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE FRANCIS	1—2	W. LESLIE WELLER	3—4
		*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	5—6

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First handbell peal. First in 20 methods by all the band and for the Association.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Bozeat on April 21st. A company of 80 was present at tea, which included Miss E. Steele, of Biddenham, Bedford, and visitors from the Northampton and Kettering Branches. The Vicar of Bozeat-with-Easton Maudit (the Rev. W. C. Knight) gave a very interesting address during the Guild service. The Guild Bell Restoration Fund collection amounted to £2.

During the business proceedings the members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. H. Linnell, Wilby, for 30 years an honorary member, and Mr. C. Payne, for many years leader of the Irchester belfry.

Five new ringing members from Bozeat were elected. Higham Ferrers was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and one guinea was voted to the Bow Bells appeal.

Bozeat, Easton Maudit and Yardley Hastings bells were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Aylsham on April 21st. Ringing included Stedman Triples, Plain Royal and, of course, Bristol Major.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. W. Martyn, who welcomed the ringers to his church. At the business meeting, following a most enjoyable tea, Mr. A. G. Bason presided.

It was decided to hold an interim meeting at Heydon on June 9th, subject to permission. The meeting on July 14th will be at Coltishall and not as Mattishall, as stated. C. B.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton Mowbray District

Buckminster is a village in a wood. The houses and village street are surrounded by trees and the Parish Church is in a lovely setting at the far end of the village green, with yew trees in the churchyard. The tower, crowned with a spire, is unusually situated in the south aisle, and the pleasant ring of six is rung from the ground floor with the ringers standing in the open church. A very successful meeting of the District took place on April 28th.

Canon H. V. Williams, the Vicar of Buckminster, has recently had a serious operation and had not returned to the parish. Members were sad to learn that, in addition to his indisposition, the Vicar had sustained a great sorrow in the sudden death of his daughter, who leaves a young family. At the business meeting the District secretary, Mrs. P. A. Corby, was instructed to write to Canon Williams to express the condolences of the Guild. The Rev. G. H. Salaman conducted the service.

At the business meeting members were reminded of the Central Council visit to Leicester at Whitsun, and were invited to apply to the District secretary for tickets for the dance and social (free to members and friends) that is to take place at the Bell Hotel, Leicester, on Whit Tuesday evening. The joint meeting with the Nottingham Branch of the Southwell Guild was suggested for June 9th.

For the next district meeting at Great Dalby on May 26th, the District secretary is to do her best to arrange a bus from Waltham and Melton.

Mr. Simpkin, leader of the local band, was re-elected to the Guild and the hope was expressed that the new band of ringers he is training would shortly become members.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The Southern District meeting at Oxted on April 21st attracted a good attendance and one of the surprises of the ringing, supervised by the District Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, was a boy of 12 years of age ringing Surprise methods and calling other touches with great efficiency.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hawkes conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar through indisposition, and in his address recalled many of his past associations with bells and ringing.

Ten new members were elected and a collection for the Bow Bells Fund raised 15s. The presentation to Mr. C. T. Champion, the recent District secretary, on his marriage, was to be made at Burstow on May 12th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The Halesworth District meeting at Wrentham on April 21st was attended by about 35 members and visitors from Essex and Norfolk.

The weather was kind and allowed the west doors to be opened, and ringing took place in the warm sunlight. The accent was on youth. Time was found to suit all tastes from rounds to Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the curate, who made all welcome, and apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rector. An excellent tea was served to all at The Pantry. Five new members were elected from Beccles and Southwold. The next meeting, it is hoped, will be held at Southwold on July 14th.

J. W. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Soham on April 28th was the first known peal of Royal on the bells since November 23rd, 1821, when the Society of Soham Youths rang a peal of New Treble Bob Royal.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna since 1908, is resigning the living as from July 25th.

Miss Barbara Mitchell has been lucky in four peals from four attempts in her three weeks' leave from the Middle East.

Determination of Devon friends of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mallett won in the end. The peal at St. David's, Exeter, on April 20th, in honour of their wedding, was the third attempt.

Dr. Neil Smith, of London, was an unexpected but nevertheless welcome visitor to the annual meeting of the Irish Association at Dublin on April 28th.

'Tower snatching may be fun but it is not really very good manners.'—The Rev. M. B. St. L. Hurst-Bannister, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

The Bishop of Lancaster, missioner at Walton-on-Thames for the Guildford Diocesan Mission, visited the belfry and thanked each ringer personally for his services. The bells were rung for each service during the week.

After a long absence from the peal and quarter peal columns, Brixworth, Northants, recorded a quarter peal on April 14th, in which three of the local band took part in their first attempt.

Three Grammar School boys from Grantham cycled to Silk Willoughby and rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor on April 18th. 'The striking was perfect all the time,' reports the conductor, Mr. J. H. Musson.

An amusing story is in circulation amongst very prominent Yorkshire peal ringers. It appears that south of the Yorkshire border a band was attempting a peal, and throughout the ringing the conductor was making heart-rending appeals such as 'Don't make such wide leads; fill in the gaps in the middle and don't keep missing dodges behind.' At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar came in, shook hands all round and expressed his regret that one of the clappers sent away to be repaired the previous week had not yet been returned! One wonders if outside listeners were able to ascertain whether the methods was 8ths place or 2nds place at the lead-ends.

Ringing at Swefling, Suffolk (6), has been stopped as the builders who carried out a £1,000 repair on the tower claim damage is being caused to the new work.

An order has been given to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to commence work on Theberton bells. It is hoped to have the bells back in the tower during the year.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. George Bunyan, of Pirton, Herts. A stalwart of the band for many years, his willingness to teach the youngsters and his cheerful disposition will be sadly missed in the belfry.

Reporting on the peal at Pershore Abbey, Mr. Frank C. Price writes that the quality of this peal was 100 per cent., being witnessed by Mr. W. H. Coles. The bells were by general opinion probably the best tone of their age and weight anywhere.

The passing of Mrs. E. M. Savage, of East Budleigh, Devon, is regretted by many friends in the West Country. Although a non-ringer she was keenly interested in ringing and was never happier than when 'doing the rounds' with or entertaining a ringing party.

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LEICESTER HAS PLANNED A GREAT WELCOME

In connection with the visit of the Central Council to Leicester for Whitsun, excellent ringing and social arrangements have been made for the visitors. Appended is the programme:—

HEADQUARTERS: The Bell Hotel, Humberstone Gate, Leicester. All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the weekend.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 18th

St. Margaret's (12), 7.30—9 p.m.
All Saints' (8), 7.30—9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 19th

Loughborough Foundry (10), 10 a.m.—12 noon.
Loughborough Parish (10), 2—4 p.m.
Birstall (8), 2—3 p.m.
South Wigston (8), 10—11.30 a.m.
All Saints' (8), 10—11 a.m., 8—9 p.m.
Aylestone (8), 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m., 2.30—4 p.m.
St. John-the-Divine (10), 2—3.30, 7—8 p.m.
Cathedral (12), 2—4, 7.30—8.30 p.m.
St. Mary de Castro (8), 3—4.30 p.m.
Belgrave (8), 3—4.30 p.m.
St. Margaret's (12), 4—6 p.m.

WHIT SUNDAY (Ring for Services)

All Saints' (8), 8.30—9.30 a.m., 5.45—6.30, 7.45—8.30 p.m.
Cathedral (12), 9—10, 10.40—11 a.m., 5.30—6.30, 8—8.30 p.m.
South Wigston (8), 9.15—10 a.m., 2—2.45, 5.30—6.30 p.m.
Thurcaston (8), 9.30—10.30 a.m., 5.30—6.30 p.m., and after service.
St. Margaret's (12), 10—11 a.m., 5.30—6.30 p.m.
St. Mary de Castro (8), 10—10.50 a.m., 5.30—6.20 p.m.
Sileby (8), 10—11 a.m., 5.30—6.30 p.m.
St. John-the-Divine (10), 10.15—11 a.m., 5.45—6.30 p.m.
Aylestone (8), 10.15—11 a.m., 5.45—6.30 p.m.
Anstey (8), 10.30—11 a.m., 5.30—6.30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 21st

Loughborough Foundry (10), 10 a.m.—12 noon, 2—4 p.m.
Sileby (8), 11 a.m.—12 noon, 3—4 p.m.
Birstall (8), 2—3 p.m.
Belgrave (8), 10—11 a.m., 3—4 p.m.
Cathedral (12), 10—11.30 a.m., 7—8.30 p.m.
St. Margaret's (12), 10 a.m.—12 noon.
St. John-the-Divine (10), 10—11 a.m., 3—4 p.m.
All Saints' (8), 10—11 a.m., 8—9 p.m.
Anstey (8), 10—11 a.m., 3—4.30 p.m.
Aylestone (8), 10.30—11.30 a.m., 3.30—4.30 p.m.
St. Mary de Castro (8), 3—4.30 p.m.
South Wigston (8), 10.30—11.30 a.m., 7.30—9 p.m.
Thurcaston (8), 11 a.m.—12 noon, 4—5.30 p.m.

RINGING TOUR, SUNDAY, MAY 20th

The details shown in 'The Ringing World' of April 13th have been amended as follows:

Leave headquarters at 1 p.m. Ringing at
Market Bosworth (8) 1.30 to 2 p.m.
Chilvers Coton (10), 2.30 to 3 p.m.
Hinckley (8), 3.30 to 4.15 p.m.
Earl Shilton (8), 4.30 to 5.15 p.m.
Claybrooke (8), 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.

Dinner at The Hinckley Knight (Watling Street) at 6.45 p.m., returning to Leicester for ringing at the Cathedral or All Saints'.

Tickets at the same inclusive charge of 10s. 6d. per head from either Mr. B. S. Payne, 10, Woodgate, Rothley, Leics, or Mr. S. Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester.

WHIT MONDAY TOUR

Leave headquarters, Bell Hotel, at 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Loughborough Parish (10), 10—10.45: Melton Mowbray (10), 11.15—12. Lunch at Bell Hotel, Melton Mowbray, at 12.15, thence through Belvoir Park past Belvoir Castle (seat of the Duke of Rutland) to Bottesford (8), 2—3; Grantham (10), 3.45—4.30. Tea at Stoke Rochford Road House, 5 p.m. Oakham (8), 6.45—7.30. Return to headquarters at 8.30 p.m. Inclusive charge for the day tour, 26s. per head.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 8 a.m. Council meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 10 a.m.

Civic Reception in the Town Hall at 5 p.m. A social evening, with a dance band in attendance, in the ballroom at headquarters. Tickets (free) will be available during the weekend and may be obtained on request from any member of the Leicester Guild Committee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Standard methods were rung at the annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch on the very fine eight at Kirtlington on April 28th.

The Branch president (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) presided at the business meeting, when the secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch) stated that on the whole Sunday service ringing was well maintained and the accounts showed an increased balance of £7 2s. 9d. from £3 15s.

The president was re-elected as were the Rev. J. Elkerton and Mr. F. Sharpe vice-presidents, and Mr. Kinch hon. secretary. The sum of £2 2s. was donated to the Bow Bells Restoration Fund.

In an address the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) mentioned the appeal for 2s. per bell from each parish towards the Guild's Restoration Fund. The donations from the Parochial Councils had enabled increased grants to be made.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. L. A. Gutch for conducting the service and his address, to Mrs. L. Kirkland for her 'ringers' tea,' the organist and the hon. secretary.

JOINT MEETING AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

A joint meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Midland Counties Guild and Shropshire Association was held at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th, and proved most enjoyable and successful. With five towers available for ringing, the meeting attracted an attendance of 102. The towers in question were All Saints', St. Modwen's and St. Paul's, at Burton-on-Trent, Winshill and Rolleston-on-Dove, all of which were put to good use.

The service was held at St. Paul's, where the Vicar, Rev. W. Willis Price, gave the address. A sumptuous tea was served in St. Paul's Institute by a willing band of lady helpers. After the meal, Mr. W. Curzon, of the Midland Counties Guild, thanked Rev. W. Willis Price for his inspiring address, and Mr. B. G. Key and his helpers and the ladies for the excellent arrangements.

Although not officially taking part, a number of North Staffordshire Association members, including the secretary, Mr. E. H. Edge, were present.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The sprightly Mr. T. Reginald Dennis has just rung his first peal of London Surprise at the age of 72.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Apsley End on April 3rd, 1956 ('Ringing World,' page 245), was Frederick J. Plummer and not as printed.

Forty ringers and friends from Northampton and District visited Wolverton, Stony Stratford, Whaddon, Bletchley, Fenny Stratford, Woburn, Husborne Crawley and Wavendon for their Easter Monday outing. Thanks are due to those who met the party at the various towers.

His friends in St. David's Diocese and elsewhere regret to learn that Mr. R. Scudamore, of Llandilo, will be unable to ring for some weeks. 'Hurry up, Ralph, and get better. The Diocese needs your services,' write some of his old pals.

On April 24th, on the recommendation of 'The Church Times,' Mr. Ronald Hamilton, of the Canadian Broadcasting Company, took a tape recording of the bells of St. Martin's Church, Chelsfield, Kent, and interviewed some of the ringers. The recording is to be used in a programme featuring people and places.

Willesborough (Kent) has lost, temporarily, one of its most promising younger ringers—David Staples — who has gone to Formby (Lancs) to start his National Service. He will be missed, too, by his many other friends in the parish, as he was a keen and willing worker in other activities of his church. We feel sure he will soon make friends in his new surroundings and be a welcome visitor at nearby towers.

It was a big disappointment to the band which rang the peal of Dunmow Surprise Major on the Queen's birthday that Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen was prevented by a bad cold from being in the band. He had taken part in two practice quarters in the method and also in a previous peal attempt, lasting nearly three hours, in which he rang faultlessly. Mr. Walter Arnold, who stood in his place at very short notice, had never struck a blow of Dunmow before he rang in the peal.

The 50 years' service rendered by Mr. Arthur Windsor to Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, was recognised not only by a peal on the bells, but by the ringers and church officials being entertained to tea at the Vicarage. Presentations followed—a barometer and a cheque from the church. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Yates), in thanking Mr. Windsor for his services, hoped that his example of service would be followed by the younger members of the tower. Mr. Windsor suitably replied and added that the peal had been a great pleasure to listen to.

A WALTHAMSTOW WEDDING

Two ringers attached to St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, Miss Sonia Coles, daughter of Mr. C. T. W. Coles and granddaughter of the late Mr. C. T. Coles, for many years hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association, and Mr. Alan Shepherd, a student at Cambridge University, were married at the Methodist Church, Highams Park, on April 28th. The ceremony was attended by many friends and relatives and several members of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society of Ringers.

Unfortunately as there were several weddings at St. Mary's that day it was impossible to ring the bells at the time of the wedding, but on Sunday, April 29th, the St. Mary's ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples before the morning service and attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters before the evening service. The writer also rang at the wedding of the bride's grandparents at St. George's-in-the-East.

H. R.

PILTON BELLS REDEDICATED

Among the large congregation that assembled at Pilton Parish Church on April 21st for the rededication of the church bells by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. W. H. Bradfield) were ringers representative of a large number of towers scattered over a wide area of the Diocese.

Before the service began a recording of the retuned bells was made. Later in the afternoon when the ringers were having tea at the Vicarage, this recording, together with one made before the bells were taken away in January, were replayed to show the remarkable and distinctive improvement.

The following ringers, all of Pilton, rang when the recording of the bells was made: Messrs. R. Harris 1, T. Harris 2, S. Atwell 3, R. Talbot 4, E. Lambert (captain) 5, Rev. L. M. Hurst-Bannister (Vicar) 6.

Mr. W. Theobald officially represented Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London.

During the service the lesson was read by Mr. Roger O. Fry, the general secretary of the Diocesan Association.

COSTLY PIECE OF WORK

The Bishop, in his address, referred to the costly piece of work that had been undertaken by the parish in getting the bells retuned, and he praised the parishioners that there had been no lack of response. It had rapidly become possible to put this work in hand and now the parishioners could rightly rejoice for the completion of this task. During the time the bells had been in the process of being retuned and recast the people of Pilton had been without them in the common life of the parish, and he recalled how much the people of Britain had missed the sound of church bells during the grim years of the war.

The Bishop said that change ringing in the Church of England had become a unique art; it was unique to this country and was known nowhere else in the world.

The right use of the bells depends upon those who are called to ring them Sunday by Sunday and at other times as occasion shall require. 'Let it not be thought for one moment,' the Bishop declared, 'that bell ringing is a bit of healthy exercise for those who like that kind of thing, although that kind of impression is abroad. That may well be due to the fact that some bell ringers have not brought to their task that degree of consecration and witness that is expected from all those who are called to the service of the Church. The laity have a part to play in the Church as well as the ordained minister, and it is not enough merely to ring bells to call people to worship and then walk away from that very worship to which they are summoning people. Bell ringing is very much a part of the ministry of the laity as serving at the altar of God, and a good bell ringer ought always to be a good churchman.

'The Diocesan Association of Bell Ringers, of which your Vicar is the Master, is trying to ensure that those who are called to the active service are themselves consecrated men and women, who are finding their fellowship not only in their art of bell ringing but also in their fellowship of worship.'

TWOFOLD PURPOSE

The Bishop said that the purpose of church bells was twofold. Their first purpose was to summon the congregation into the fellowship of worship in their parish church. This summons was an individual summons for the simple reason that men and women are unique individuals and therefore each has his own part and place in the worship of the Church. If one person was to withhold his worship the whole worship of the Church and the fellowship of the whole Christian family is thereby weakened.

'Secondly, whenever the bells are rung, on a Sunday, or at any other time, we must remember the Lord our God and that we are His children. The message the bells proclaim is that the Christian faith and practice in the Christian life are the one essential in the spiritual extension of the congregation and the whole community. The bells call you to lift up your hearts to Him whose love we share. Let it not be thought that it is merely a case of playing a musical tune. The whole point is the bells call us to Him and tell us to remember Him at that moment. It is a loss to us all when their special significance is overlooked and forgotten.'

During the singing of the last hymn a collection was taken for the Church Bell Appeal and amounted to £16, bringing the total of the Appeal to £475. Another £45 is now needed to complete the Appeal. Donations are most welcome and should be sent to the Vicar, or to the Treasurer of the Appeal, Mr. R. Kennard Davis, On the Hill, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT

The story behind the rehanging of the ring of six at St. John-the-Baptist's, West Wickham, Kent, is one of purposeful endeavour and enterprise. The bells (tenor about 13 cwt.) needed rehanging and the fifth had to be recast. The resident band, under their leader, Mr. Arthur Richards, tackled the work of dismantling and rehanging and now have a tuneful ring, which, we understand, go like the proverbial tops.

Not only did the ringers do all the work (except the recasting) but they have contributed a sum of £110 towards the cost. This money represents their ringing fees (for weddings, etc.) over a number of years, which they carefully saved up until the work could be tackled.

West Wickham ringers are to be congratulated on such an outstanding effort, and we wish them all possible enjoyment in ringing their bells.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Canon H. S. Stephenson

The retirement of Canon H. S. Stephenson last September was noted in 'The Ringing World' and marked by a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, on his last day as Rector there—an office he had held since 1914. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association decided at the time to make a presentation to him but for various reasons, principally the Canon's inability to travel any great distance, this was delayed until the Western District met on April 21st at Whickham.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business the president (Mr. Richard A. Gofton) made the presentation to Canon Stephenson. He recalled that Canon Stephenson was the immediate past president and was probably the only man to hold the office of president who was not a practical ringer. That alone demonstrated the esteem in which he was held by ringers, and his friendship had extended over a great many years. It was the hope of all that Canon Stephenson would be spared for many years to enjoy the retirement he had so richly earned. The presentation was a finely-illustrated volume on 'English Cathedrals,' beautifully inscribed by Mr. J. Brewster, as follows: 'Presented to their friend of many years standing, Canon H. S. Stephenson, on his retirement, by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. April, 1956.'

Canon Stephenson acknowledged the gift and said that it was a very happy coincidence that the Association's area covered the only two dioceses in which he had served, despite his long ministry. He would value that book in his now greatly reduced library and he hoped that the good work of the Association would be continued.

Mr. C. McGuiness voiced the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Stephen Thompson, who had taken the chair. All present were delighted to see him again after his indisposition and wished him well for the future. D. A. B.

Cambridge University Guild

At the annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild held on April 25th the following officers were elected:—President, Rev. A. C. Blyth, M.A.; treasurer, Rev. Prof. C. F. D. Moule; Master, Mr. J. D. Painter, Gonville and Caius College; secretary, Mr. F. B. Cookson, St. John's College; librarian, Mr. A. J. Howard, Trinity College; auditor, Mr. P. F. Windley, Jesus College.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers

A cycling ringing week-end in Hertfordshire was spent by Bedfordshire Young Ringers on April 21st and 22nd. Towers visited were Great Munden, Little Munden, Bennington, Aston and Kempton on the first day. The night was spent at Whitwell Youth Hostel, and on the Sunday at King's Walden and Hitchin.

The methods rung included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Court, Kent, Cambridge, London and Munden.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROUNDS ACCIDENTALLY IN A PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—On Agendum 10 (c) at the next Central Council meeting members will be asked to agree that no peal should be recognised (presumably by the Council) in which rounds occur accidentally,' 'for any reason,' in the course of the peal. The following situation may, therefore, occur. In a peal ending with three bobs at Home, and Mr. P. Bear conducting, the first bob at Home is called and the fourth hesitates to run in. Not being a bear of enormous brain, the conductor wastes his efforts shouting at the fourth, but in spite of this 12345678 comes up, however badly struck, and, though followed by the correct row 41326587, no peal is admitted. In a similar peal, with Mr. Wol conducting, the same trouble occurs, but Mr. Wol, being much wiser and having foreseen such difficulty, is ringing the tenor, and instead of trying to put the fourth right he puts all his energy into heaving on his backstroke, and just manages to get it in before the 7th, thereby producing the row 12345687. In doing so he creates a horrible noise—much more so than does Mr. P. B., but since 12345687 is not counted as rounds his peal is 'recognised,' provided, of course, he corrects the mistake 'immediately.'

It is almost impossible to explain why two wrongs should make a right and one would think, sir, that there must be something illogical in a rule which allows such a situation to occur. It is to be hoped that, by amendment or even by more positive means, members will ensure that such a rule is not added to the Council's Rules and Decisions.—Yours faithfully,

Arrington. W. J. RIDGMAN.

PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform the ringers interested in the proposed tour of Australia that owing to the lack of support it will now have to be abandoned, for this year at least. I should be pleased to arrange it for another year if anyone is interested. This would give some an opportunity to save up for it.

I was much encouraged in the first place by letters from ringers who had returned from Australia, one of whom suggested that if I only got five willing to make the trip it should be made. I still feel, however, that a band of eight would be the minimum required to make the trip. I take this opportunity of thanking those who have interested themselves in the project, and thank them for their letters.—Yours faithfully,

J. L. GARNER HAYWARD.

Coventry.

LINCOLN TIPS

Dear Sir,—I am not in the habit of sticking my neck out, but as no one with the exception of J. R. Mayne has made an attempt at clearing the question up, I may be able to at least move in that direction.

Although Rochester Surprise Major was claimed by A. Craven, the first peal in the method was rung at Leiston as the product of G. Lindoff. I would like to say that I agree entirely on what Mr. Mayne says about 'Ripon' and 'Norton.' 'Lincoln,' the method rung at Helmingham on February 14th, 1935, was produced by G. Lindoff.

New London, one of the four methods published by A. Craven on August 22nd, 1924, was claimed by Mr. G. Baker as 'Bellthorpe,' published on October 5th, 1921; Mr. Craven withdrew his claim on September 5th, 1924. However, I have no knowledge of how, why or when the name was shortened to 'Thorpe.'—Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE BELLS

Dear Sir,—As two possible future homes for the Imperial Institute's bells, in the event of the wanton destruction of this building, have already been proposed, may I suggest yet another possibility.

These bells, known as the Alexandra Ring, were presented to Queen Victoria to be hung in the campanile of the Imperial Institute and rung on royal birthdays and other State occasions. All the bells bear the names of members of the Royal Family of that time, and to transfer them to any church tower would seem most improper.

Should Her Majesty deem that they be transferred to Windsor Castle, would they not be heard to better advantage in the town if hung on top of the Round Tower? Also, the historic ring in the Curfew Tower could then remain undisturbed.

If the bells are to remain in London, the Victoria Tower of the Palace of Westminster would seem a very fitting place for them. This tower has recently been strengthened after being encased in scaffolding for years. If the Alexandra Ring was hung in this tower, it would not lose its identity and could be rung on the same days as at present, and also for the State opening of Parliament.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

London, W.3.

CLOSED SHOP

Dear Sir,—Mr. William Stote's letter in the issue of April 27th makes very interesting reading, perhaps more so to me than many.

He states that the bells of St. Paul's, Imperial Institute and Westminster Abbey are not the playthings of the Exercise, whatever that may mean, and goes on to say that tradition demands they be manned by safe ringers and good strikers; he would have us believe that they are only a 'closed shop' to poor strikers and stay-bashers.

I have no first-hand experience of the first two above named towers, but as far as the Abbey bells are concerned they are a 'closed shop'—I repeat, a 'closed shop'—whatever Mr. Stote would have us believe otherwise, whether you are a stay-basher, a good ringer or a ringer of the highest order.

It is a rule of the Abbey authorities (I have this in writing) that no ringer whatsoever shall ring the Abbey bells other than the eight official ringers appointed by the Dean and Chapter, and that only in the case of illness or other unforeseen circumstances shall one of the ringers be replaced by an official deputy; deputies are limited to about six in number. Furthermore, no person shall enter the ringing chamber except by special permission of the Abbey authorities.

I am well aware that all these rules are made by the Dean, etc., but those closely interested are in agreement.

Please don't let anyone write and say that the Abbey is a special place, that it is not in the Diocese of Westminster but is under the jurisdiction of the reigning sovereign. I am fully aware of this, but it is still a place where God is worshipped, and I am certain that God does not recognise any part of His house as a closed shop.

Mr. Stote says 'tradition demands'; I am quite sure that even rounds rung by a so-called 'stoney band' to the true glory of God is far more acceptable to Him than Spliced Surprise Major rung for the self-glorification of those concerned, whether it be abbey or village church.—Yours truly,

MAURICE J. LOCKEY.

Maulden.

NO RIGHT TO RING ANYWHERE

Dear Sir,—In my opinion, Mr. Birmingham's letter of April 13th is an example of biased and extremely exaggerated wishful thinking. The bells of the Imperial Institute were given by Mrs. E. Millar, of Melbourne, Australia, to the President of the Institute, Edward VII, when he was Prince of Wales, to be rung on royal occasions. If they are the property of the Queen then they are not her personal property, but only her property in her capacity as Queen. They are secular bells, and the bells at Windsor Castle are rung on religious as well as royal occasions. If the Institute bells have to be moved I certainly hope they will stay in Westminster, as now. Surely there is a secular tower somewhere in Westminster that could hold them. How about the Houses of Parliament? In any case it would be discourteous not to consult the Australian Embassy about their removal. Perhaps they could be hung in Australia House?

He must be the only person to hold the opinion that the Curfew bells are tuneless. They might sound rough when a few visiting learners start splashing around, but get a band on them that knows how to ring and you will have to go a long way to hear anything grander. Personally, I do not think that the Institute bells are better than the Curfew bells. The only difference lies in the extra weight.

His allegation of a 'closed shop' in London is completely unjustified. Certainly a decent standard of ringing is insisted upon at the Institute, but if a ringer can ring on that weight and can ring Stedman Caters, he will be made welcome and allowed to ring. He will be told what bell to ring, but surely that always happens where a visitor's capabilities are not known to the locals. Village choirs might be invited to sing in cathedrals, but too many learners have been given the impression by their instructors that they have a right to ring where and what they like. This is absolutely wrong. And it is wrong for Mr. Birmingham to suggest that ringers, experienced or otherwise, have a right to ring anywhere. No one has the right to ring at any tower. The incumbent is in sole charge of a ring of bells, although in general he grants the locals the right to ring on their own bells more or less when they wish, in exchange for regular and decent service ringing. In far too many places the ringers don't stick to the bargain and ring Surprise on practice night and Doubles on Sunday sometimes. I hope he does not think he has the right to ring at Stanwell, although as in nearly every tower he is always welcome to ring.

There is absolutely no closed shop in London. Certainly the College Youths insist on a high standard from visiting ringers, and rightly so, for they have a high standard and without them there would be no decent regular service ringing on the heavier and higher numbered rings in London. No other Society or Association is capable of it, and without them the number of keyboards in the city would increase tremendously.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

'BEASTS OF THE BELFRY'

Dear Sir,—I cannot understand how Miss K. M. Yeo failed to appreciate the witticism of the article 'Beauty and the Belfry,' which I feel sure was written by a woman. I thoroughly enjoyed it as a light, amusing piece of literature, and I am sure other ringers will agree with me.

No one, not even the 'Beasts of the Belfry' (male ringers), could take it seriously, as they know only too well that, nowadays, many bands could not function without the so-called 'Beauties.'—Yours faithfully,

JUNE M. CLEMENTS.

Worthing.

LETTERS—Continued

'THE HUNTRESS'

Dear Sir,—I thought that 'D. R. C.'s article 'Beauty and the Belfry' was one of the wittiest and most amusing articles I have read for a good while.

I don't know about women getting pushed into ringing by so-called friends, but it is certainly a fact that many of them take up ringing to please their husbands—I have known several such cases.

Like 'D. R. C.,' I also wondered which category I came into—I have met examples of each of the types that she describes.

I wonder if Miss Yeo has met the 'Huntress.' She erupts into the belfry full of enthusiasm. She is to be met with at all meetings and practices, and before long is peal ringing busily. Her enthusiasm is as boundless as her energy and her leisure appears to be infinite. Her ringing career is short and brilliant and terminates triumphantly with her marriage to the most eligible male in the district and she is never seen in the belfry again. Worse still, she often keeps her husband away, also. I assure Miss Yeo that she is to be met with occasionally along with the others in 'D. R. C.'s' article.

Anyhow, how about an article about the male types?—Yours faithfully,

JESSIE M. KIPPIN.

Southampton.

THE BELLS OF DROITWICH

Dear Sir,—I remember reading with interest the article of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on the bells of Worcestershire, and, in particuar, his reference to two Droitwich churches. The particular 'Ringing World' in which his article appeared I have passed to another member of our band so I can only reply from memory.

Droitwich originally possessed two churches. The Parish Church of St. Andrew, which had eight bells, with a tenor about 21 cwt., had the tower lowered sometime in the 1920's, and seven of the bells lie dormant in the base of the tower. I am not in possession of any record of peals that may have been rung on these bells prior to dismantling.

There is a Church of St. Peter de Witton, which had its bells augmented from three to six in memory of parishioners killed in the 1914-18 war. The tower is at present unsafe and ringing is not allowed, but a few peals have been rung on these bells at different times. The period during which I have knowledge is from April 29th, 1928, when one peal of Doubles was rung by the local band, to September 5th, 1936, eight peals (five of which were Doubles). Since the war one peal was rung for the Coronation of Her Majesty.

There is another church, once in a parish adjoining Droitwich, but now in the borough, the Church of St. Augustine, Dodderhill, with the finest ring of eight bells in the Midlands. I wonder if this was one of the two churches to which Mr. Felstead refers. The bells here were all of the old six run out, and a new set of eight cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1932. Because of the great demand for these bells peals have been restricted, but the following are some of which I have record, but I may have missed some:—

First peal on the bells, April 2nd, 1933; total from then until the ban numbered eight. Since the ban was lifted up to July 11th, 1953, the total was 19.

Though these bells are rung more or less regularly for two services on Sunday and practice on Tuesday, we are still not strong enough for local peal ringing, and many thanks are due to Mr. J. Lindon, of Birmingham, and his friend, Miss Yeld, for continued visits to assist at practice.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. RAXTER.

Droitwich.

BOW BELLS AND THEIR RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Surely not, when Bow Bells are restored, are we going to witness a controversy as to who shall ring them according to whether they subscribed to the Bell Fund or not. Let us hope that the same conditions will prevail as before the last war, when practices were held and, occasionally, Association meetings. As P. H. Whitaker remarks, we do not want any unnecessary restrictions to invade our ringing rooms.

In most towers visitors are made very welcome and, providing they behave in a manner expected of them, they are usually given an invitation to come again.

The Exercise can be looked upon as a brotherhood, and rightly so, as it brings people together not only for the purpose of ringing bells but also enables them to know each other better. When we realise where we meet, for what purpose we use our energies, the instruments we use and to whom they are dedicated, the Exercise becomes a brotherhood in every sense of the word. Silly differences should never be tolerated.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD NEWMAN.

Stroud Green Road, N.4.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Over 110 members attended the Northern District annual meeting at Ballymena on Easter Monday, out of a District membership of about 220.

District officers elected were: Chairman, Canon J. C. Rutherford (of St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, where the next annual meeting will be held); vice-president, Rev. J. Barry; secretary, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; assistant secretary, Miss J. Stewart; treasurer, Rev. J. J. Fielding; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown; auditors, Messrs. W. Dewart and W. L. Douglas; trustees of Bell Repair Fund, Messrs. W. Pratt, R. P. Hatch and R. G. Nelson. About 150 members and friends were present at the lunch.

The Adamson Cup was retained by SS. Philip and James', Holywood, ringing Stedman Triples with 33 faults against 38½ by St. Donard's, Belfast, ringing Grandsire Triples. Nine teams took part in the Cunningham Cup competition, all ringing call changes. Placings: 1 St. Bronach's, Rostrevor, 6 faults; 2 St. Donard's, Belfast, 26 faults; 3 St. Patrick's, Ballymena, 41 faults. Mrs. Adamson presented her trophy and Miss Cunningham, daughter of the donor, the Cunningham Cup.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Portishead on April 21st and was attended by 39 ringers representing 18 different towers.

Ringing was followed by the Association form of service conducted by the Rev. J. M. Burroughs.

Some amusement was caused during tea in the Church Hall (also used as a school room) by the seemingly unintelligible 'writings on the wall,' which, it turned out, was the modern way of teaching children to read and write. Perhaps one of our ringing-schoolmastering friends could give us a little 'Technical Tittle-Tattle' on this subject.

Before the business meeting those present stood in silence to the memory of George Yeo, of Long Ashton, who had passed away since the last meeting. Two new members each from Backwell, Portishead and Publow and one from Nailsea were elected. Subject to permission being given, it was decided to hold meetings as follows:—Weston-in-Gordano, May; Chew Stoke or Publow, June; and Long Ashton (quarterly) in July. In connection with the practice meetings it was resolved that in future these should be from 5 to 8 p.m.

The secretary said that he had received some literature in connection with the Bow Bells appeal and stated that the Association general committee had suggested that each tower should be left to decide whether or not to support the appeal and should pass any contributions to him before the committee meeting on June 30th, when the total amount for the Association would be sent to the fund.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Despite the loss of an hour during the night the fine octave at Wraxall was pulled up in peal soon after seven o'clock the next morning, when members rang for and attended the Parish Communion, when the celebrant was the Rector (Prebendary W. N. Kempe). Breakfast was afterwards enjoyed in the library adjoining the church, and we are very much indebted to the Wraxall ringers and their ladies for providing such a fine feed. Ringing was resumed until morning service. M. J. H.

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ABERAVON, GLAM.—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. I. Lewis 1, A. Hannington 2, T. M. Roderick 3, J. Lovatt 4, H. Boyce 5, N. G. Leech 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, H. Crab 8. Rung when H.R.H. Princess Margaret was in the parish. Also remembered by those taking part was their doyen, the late Mr. John H. Jones.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. D. Brown (first in method) 1, Diana M. Gough (first in method) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Perrens 1, C. Aylett 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, R. Winter 4, W. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, P. Stone 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Goldsney 1, Joyce Philps 2, R. Shutter 3, A. V. Good 4, K. Good (cond.) 5, W. Puddifoot 6. First quarter in their respective positions for 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fox 1, Miss F. Smith 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, B. Pike 4, C. Turner 5, K. Barnes 6. For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob): Miss B. Davidge 1, Miss A. E. Goodchild 2, Miss S. Sherwood 3, E. Sherwood 4, P. Sherwood (cond.) 5, S. Russell 6. For the Diocesan Mission Week.

ATCHAM, SALOP.—On April 14th, 1,360 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. B. Hall 1, B. Jones 2, R. F. Davies 3, R. Nicholls 4, A. E. G. Owen (first as cond.) 5, B. Onions 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian Parsons 1, R. Harbour 2, Joyce Fishlock 3, R. I. Parsons 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, M. F. Layton 8. For the Diocesan Mission.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. J. Lester 1, W. Girling 2, Miss M. Newby (first quarter) 3, J. J. Prentice 4, A. E. J. Lester 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BARNET, HERTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harrison (first of Triples on treble) 1, T. Pink 2, R. Fraser 3, M. Soper 4, C. King 5, C. Ward 6, W. Poolman (first as cond) 7, W. Langley 8.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bobj): Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck 1, K. Ketteringham 2, J. E. Cook 3, W. R. Read (cond.) 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, A. O. Nichols 6. First in two methods 3 and 4.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Linch 1, P. Wells 2, O. Castleman 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Kesterton 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lucy Allen (first in method as cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, E. J. Whiting 3, R. F. Baker 4, J. W. Allen 5. For the festival of Easter. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, C. Clarke 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung for St. George's Day.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. H. Brittan 1, L. Chamberlain 2, C. G. Smith 3, Gloria Inwood 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, L. Manning (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Stella Mear, a ringer at this church.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sjoberg 1, Miss P. Jones 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, C. Bryant 4, J. I. Simms 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8. Rung in memoriam John W. Jones, Newport.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1955, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 Dunmow Surprise Major: A. Syder 1, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, T. Earle 4, E. P. Duffield 5, J. H. Edwards 6, Hilda G. Snowden 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by all. Also on April 15th, 1,344 Dunmow Surprise Major: A. Syder 1, E. P. Duffield 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, T. Earle 4, A. W. Cansdale (first in method) 5, J. H. Edwards 6, Hilda G. Snowden 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: C. Swann 1, E. G. Orland 2, Miss D. Elson 3, D. Griffin 4, M. Amos 5, M. Chown 6, R. Wilson 7, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

DEAL, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. V. Harley (first quarter) 1, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 2, Miss A. Vine 3, M. M. Milner 4, R. D. Rees 5, Miss M. P. Gulliver (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. H. C. Alexander, daughter of Mr. M. M. Milner, on the birth of a son (David Charles).

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Bennett 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 3, M. Hood 4, D. J. Cross 5, W. J. Harvey 6. Rung on St. George's Day for the patronal festival of the church.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. Slaughter 1, G. Olliver 2, G. Parsons (first in method) 3, J. Euston 4, A. J. Bull 5, A. Lewry 6, H. May 7, E. Talbot 8. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Clarke 1, W. Rawlings 2, Miss B. Slark 3, F. Hurrell 4, E. J. Coode 5, K. Small 6, M. Oakshett (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.'s 30th birthday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On April 18th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Brenda Chappel 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, D. G. Ashridge 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, Janet M. Besant 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, F. Oakshott 7, A. J. Adams 8, J. Hill 9, J. C. Davidge 10. First quarter by 6 and 10. First on ten by 1 and 5. For morning service.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on the 'Thomas Eight': N. Mallet (cond.) 1, R. H. Drewett 2, W. A. Wills 3, G. Skinner 4, F. Wreford 5, A. R. Jones 6, C. P. Yates 7, F. Wills 8. Rung as a compliment to W. H. Howe (ringing master) and Mrs. Howe on the occasion of their ruby wedding anniversary.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A Green 1, P. Smith (first 'inside') 2, E. Ridott 3, C. Saunders (first 'inside') 4, F. Green (cond.) 5, P. Stephens 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Saunders.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Bennett 1, A. N. Stubbs 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, Miss D. J. Perrins 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. Bond 6. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On April 16th, 1,232 Plain Bob Triples: D. P. Jones (cond.) 1, Miss J. Mayes 2, K. C. Timbury 3, P. Flack (13) 4, R. J. Coppage 5, S. Ivin 6, R. H. Dove 7, S. H. Ashton (first on eight) 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, Miss D. A. Deverill 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, A. Newman 4, A. W. Butler 5, W. D. Prockson 6, A. Turner 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung for the induction and institution of the Rev. R. E. Simpson as Vicar.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, J. Elliott (cond.) 2, C. Button 3, R. Pye 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. For Evensong.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On April 15th, at the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Powell 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. A. Hales 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, A. E. Hoare 5, P. J. Hutchings 6 L., W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. Hales 8.

LILBOURNE, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): W. Drake (first quarter) 1, P. Westerman 2, R. Wilson (cond.) 3, E. G. Orland 4, W. Kinchin 5.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): E. G. Orland (cond.) 1, R. Clarke 2, R. E. Holland 3, M. Bennett 4, R. Baker 5.

NEATH, GLAM.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Morris 1, Miss M. Llewellyn 2, E. Latty 3, E. J. Morris 4, H. Boyce (cond.) 5, J. Galvin 6. For morning service.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): S. Sage 1, I. Jenkins 2, J. A. Martin 3, B. Schofield 4, S. Hough jun., 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day celebrations.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 All Saints', 300 Grandsire): C. Pugh 1, S. Pugh 2, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, C. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, F. E. Tranter 6. For morning service.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Bob, 600 St. Bartholomew): Mrs. Croal (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Wallace (first 'inside') 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, G. Wood (aged 82) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Blacketh on their silver wedding.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on April 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens 1, R. Burton 2, F. Lewis 3, Miss H. Brant 4, K. Cotterell 5, B. Stirland 6, J. N. Diserens 7, R. F. Diserens 8, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 9, V. Cherrill 10. First of Stedman Caters for 3 and 4.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Onions 1, B. Jones 2, Miss C. B. Hall (first 'inside') 3, J. Colley 4, A. E. G. Owen (cond.) 5, Miss M. James 6. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on April 15th, 1,320 Doubles (one extent each of Old, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and three each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob): M. Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. First in seven methods by all except conductor.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 240 Old, 240 Norfolk): W. Knight 1, J. Rainsford 2, J. Clark (cond.) 3, K. Stacey 4, W. Smith 5, J. Hordern 6. For Confirmation service.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hayes 1, Jennifer M. Highley 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, P. F. Borer 7, F. C. Taylor 8. Rung for Matins and to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Alan Shepherd and Miss Sonia Coles, daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. Savage 1, R. Crago 2, A. Sanger 3, R. Gardiner 4, V. Savage 5, G. Salmon 6, V. Roberts 7, H. Sanger 8, E. Chivers 9, D. Hoare (cond.) 10. Rung to mark the occasion of the Somerset Light Infantry receiving the freedom of the city this day.

WEM, SALOP.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Beddow 1, H. F. White 2, Elizabeth Yeld 3, F. Cattell 4, J. N. Lindon 5, F. G. Beddow 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (cond.) 7, F. Mason 8. For the Queen's birthday.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Double Court Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Kentish Delight Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, R. J. Carlton 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. P. Garner 5, J. Cooper 6. For Evensong.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. John's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Kingcott 1, G. Prescott 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, J. W. Owen 4, R. H. Brice 5, L. W. Pullin (first in method as cond.) 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 8. First in method by 5, 6, 7 and 8. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Groves 1, R. B. Tubbs 2, W. C. Shute 3, L. J. Lockyer 4, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 5, E. C. Burt 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

YORK.—At the Minster, on April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. H. Steel 1, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 2, B. Sutton 3, Rev. Gordon Graham 4, D. Forth 5, H. Forder 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, J. Bower 8. Rung after the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey, Archbishop of York. Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung before the service.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES WHITING

The sudden death of Mr. Charles Whiting occurred at his home at Leiston on March 5th.

Born at Theberton in 1874, Mr. Whiting was first employed as a carpenter at Leiston. In 1896 he joined the Army and served in the Royal Engineers until 1903, the last three years being spent at Hong Kong. When the first world war came he rejoined the R.E.s in 1914 and was in the Dardanelles landing in 1915 when he was seriously wounded.

At the age of 82 years, when called to higher service, Mr. Whiting had been associated with bell ringing for about 62 years, and was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with 12 peals to his credit. On the formation of the Suffolk Guild he became a founder member, with whom he rang ten peals, making a total of 22. In 1951 he rang the second to a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for his 77th birthday. As can be seen he was not a great peal ringer but enjoyed ringing for Sunday services.

The funeral took place on March 10th, with many of his ringing friends present, after which the bells of St. Margaret's, Leiston, were rung half-muffled in his honour.

MR. J. W. JONES

Among the many towers in South Wales who remembered the passing of Mr. J. W. Jones was Pentre, Rhondda. Mr. Jones rang in the first peal on the bells in 1901, and in all rang seven peals at Pentre. The bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob as a mark of respect. Those ringing included Mr. G. N. Leech, of Dudley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held at Armley on April 28th, and members representing 14 towers in the District were present. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall immediately after tea. Officers for the year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. H. Lofthouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Barron, I. Slack and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Gibson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Hodson; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and C. F. Sutcliffe.

The secretary, in his report, stated that 11 meetings had been held and that both the membership and funds of the Society had increased during the past year. He particularly thanked all tower secretaries and local companies for their arrangtments for the meetings

Other business included the election of two members; the alteration of two items on the tower list for 1956-57—for the June meeting, read Sherburn instead of Hunslet, and for the meeting next March, Hunslet instead of Armley; and votes of thanks to the local company and their helpers, the Vicar and churchwardens and the retiring officers of the Society

The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on May 26th.

Rushden Ringers in Bedfordshire

A coach-load of ringers from Rushden and neighbouring towers had an enjoyable half-day's outing in Bedfordshire. Ringing took place at Sharnbrook, Felmersham (a recently augmented octave which was much admired), Harrold, Turvey, Biddenham and St. Paul's, Bedford (where some of the younger members had their first ring on ten).

RINGERS' OUTING

ROSS-ON-WYE AND BRIDSTOW

On April 3rd a small party of enthusiasts from Ross and Bridstow spent an enjoyable day 'tower-grabbing' around the Herefordshire–Worcestershire border.

First on the list were the pleasant six (16 cwt.) at Bosbury, Herefordshire, where the tower is detached from the main body of the church. Next came Mathon (6, 9) which, by a coincidence, proved to be the 100th tower for two different members of the band. This double event was duly honoured by the first touch of Cambridge for the day. A move was made towards Cradley (6, 13), the last Herefordshire tower on the programme. Here the long draught proved rather troublesome. An additional distraction was provided by the juvenile population of the village, at least half of whom—drawn by the sound of the bells—wandered into the church and surveyed the visitors curiously through the spaces in the wooden screen which divided the vestry from the nave.

After a picnic lunch the band proceeded to Leigh (Worcs), which possesses a heavier ring of six (tenor 17¼ cwt.). This church has the unusual dedication of St. Edburgha.

The anti-clockwise ring at Kempsey (6, 19¾) was next, and this was voted the best six of the day. Proceeding via what was signposted as a 'deep ford' we arrived, slightly damp, at Earl's Croome. The occupants of the car came off best at the ford—the motor cycle stopped dead in the middle of it, and the unfortunate rider had to kick off again in about a foot of water! The light Earl's Croome bells (6, 9) were a pleasant contrast to the two previous heavy rings, their description as 'ladies' bells' being proved by both the girls gravitating towards the back end, one of them turning in the tenor to a touch of Minor. It was here that the first course of Killamarsh by all the band was rung.

Through the kindness of the local ringers who met us after tea at Upton-on-Severn, we had enough to ring Triples and Major on this lovely eight (tenor 14 cwt.). The one and only mishap of the tour occurred here: the rope of the sixth broke during the last touch.

The final tower of the day was Ripple (6, 13), another nice ring; but owing to the number of blisters and sore hands that the band by then possessed, their visit here was slightly curtailed, and everyone soon made for home, well pleased with their day's outing M. T.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge conducted the service and acted as organist when the Mid-Devon Branch met at Townstal, Dartmouth, on April 28th. The Vicar (the Rev. T. G. D. Watkins) gave an admirable address.

At the business meeting, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, five new members from Townstal and one from Torquay were elected. Wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent accident are to be sent to the general secretary and also a letter of sympathy to Mr. C. F. Austin, Paignton, on the death of his wife. Subject to confirmation, June 16th was suggested for the joint meeting with the S.W. Branch at Plymouth, and July 21st for the next quarterly meeting at Bovey Tracey. Ringing took place afterwards at Stoke Fleming.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On April 15th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: Miss B. Philpot 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 240 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob): A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 1, D. Staples 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong.

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DEATH

WEBB.—Charles Henry Webb passed away at his home at 68, Brownshill Green Road, Coventry, on April 26th, 1956, after a long and painful illness patiently borne. His family thank the many friends for the beautiful floral tributes. 8251

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General meeting on Saturday, May 12th. All Hallows, Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3 to 4 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 to 6, the Vicarage, Church Street, Isleworth. Service 6.30, All Saints', Isleworth. Ringing at Isleworth 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel.: HOU 3921. 8174

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield.—B. Corbishley, Sec. 8243

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex County, May 12th. Worth (6) 3 to 4.30. Tea at Turner's Hill (8) with ringing after. Names to Ivan Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett, I. Butcher.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Crusader meeting, Fyfield, May 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. 8206

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Collins. 8219

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m., Benington. Please bring own tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8239

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The meeting advertised for Hoghton, May 12th, is cancelled. Next meeting, June 2nd; details later.—L. Walmsley. 8269

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at All Saints', Church Street, Edmonton, on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m. Two minutes from Edmonton Town Hall. No. 128 bus passes church. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 8217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), May 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service uncertain. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m., Garage Café, Keepers Corner. 424 bus, Reigate—East Grinstead, for church and tea. 8201

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with East Grinstead, Saturday, May 12th. Ringing at Worth (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Turner's Hill 5.30 p.m. Turner's Hill (8) from 6.15 p.m. 8212

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Badsey, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—W. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 8247

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at York on Saturday, May 12th. Minster bells (12) available 2-3.55 p.m. Evensong in Minster 4. Tea at Festival Restaurant, Jubbergate, 5 p.m. Business meeting at York Institute of Architectural Study, Micklegate, at 6 p.m. Bells (6), recently rehung, available after meeting. Subscriptions due and reports will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 8208

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, May 17th, St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham Common, 7-9. Visitors and learners specially welcome. Quarterly business meeting, Saturday, June 9th; details later.—Hutchings. Tel: TUL 0800. 8266

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Weston-in-Gordano, May 19th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8261

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton, Saturday, May 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 8253

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Eversholt, on May 19th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers invited to attend.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8264

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Upton, Birkenhead, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday, 16th inst.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8272

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland (8) on Saturday, May 19th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 8273

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, May 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Lane, Bentley, Farnham, Surrey.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8254

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, on May 19th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale, Biddenden. 8255

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, May 19th, at Essendon. Bells (6) at 6 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8258

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited. — J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8268

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 3 p.m., May 19th. Names for tea, before 14th, to A. Stone, 282, Astley Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire.—R. Benson. 8270

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Llangynwych, May 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 8223

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Meeting, Ruislip, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Short business meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea at nearby restaurant. Further ringing in evening.—F. A. Finch. 8267

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8231

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Benhall and Saxmundham on Saturday, May 19th. Bells: Benhall (6), 2.30 p.m. Service: Saxmundham, 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Saxmundham (6) bells after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 15th, to A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec., Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 8236

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 8229

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, April 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8257

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, May 21st, at Chelmsford. Service, conducted by the Provost, in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, M.A., B.D., Bishop of Colchester. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea and coffee available in the Cathedral Hall 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall, and tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) and tea (2s.) tickets from A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford, by May 16th, and please enclose stamped addressed envelope. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), from 3 to 6 p.m.; Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), from 6 p.m.—F. V. Gant, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8179

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 21st, at Cullompton. Service 12.15. Luncheon, Manor House Hotel, 1.15. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, may be had on application to Prebendary E. V. Cox, Hunthay Close, Axminster, Devon, before May 16th. Bells available: Cullompton, 11 to 12, Bradninch, 11 to 11.45; and both towers also after business meeting. A Ringing Master will be present in each tower. 8221

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual general meeting at Ross on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service, Parish Church, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Ross (8), Weston-under-Penyard (6), Bridstow (8), Foy (6), Aston Ingham (6), Upton Bishop (6).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 8132

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Ashford (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by May 24th, please, to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. All ladies welcome: gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 8262

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Lincoln Cathedral, May 26th. Cathedral bells only available, afternoon and evening. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court. Business meeting immediately after in the Consistory Court 8252

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring your own food. Tea will be brewed in Village Hall.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8256

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sculthorpe, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to G. Greeves, 44, Moor Lane, Sculthorpe. 8271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Meeting at Warborough on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify, by May 22nd, Mr. F. Absolom, of Warborough. — H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon 8259

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting Faringdon, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 23rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8260

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, May 26th, Broadchalke (6), 2.30-4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by 22nd. Berwick St. John's (6) 7-8.30.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8265

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District.—Meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to the Rev. J. Simons, Felsham Rectory, Bury St. Edmunds.—R. J. Seabrook. 8263

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Owing to non-availability of Hexham Abbey bells on June 16th, date of meeting changed to June 30th.—N. I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 8274

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner on Saturday, October 6th, 1956, at the Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned, and early application is requested.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 8200

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The April meeting was held in brilliant sunshine at Wheathampstead, where quite a large gathering of members and visitors from Norton, Watford and Loughton enjoyed this fine ring of six bells.

Members were pleased to welcome Mr. P. B. Smith, who started ringing at Wheathampstead as long ago as 1890.

At the business meeting the president of the Association, Mr. W. T. Holmes, took the chair. It was decided to hold an evening practice meeting at Essendon on Whit Saturday, if these bells were available. E. E.

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SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Brooks 1, R. Springham 2, S. Clark 3, H. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, D. Collins 6, R. H. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment for Mr. and Mrs. S. Brooks; also for the occasion of the christening of the first grandchild of the ringer of the tenor.

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TIT-FOR-TAT

IT was a nice morning in the middle of May, 1905, when young Bill was enjoying a three-mile walk towards the lovely church of St. Saviour, Arklow, Ireland, where for some years the famous James W. Washbrook was verger and steeplekeeper. Being a little early for the peal attempt, Bill was a little surprised to see Washbrook busy in his garden as he passed nearby, and he concluded that his task was nearly done; therefore he went on his way to the tower to meet the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, both from the Oxford Guild, and Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, from Edinburgh, who had come to Ireland chiefly for the purpose of seeing Washbrook ring two bells to a peal. When Washbrook first performed this feat most ringers were sceptical and many asserted it was impossible, but young Bill was able to disabuse the minds of many ringers in England because he was in the band when Washbrook rang 3-4 and called the first peal of Bob Major in Ireland on December 27th, 1904.

For some unknown reason Washbrook failed to appear at the appointed time, so, at the request of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, young Bill went to find him and he soon spotted him still at work in his garden. 'How about the peal, Jim?' asked Bill, and to his surprise Washbrook replied: 'What peal?' Yes, he had forgotten, so Bill waited while a hurried change of garments was made, and soon they set off to join the waiting party at the tower. Then came a shock when F. E. R. told Washbrook to ring 3-4 for a peal of Stedman Triples, and though the latter protested at the very short notice he had been given, the Vicar of Drayton briefly explained the object of the visit, viz.: actually to see two bells rung in a peal.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson regarded one of the ringers with a little apprehension and asked his age, which was given as 12, but knowing the name of the lad was James W. Washbrook, jun., he seemed satisfied. In the early stages of the peal the Rev. F. E. R. watched the 3-4 ropes very carefully, for this was something out of the ordinary in ringing, a new idea for the peal ringer and Sunday service ringer; but the parson conductor soon realised that Washbrook was making his task look easy; in fact he handled his bells perfectly and was never in any difficulty. After the peal had finished, arrangements were made for another peal in two days' time, and as Washbrook walked towards his home in company with young Bill, he said: 'I have something saved up for the old gent for our next peal; tit-for-tat, you know.' Questions on the plan to surprise the Rev. F. E. R. only ended in mystery so Bill had to be content until Thursday, but was enjoined to 'watch the parson's face sometimes.'

On the Thursday a party of eight assembled in the tower for Stedman Triples, and Washbrook was the first to take a rope, the 7th, whereupon the Rev. Robinson, considerably surprised on account of being in the habit of ringing the 7th and calling his favourite variation of Thurstans' Four-part, bluntly remarked: 'Where do I ring then?', to to which Washbrook replied: 'The 6th, sir.'

Reluctantly, the Rev. F. E. R. took the 6th rope, and off we went in fine style, but it soon became evident that the peal composition was quite different from Thurstans', and this caused the 6th ringer to wear a worried look, probably because he was out of his element, was not ringing his usual 7th, was not conducting, and did not know the composition. At times he would hesitate slightly, a most unusual thing for the famous parson to do, but Washbrook was always alert and watchful even though it was a complex composition being rung for the first time. When the peal was finished, the Rev. Robinson asked the reason why such an unusual composition was chosen, and Washbrook's reply was: 'This is the first peal of Stedman Triples to be rung with all the 6-7's at backstroke.'

In the Rev. F. E. Robinson's book, *Among the Bells*, these two peals are briefly recorded, and though 51 years have elapsed, there is still one who can recall the events in more detail—the one named 'Bill' in this article but who was always called 'Will' by Jim Washbrook.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

AN IDEA

WITH printing costs getting steeper and steeper, various Associations are searching for economies. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association have just published their handbook, which contains the list of members. Under each tower a space is left so that additional names can be added as new members join. The printing order also covers the estimated number of new members for the next five years to enable those joining to receive a handbook. By this means the cost of the report is spread over five years.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 20 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. LEACH	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	†STELLA HUGHES	8
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	P. GEORGE GOLDER	9
ERNEST STITCH	4	AUBREY PICKERING	10
*PETER J. BARKER	5	‡HOWARD HOWELL	11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6	§EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Grandsire and of Cinques. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ 500th peal. § 50th peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN WORTH	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., May 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
STELLA HUGHES	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., May 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5080 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	PETER BORDER	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
An 80th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON, W.C.2.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

*MISS M. PROCKSOM	*Treble*	*DAVID PRIESTLEY	7
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	ALAN F. THIRST	8
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	3	JOHN R. LEEMING	9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	A. RONALD LING	10
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	5	DENNIS BERESFORD	11
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. H. FRANCIS.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung as a welcome back as Vicar to Rev. S. A. Austen-Williams.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 23, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	*WILLIAM A. LACEY	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	9
JOHN A. ACRES	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Royal away from the treble. First peal of Royal as conductor. Arranged for St George's Day.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Consisting of 3,360 London (No. 3), 640 Bristol and 520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	2	*R. ROGER SAVORY	7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
*NELIA M. LEAHY	4	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	9
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in the county and by the Guild.
A birthday compliment to A. J. Tumber.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS	*Treble*	†IVOR JENKINS	5
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	SYDNEY SAGE	6
ERIC SIMPSON	3	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	7
ALAN WARD	4	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major. † First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*HAROLD LONYON	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

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SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F

*CHARLES FREEMAN	*Treble*	HAROLD MARCON	5
MADELINE P. SMITH	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
†DEREK WEBSTER	3	‡PHILIP BOWLEY	7
GEORGE BUTLER	4	PHILIP WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.
Rung as a 65th birthday peal for the ringer of the fourth.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 NORTHILL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
C. HENRY HARDING	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
First peal ever rung in the method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 17). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HONNEYWOOD	5
*FREDK. C. SOUTHGATE	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	6
FELIX H. ERITH	3	ROY DUESBURY	7
GEORGE W. BARNES	4	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. BEEVOR. Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
* First peal, aged 64.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ROBERT BLOND	*Treble*	*FRANK REED	5
HENRY BISHOP	2	ERNEST GARRARD	6
FREDERICK SMITH	3	FRANK ABSOLOM	7
*ALFRED GREENOUGH	4	JACK BERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First of Kent T.B. Major.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
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NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, 7th observation. Tenor 13 cwt. in F

*DAVID KNIGHT	*Treble*	*ARCHIBALD KNIGHT	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	RONALD G. BECK	6
DAVID HOARE	3	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	7
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	4	A. ROY HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. Shaw on his induction to the living of North Bradley this day.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	†ROGER BALDWIN	6
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Rutland. † 50th peal.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GARDNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. STOTE	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	2	PERCY STONE	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	JAMES L. GARNER HAYWARD	7
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of C. H. Webb, a ringer at this church, who was interred this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*MADELINE SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	†JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	†JOHN M. JELLEY	7
†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*DOUGLAS MITCHELL	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
*A. WILLIAM BIRD	3	*PETER KINDRED	7
*MICHAEL SOLLEY	4	*JOHN ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. First peal of Plain Bob Triples on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Lowestoft on this day.
Plain Bob Triples was chosen because it was on May 2nd, 1715, that the first peal of Bob Triples was rung in Norwich.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,632 Superlative and 1,664 Cambridge, with 104 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*MARGARET GIBSON	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	2	*ROBIN G. LEALE	6
CHARLES McGUINESS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
RICHARD A. GOFTON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of four Spliced. The conductor's 200th peal. The first peal of four Spliced in Northumberland. An 80th birthday compliment to Albert Walker, of Birmingham.

SIX BELL PEALS

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., April 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew and Stedman.
Tenor 7 cwt.

SIDNEY SKINNER	*Treble*	CYRIL DEEM	4
CYRIL SAVAGE	2	JOHN QUICK	5
ERNEST W. ROWE	3	EDWARD SUMMERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.
First peal by the band in six Doubles methods.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

HENRY KIRK	*Treble*	*A. HAROLD SALISBURY ..	4
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW ..	2	RONALD DAWSON	5
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

ANN CULPIN	*Treble*	PETER SHIPTON	4
*JANET GODFREY	2	ROGER A. LENNARD	5
*AVRIL THACKRAY	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal 'inside.' This is the first peal to be rung by a band comprising present members of Bedford's four public schools.
Rung in honour of the 30th birthday of H.M. the Queen.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR CROWDER	*Treble*	JOHN HALL	4
MARTIN WALKER..	2	JACK BRAY	5
MICHAEL CROWDER	3	HARRY HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung following the wedding of Miss G. M. Cuthbert, a ringer and keen worker for this church, and the Rev. G. Rennison.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

M. R. REED	*Treble*	HARRY FOLLEN	4
WALLACE COUSINS	2	ERNEST MASTIN	5
JOHN E. FOX	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.
First peal ever rung in this tower.
Rung at the Vicar's request on the eve of St. George's Day.

FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ALBERT BUCK	*Treble*	ROLAND MORLEY	4
JOHN W. PICKETT	2	GEORGE RAMPLEY	5
JAMES MORLEY	3	KEITH MUNNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE RAMPLEY.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. C. J. R. Day, Vicar of Fordham, which took plaec on April 17th.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD..	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. SMITH	4
*GORDON P. T. PETERS ..	2	ALBERT HARMAN	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a compliment to Myrtle Maxwell and Colin J. Champion, who were married on Easter Monday at Dunoon, Argyll, Scotland.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Oxford.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	LOUIS WILDERS	4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	2	*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..	5
WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in nine methods.
Rung to welcome Rev. G. A. Tyson as Vicar of this parish.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

D. KAY ADKINS	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	4
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	*GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN ..	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Cambridge. First peal on the bells since recasting by John Taylor and Co.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE MELTON	*Treble*	*ERIC NICE	4
JAMES B. MORLEY	2	LESLIE J. NICE	5
RICHARD ROSE	3	KENNETH G. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal 'inside' and in the method.
A 16th birthday compliment to Eric Nice.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Wragby Delight; (2) Neasden Delight; (3) Charlwood Delight; (4) St. Albans Delight; (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Treble*	ALEX RICHARDSON	4
*MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	*RONALD DAWSON	5
*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal in 14 methods. First peal in 14 methods as conductor. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

WILLIAM H. DALE	*Treble*	KATHARINE BURCHNALL ..	4
*MICHAEL R. PLATT	2	GRACE BURCHNALL	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	GEORGE W. CREASEY.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal 'inside.' W. H. Dale has now 'circled the tower.'
A farewell peal to the Rev. G. H. Platt upon his leaving the parish.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

MRS. A. SIMPSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS.. ..	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., 1955.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR C. WELLS	*Treble*	N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ..	4
LESLIE H. RISEBROW ..	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
*DERICK W. PARDON.. ..	3	WILLIAM H. HOLDOM.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to Elizabeth Sara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Balls, of Cromer, who was born on that day.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	*Treble*	PERCY FOSTER	4
*KATHLEEN I. BALLARD ..	2	KEITH SHELDON	5
WILLIAM A. YATES.. ..	3	*RICHARD HINTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a token of gratitude to the ringer of the fourth, for his loyal services to this church.

RENDCOMB, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (eight callings), 12 of April Day (three callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and ten of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	*Treble*	MERVYN DAY	4
JOHN DOWDESWELL	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	5
ERNEST H. JEFFERIES ..	3	PATRICK A. BARTLETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

MARGARET BEAMISH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
WALTER WHITEHEAD	3—4	*ALAN CATTELL	7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

JULIANSTOWN, COUNTY MEATH.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
IN THE CHALET, AT MEADOW COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 8 in C.

SIDNEY G. LEWIS	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES.. ..	3—4
FREDERICK BOGAN	5—6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., May 7, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

HARRY BRAGG	1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3—4
CHARLES BRAGG	5—6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

The conductor's 500th peal. Rung in the same place, in the same method, and with the same band as his first peal 38 years ago.



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ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Moss 1, F. Southgate 2, H. Bacon 3, F. Erith 4, M. Bantick 5, A. Andrews 6, R. Duesbury (cond.) 7, C. Andrews 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 360 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): Brenda Foster 1, Julie Tunbridge 2, Judith Cox 3, Mary Andrews 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, Jean Jones 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

BICKER, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Bennett 1, S. Jessop 2, J. P. Morris 3, W. E. Clark 4, P. H. Renolds 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, C. Stubley 8.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. T. Shorey (cond.) 1, A. S. Reade 2, R. Moore 3, A. Boswell 4, J. Moore 5, D. Hall 6, W. Busby 7, F. Spiers 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole on their golden wedding anniversary.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane E. Langton (15, first of Doubles) 1, B. E. Matthews (16, first quarter) 2, P. H. Langton (17, first as cond. and 'inside') 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. Wood 5, R. A. Brown (17, first quarter) 6. For Evensong

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire with 300 Stedman): S. Skinner 1, C. Deem (cond.) 2, C. Savage 3, K. Dawe 4, J. Quick 5, J. Burnell (first quarter) 6.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, W. Seldon 2, B. Pidgeon 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, F. Wreford 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On May 6th, at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. M. Payton 1, R. Newman 2, T. Bevan 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, J. C. Rigg 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On April 22nd, at St. Luke's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. F. Oakshett 1, A. Purdom 2, Kathleen M. Walsh 3, D. Martin 4, Hilda Oakshett 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6, P. Spice 7, E. Mounter 8. For St. George's Day service.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On April 21st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Jolley 1, S. Walmsley 2, P. Dunderdale 3, W. Mansley 4, H. Hardacre 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Jolley on the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

BUNNEY, NOTTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Towers 1, F. Priestley 2, M. Hill 3, H. Harrison 4, T. Mills 5, S. Adams (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells. For Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. M. Rouse 1, D. Sims (first in method) 2, E. Deacon 3, S. W. Bigmore 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CASTLE DONINGTON, DERBYS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Collins 1, R. S. Barker 2, B. Halford 3, J. G. Cheverton 4, J. S. Knighton (cond.) 5, E. Barker 6. First quarter for all. Rung for Evensong.

CHARLTON-HORETHORN, SOMERSET. — On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Rawlings (first quarter) 1, D. Gare 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, C. Thomas 5, R. P. Rawlings 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. E. Lloyd 1, Miss D. J. Clarke (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Moreton 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. R. W. Fleming to the parish as senior curate.

COFFINSWELL, DEVON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. L. Bennett 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 3, M. Hood 4, D. J. Cross 5, K. Shelley 6. First quarter on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Jennings 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Mrs. P. Cracknell (first of Triples 'inside') 3, G. T. Jennings 4, B. A. Cracknell (first in method as cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, W. Slaughter 7, W. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong, and also as a compliment to Mr. G. T. Jennings (tower captain) and Mrs. Jennings on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Croft 1, B. W. Lake (first of Minor 'inside') 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, R. Head 6. Also on Mar. 18th, 1,272 Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge, 552 Norwich): S. Ashton 1, P. Croft 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, R. Head 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: L. Runnacles 1, S. Ashton (first in method) 2, A. C. Harris 3, P. Croft 4, R. Head 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. All for Evensong.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. M. Taylor 1, K. Hainsworth (first quarter) 2, D. Hollas 3, Miss M. V. Copping 4, J. F. Bryant 5, R. Mann 6, E. M. Fielden (first as cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, V. Tipton 2, E. Larter 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. O. White, for 20 years Vicar of the parish.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dart 1, G. Collett 2, D. Simms 3, J. Cruickshank 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Trebilcock 6. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. W. D. Smith, former tower captain and Vicar's warden, and Mrs. Smith.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sybil Tonkin 1, Judy Funnell (first 'inside') 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, Laura Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, F. Beeney 6.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At the Abbey Church, on May 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. McGuiness 1, W. N. Park 2, R. G. Leale 3, K. Lawson 4, B. Harris 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, R. Park 8.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Betty Tester 1, A. W. Durham 2, R. E. Lambert 3, F. Bromley 4, A. Bromley 5, C. Tester 6, E. Bromley 7, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Waples (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. W. Barker 2, R. J. Picton 3, R. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (first as cond.) 5, R. Scaplehorn 6. First of Bob Doubles by all. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Bourdon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. W. Barker 2, R. J. Picton 3, R. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. Scaplehorn 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Edwards (first quarter) 1, F. Absolom (cond.) 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker 5, E. Morris 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Morris.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Crampion 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Miss V. Tester (first quarter) 3, L. Batley 4, C. R. Smith 5, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 6, E. D. Smith 7, C. Willmington 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Sinfield 1, June Gladman 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, A. E. Rushton 4, R. J. Sharp 5, C. Sharp 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Izzard 8. For Rogationtide.

OXFORD.—On May 6th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell 2, D. J. Roaf 3, D. A. Edwards 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, R. A. Hodgson 6, D. H. Niblett 7, P. R. Sanders (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for Matins.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on April 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Helen M. Brant 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, B. C. Stirland 3, W. Hunt 4, A. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens 6, J. N. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Sewry 1, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 2, K. Faulkner 3, J. Brown 4, J. Sewry (first quarter) 5, F. Hill 6.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Tompkins (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Crow (first 'inside') 2, H. Curtis 3, K. Perkins (cond.) 4, A. Cozens 5.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: T. Beaumont 1, Miss D. Borer (first of Caters) 2, Miss J. Highley (first of Caters) 3, P. Borer 4, H. Springate 5, F. J. Cheal 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 8, R. E. Norris 9, B. F. Baker 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the 9th ringer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Whiting (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Doorn (first of Major) 2, R. F. Ewer 3, B. Cornell 4, G. Penney 5, W. Little 6, J. Ewer 7, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 8. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Miss D. Whiting.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, B. W. Lake 2, S. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, A. C. Harris 5, R. Head (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Cockburn 1, Miss J. D. Cockburn 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, I. Goulter 4, Miss S. M. Parsons 5, Miss V. Willard 6, D. J. Cobb 7, N. Daniels 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. D. J. Cobb and Miss J. D. Cockburn, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss W. Cockburn.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On April 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Miss J. Hagan 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, E. A. Rawlinson 4, Miss E. Softley 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of York.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on April 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Smith (first quarter, aged 15) 1, B. Bladon 2, M. Rowe 3, H. Howson 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, F. Riddlesden 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Ward 1, A. C. Wenban 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, Miss J. Wilcockson 4, R. Stoddard 5, L. North 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8. For evening service.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cooke (first quarter) 1, C. Rothwell (first 'inside') 2, Miss G. B. Cooke 3, Joyce Hallday 4, A. Sharples 5, D. Ogden 6, B. Rothwell (first as cond.) 7, W. Thornley (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Sheehy 1–2, J. Cummins 3–4, T. Goodyer (cond.) 5–6, Ellen Giddens (first quarter 'in hand') 7–8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. Butcher 1, S. Jenner (cond.) 2, R. Waterhouse 3, G. Pickett 4, S. A. White 5, W. Dobbie 6. Rung on the back six.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Mundy (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. F. Godsmark 3, C. H. Wickens 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. M. Wickens and Mr. K. C. Knight, both ringers at Twineham.

TWYFORD, BUCKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Phillips 1, A. Hodges 2, W. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, N. Townsend 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Hodges 6. A 65th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Hodges, for many years a member of the local band.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, H. Belcher 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, B. K. Lunn 5, C. J. Watts 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, G. W. White 2, A. Hunter 3, D. Elwick 4, H. Waters 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Oxley, in his 82nd year, for 43 years a member of this tower.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss B. Philpot (first in method) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Miss J. Gooding 1, L. K. Dawe 2, T. Gooding 3, G. Betts 4, J. Briggs 5, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 6, J. Gooding 7, J. Sellick 8. First of Minor for 1, 3, 5 and 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's visit to Devon this day.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT BIRMINGHAM

WHILST enthusiastic footballers were busy leaving Birmingham to visit Wembley for the Cup Final, other enthusiasts were equally busy making a journey in the opposite direction. These were the London contingent of the Ancient Society, and on arrival at Birmingham a warm welcome was awaiting them, for the Master of the St. Martin's Guild and Mr. Albert Walker, with several other prominent Birmingham ringers, were at the station.

Whether the opportunity of ringing on three rings of 12 plus one of eight in one city or the certainty of receiving such a warm welcome was the attraction, the fact remains that a large number of College Youths gathered in the famous Midland city and full opportunity was taken to enjoy the facilities provided. Members came from many Midland districts including Oxford, Northampton, Shrewsbury, Gloucester, Norwich, Evesham and Coventry and also from Yeovil and Cowbridge.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Martin's and Aston and also at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, and a meat tea was provided in the city, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Master, Squadron Leader John S. Mason. Mr. F. E. Haynes first expressed the satisfaction Midland College Youths felt that it had been decided to come to Birmingham for this meeting, and whilst he had heard that the bells in that city had been described in some quarters as 'drawing room jobs,' he was at somewhat of a loss to find a suitable description for some of the London rings (laughter). He hoped that the result of this gathering would be to cement further the friendly relations which had existed so long between the two cities. Mr. Albert Walker also welcomed the visitors, and mentioned that he was elected to the Ancient Society in 1896.

The Master suitably acknowledged the welcome and said all present would desire to join in congratulating Mr. Walker on attaining his 80th birthday, and trusted he would be with them for many more years.

It was pointed out that Mr. Walker's membership certificate was one of the lithographed copies, and the meeting decided that one of the original etching certificates by Bartolozzi (now in use) should be presented to him as a memento of his 80th birthday. Details will be copied from the old certificate. Mr. Walker also was presented with a copy of the latest edition of the Rule Book.

The secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, reported that the appeal on behalf of Bow Bells was making steady progress, and reminded members that individual donations were still required if the sum it was desired to contribute was to be reached.

Several new members were elected and a pleasant social hour terminated the proceedings. Certainly the party returning to London were in much happier mood than were the party returning from the Cup Final to Birmingham!

J. F. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A cycling party who attended the Northern District meeting at Anstey on April 28th rang in the morning at Wallington, Sandon and Barkway. At the business meeting hearty votes of thanks were given to the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Lea), the organist (Mrs. Fox) and the ladies who provided the free tea. Surfleet Surprise was chosen as the special method for the next meeting at Walkern on May 26th.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The April meeting of the Southern District was held at the Church of All Saints, Hurworth-on-Tees—a beautiful South Durham village, with the church bordering the River Tees. Beside the tower can be seen the memorial to William Emerson, who lived through most of the 18th century, an F.R.S. and an eminent mathematician, though very eccentric.

The ringing was curtailed owing to illness near the tower and was limited to short touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, St. Clement's, Kent and Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Piper) and the lesson was rung by the young Hurworth ringer, Peter Holland.

An excellent tea was provided by the ringers' wives, and they were ably thanked. The vice-president commented on the great progress made by the local ringers in the past three years.

F. C. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Within the octave of his 80th birthday Mr. Albert Walker rang three 12-bell peals for three different Societies. The peal on his birthday (May 3rd) rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths was conducted by Albert himself. It was a worthy celebration of a great ringer.

Congratulations to Mr. Frederick C. Southgate, who rang his first peal in his own tower at Ardleigh, Essex, at the age of 64.

The portrait of Mr. Ernest Morris has been hung in the campanological museum in the Mitchell tower of Chicago University.

Ringing at Wonersh, Surrey, has been suspended until further notice owing to a cracked gudgeon.

In our front page article of April 22nd Provost Michael Clarke is inadvertently described as Provost Michael Parker.

In recognition of his services over 32 years to the Norwich Diocesan Association Mr. Nolan Golden has been elected a vice-president of the Association.

One of Devon's famous beauty spots, Cockington Village, Torquay, was the venue for six members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild on Saturday, May 5th, when they rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor on the bells, the first of Minor on these bells. There were three 'firsts' in the band, whilst another reached his half a century.

Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, of Twickenham, writes expressing his gratitude to all the ringers in Ireland who gave him such a welcome during his short visit. Not only did he meet most of the officials of the Irish Association and was able to ring with them but he was given the opportunity of ringing in six towers and taking part in a quarter peal attempt.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, of Solihull, had something unique for his 500th peal on May 7th. It was rung in the same place (St. Alphege's Church, Solihull) in the same method (Grandsire Doubles 'in hand') and with the same band as his first peal 38 years ago. Neither Messrs. Harry nor Charles Bragg had rung a peal (or even thought of starting for one) for well over 30 years.

The College Youths have received invitations to visit Yeovil and Cambridge.

The peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints', Leicester, on April 14th, was duplicated in two issues of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. John A. Martin, of Horsell, now in the R.A.F., thanks all ringers in the Wilmslow area for their kindness to him during his stay at R.A.F., Wilmslow.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright is the new Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. He succeeds Mr. C. Skidmore, who has held the office since 1948.

To the memory of the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, late president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, a bronze tablet is to be placed in the ringing chamber at Mulbarton Church.

During practice at Wadhurst, Sussex, on May 2nd Miss Ann Bassett was presented by Mr. George Baker, a local ringer, with an iced cake modelled in the shape of a bell, with a little church in place of the canons. Inscribed round the sound bow was: 'Congratulations to Ann on her 21st birthday,' and on the crown 'Cast in 1935. Pealed in 1956.' Twenty ringers were present, and after leaving the church Ann's health was drunk with a bottle of sherry purchased with money from a recent wedding peal. Unfortunately Ann refused to stand in the peal in honour of her birthday the following Saturday.

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AT LEICESTER AFTER 45 YEARS

The following letter of welcome has been sent to the president of the Central Council (Mr. Edwin H. Lewis) by Mr. Paul L. Taylor, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild:—

Dear Mr. Lewis,

As the new president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers I am writing to welcome the Central Council to Leicester at Whit week-end. I am writing a personal letter owing to the close connections which my family has had with the Central Council.

It was in 1911 when Leicester was last honoured by a visit of the Council, at which time the president was Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., who was also president of the Midland Counties' Association, from which Association springs the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The vice-president of the M.C.A. was my father, to whom fell the pleasant but maybe onerous task of looking after the Central Council while in Leicester.

Leicester is not unknown to you and the Central Council, so that there is no need to enumerate the various glories that it possesses, sufficient to say that the Guild is doing its utmost that our visitors will be able to have both a successful meeting and an enjoyable stay, and will go away with pleasant memories of their sojourn within the diocese of Leicester.

In closing, may I again say how welcome you and the Council will be this Whitsuntide.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) PAUL LEA TAYLOR.



MR. PAUL L. TAYLOR

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The Scottish Association were pleased to welcome eight visitors from the Newcastle area and two from Wolverhampton at the annual meeting which was held in Edinburgh on April 28th. Ringing began at St. James', Constitution Street, shortly after midday and continued until 1.30. The start of ringing at St. Cuthbert's was delayed somewhat by the difficulties caused by and the interest on the part of some of the ringers in the procession for Student Charities Week. Tea followed a short service conducted by the Rev. W. S. Elliott in the Memorial Chapel of St. Cuthbert's.

The president, Mr. Ernest Boumphrey, of Glasgow, took the chair at the business meeting. The Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Raine, of Edinburgh, and the secretary had little to report. Seven new members were elected and the officers re-elected for a further year. The secretary stated that the new ring of bells at Fettes had just been hung and that all towers would be informed as soon as possible of the ringing arrangements there.

After discussion about the places for the next meetings it was decided to hold the annual meeting at St Mary's, Great Western Road, Glasgow, in 1957, and the other two meetings at Dundee and Alloa. The matter of the committee was raised and the secretary instructed to remind all towers of their rights in this connection.

Mr. Lloyd moved a vote of thanks to the various church authorities, steeplekeepers, minister, organist and St. Cuthbert's Society for entertaining everyone to tea, and the officers for their work during the year. Ringing was resumed for a further half-hour. R. S. W.

THE BELLS OF LEICESTER CITY CHURCHES — by Ernest Morris

VISITORS to Leicester for the Central Council meeting will find plenty of interest in the bells of the city and neighbourhood, for which an excellent programme of times available for ringing has been drawn up by the peal secretary, Mr. Shirley Burton. Tours also have been arranged, as already advertised. In every case it will be found that the various rings are in good order and can be enjoyed to the full. To those who are able to take advantage of these tours arranged for Sunday and Monday, it will be found that the places chosen are not only noted for their grand bells, but also for the beauty of the churches and the fame of their structures.

Leicester Cathedral.—This is one of the lesser parish church cathedrals but, nevertheless, full of interest. Built on the site of a pagan temple, it shows traces of Norman work in the base of its modern central tower and spire, which is not yet 100 years old !! It has been much restored and enlarged during the centuries past, and was for long the civic church. The bells began as a ring of five, then six, eight and ten, but as such were a mixed lot until the great restoration in 1937, when they were all recast, and now form a grand ring of 12 (tenor 25¼ cwt.) with a flat 6th to form a lighter octave.

St. Margaret's.—Not very far distant—is an even larger church and stands on the site of the earliest Christian church (Saxon) in the city. It has a long historic background and is noted for having the only effigy—in alabaster—of a Bishop in this Diocese [John Penny, Bishop of Carlisle, ob 1520]. An ancient well within the church and other treasures. Its noble Perpendicular tower, built in 1444, has a grand modern ring of 12—the heaviest in the county (tenor 33 cwt.) and a flat 6th, like the Cathedral.

St. John-the-Divine.—Near the Midland Station—one of the redundant parishes of Leicester, was threatened with demolition, but through the efforts of many faithful worshippers there (and we remember in this connection Mr. Sidner Harrison, the Ringing Master) it was providentially saved. Its tower—now minus the spire—has a glorious ring of ten (tenor 21 cwt.) in a splendidly-kept belfry which is a joy to behold.

St. Mary de Castro (the church of the Castle) is a grand building almost all Norman, a delight for all who love architecture, and one for deep study of its varying stages. Its tower is unique and stands within the church, which was once two distinct churches in one, where services were held simultaneously—one for the parish, the other for the Castle. Here is a Mears ring of seven covered by a Watts tenor, and since their recent restoration and rehanging in new frame and fittings are a delightful set to ring on.

All Saints', in Highcross Street—near to the Central Station—has its Norman tower placed on the north side of the chancel—an unusual feature. This church has much of historic interest and it noted for its Jacobean clock with attendant 'quarter boys.' The bells were an ancient five dating back to 1370, of various later dates, and of recent years restored and augmented first to six and now to eight (tenor 8¼ cwt.) and so form a handy set, easy to ring.

St. Saviour's.—From the City centre a bus—via Humberstone Road—brings one to St. Saviour's Road, where is the church of that name, whose brick tower with stone spire has a heavy octave (27 cwt.) not going too well !

Aylestone.—A short bus ride from the Town Hall gets one to Aylestone, noted for its connection with the Manners family and Dorothy Vernon. Here the old six bells with long draught of rope were recently rehung and augmented to eight (tenor 16 cwt.) and rope guides provided—now form a very nice ring.

Belgrave.—From the City centre a bus ride will take one to Belgrave (St. Peter's), where its handy octave (tenor 14 cwt.) is rung from the ground floor. Not far distant (and once attached to this parish) is **Birstall,** whose old five bells were in recent years augmented to eight (tenor 10 cwt.). Then, again, a short distance further on, is **Wanlip**—still retaining its old-world appearance—whose three ancient bells are now a lovely little ring of six.

Anstey.—A bus ride from St. Margaret's will take one to Anstey, where Redvers Elkington (affectionately called 'Anstey' for short !) looks after a very nice eight (tenor 10½ cwt., the only bell in England with 'Edward VIII.' on it !). The Cathedral tenor originally had this, but later it was very carefully filed off and 'George VI.' engraved thereon. These are just a few of the towers worth a visit—a number of others are quite easily reached by good bus services, such as Wigston Magna; South Wigston; Kibworth; Thurcaston; and the six-bell towers of Humberstone, Great Glen, Whetstone, Countesthorpe and others.

When will cartoonists depicting ringing study their subjects first-hand? Bentley's cartoon in the 'News Chronicle' of May 7th spoilt a good idea by bad craftsmanship. Probably best example of automation is to be found in Carter's ringing machine.

Mr. Shirley Burton writes that the two compositions published in 'The Ringing World' of May 11th should not be credited to him. The 5,088 for Arnesby was a transposition of G. Baker's, and the 5,152 of Woodstock a transposed variation of an old composition, probably by C. H. Hattersley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Memorial to J. A. Trollope Proposed

THE 59th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Twickenham on April 21st.

A large number of members and friends met at St. Mary's, where ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

The Guild's service was held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Davis, and the address was given by the president, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Over 75 were present at tea, served in St. Mary's Hall by the local ringers and friends.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the president. This was the first annual meeting since his election last year. Mr. E. A. Morris, churchwarden and ringer of St. Mary's, apologised for the absence of the Vicar from the meeting. He drew attention to the very fine memorial altar cross in memory of the late Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, past president of the Association.

The general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, sent his apologies for absence, owing to illness, and the meeting expressed its pleasure that he is recovering satisfactorily.

The names of those members who had died since the last meeting were read, and those present stood in silent memory of: J. C. Adams (Walthamstow), W. S. Beaumont (Ruislip), W. H. L. Buckingham (St. Albans), C. Glenn (Grantham), T. Goodchild (Maidenhead), B. A. Knights (Chesterfield), W. J. Nudds (Edgware), H. J. Poole (Leicester), Mrs A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), J. W. F. Trotman (Nuneaton), W. H. Oram (Harrow), A. H. Ware (Chellaston), C. C. Mayne (Harrow Weald).

POINTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT

The report for 1955 was presented and the main points are as follows: The usual monthly District meetings have been held, the visit to Harrow-on-the-Hill being particularly noteworthy as it was the first there for very many years. Thirty-five peals were rung, of which Sudbury, Kenninghall, Queensland, Walbrook and Xavier Surprise Major were rung for the first time. A record of Doubles ringing was set up at Stanwell with a peal in 72 methods spliced into 42 different extents. F. T. Blagrove conducted this peal and also rang two bells.

The audited accounts were adopted and showed small increases in the Bell Restoration Fund and assets compared with the previous year.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor: vice-presidents, Messrs. S. G. Hart and W. H. Coles; general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner: assistant general secretary, Mr. W. N. Genna; Master, Mr. T. Price; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson: trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner, F. W. Goodfellow. One honorary member, seven non-resident life members and seven ringing members were elected.

It was agreed by a large majority that the annual general meeting next year should be held at Harrow Weald.

The assistant secretary reported that the Lord Bishop of London had agreed to become patron, and the Bishop of Willesden had become a vice-president of the Association.

The Association had offered congratulations to Mr. James Parker, formerly of Edmonton, on his 90th birthday, in March. Mr. Parker had been a very prominent ringer in the county and is now resident at Caister-on-Sea.

Mr. A. Harding had given the Association a set of annual reports, and the appreciation of the members was gratefully expressed.

SUPPORT FOR BOW BELLS

It was decided to donate five guineas to the Bow Bells Appeal with the proviso that the Association would consider making a further contribution if found to be necessary.

The question of a memorial to the late J. Armiger Trollope was discussed and the meeting elected a committee to consider suggestions as to the form it should take. Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. Kilby, T. J. Lock, C. F. Neale and E. C. S. Turner were elected as the committee.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Twickenham, the Rector of All Hallows', Twickenham, and to the local ringers for all the arrangements made.

Ringing continued after the meeting at St. Mary's and All Hallows', Twickenham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

A meeting of the above Branch was held at New Mills on April 28th, when some 50 members and friends were present during the afternoon and evening. Ringing was enjoyed from early in the afternoon and the usual service was replaced by Evensong, at which the assistant curate, the Rev. H. B. Baker, gave a fine address.

After an excellent tea, served by the local ringers and ladies, the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. B. Baker. The following new members were elected: Miss S. Mason, Miss E. Sheppard and Ian Wright, of New Mills, Samuel Clarke and Dr. T. Dinsdale, of Stockport St. Mary, and the following non-resident life members: John S. Barnes, Victor Griffin, Rev. G. Gordon Graham and Derek F. Yates. The secretary reported that he had now arranged the remainder of the meetings for the year as follows: June 23rd, Knutsford; July 21st, Taxal; September 29th, Bowdon; and November 24th, Bredbury.

Further ringing was enjoyed until a very late hour, a wide variety of methods from rounds to Surprise being practised. It was pleasing to note that at least half the members present were under 21, and at the other end of the scale there were two veterans of 87 and 84 years of age. C. K. L.

PAT CHAPMAN'S 18 TOWERS ON EASTER MONDAY

The 'Pat Chapman' annual tower hunt on Easter Monday is becoming a popular event. The venue this year was South Warwicks and North Oxon, and the ringers (14) came from the Kettering and Northampton area with visitors from Byfield, and Dorking, Surrey.

Punctually at 9 a.m. the five bells at Farnborough (tenor 7 cwt.) were raised in peal, and the Vicar welcomed us in the tower. He is also Vicar of Avon Dassett (5, 13), but at first thought that it would be unwise to ring there as a stay was broken, and he was not certain of the condition of the others. However, we gave him assurances that we would not ring unless all was in order, so permission was granted.

On arrival at the tower we were expecting a rough time, but to the surprise of everyone, the bells went extraordinarily well. The birds' nests, etc., had left their mark, including two or three dead birds, and this is one of the few churches still lit by oil lamps and candles.

Our next tower was the very isolated one of Burton Dassett (6, 13), which has a fine church and a magnificent view of the famous Edge Hill, scene of the Civil War battle of 1642. Kineton (6, 11) has the treble heavier than the fourth, and Butlers Marston (6, 16) are extremely noisy. At Oxhill (5, 9) a local ringer seemed surprised that we did not ring from cards, and at Tysoe (6, 15) we were amazed at the really excellent 'go' of the bells. Tredington (6, 16) has a fine church and bells, and the ringing Vicar was delighted to welcome us.

Lunch was enjoyed at Shipston-on-Stour (6, 12) and fortified us for a well-struck course of Cambridge on the roughest six of the day. Difficulty was experienced at Sutton-under-Brailes (5, 9), due to the poor 'go' of the bells and the closeness of the ropes to the wall. We found Cherrington (5, 7½) with very long ropes, and enjoyed the fine bells at Whichford (6, 13).

At Hook Norton (8, 20) we were met by Mr. Bossberry, and these excellent bells were rung to Stedman and Double Norwich. A charge is now made here for a peal attempt to cover cost of wear on the ropes. This idea seems fair and one which might well be copied by other churches.

After tea visits were paid to Swalcliffe (6, 13) and Tadmaston (6, 11), the latter having the entrance to the ringing chamber up a vertical ladder enclosed in casing. Here a good course of London was rung, after failing at Swalcliffe. The Vicar of Bodicote (5, 9) met us at his church and then came a pleasant hour on the fine ring at Banbury (10, 17½). We were met by Messrs. Cave and Watson and rang Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Little Bob Major and Cambridge Major. The last tower to be visited was the not well-known light ring at Balscote Farm (6, 1½). Mr. C. Jervis congratulated the band, who eventually succeeded in ringing a course of Cambridge Minor. He said that he is shortly having two trebles added, and that the new bells will not be lighter than the present treble.

The usual refreshment was taken at the Butchers Arms, Balscote, and the party returned to their various homes, after once again thanking Pat Chapman for his excellent arrangements.

A. P. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WOMEN'S PLACE IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Although, like Miss Margaret E. Wilkinson, I am a comparative newcomer to the ringing fraternity, I feel I must protest against the attitude taken by Mrs. G. Parkinson in her recent letter. It is unfortunately typical of the spirit beginning to prevail in ringing, that women are quite as capable as men of taking over tasks such as ringing the tenor, seeing to the upkeep of the belfry and acting as tower foreman. This seems to me quite wrong. The male sex were destined by providence for the heavier belfry work, such as this, and very well they do it; as St. Paul says, women should not be suffered to have domination over men, but should be in subjection to them. A woman turning a heavy tenor in is, whatever the writer of 'Beauty in the Belfry' may say, usually a most ungraceful sight—far better it is that she should stick to something she can do reasonably well, rather than usurp male privileges.

My own husband was, as I am sure many ringers will remember, for many years a much-loved and respected captain in a country tower, though he seldom did anything but 'bump' the tenor: and I have never allowed the fact that I myself can ring Treble Bob methods to prevent me from deferring to him and consulting him on every occasion. As for Mrs. Parkinson's support of milk-bars and 'the other sort of bars,' I can only say that I was shocked to read it. Miss Yeo's behaviour after a practice seems to me a far more innocent and healthy way for a female ringer to conduct herself. Milk-bars may be on the surface harmless, but they are full of disgusting 'juke-boxes' and long-haired Teddy Boys or girls in tartan trousers; and though, unfortunately, we know that some lady ringers occasionally enter the 'other kind of bar,' that is no reason why we should condone a thoroughly unwomanly practice.—Yours faithfully,

EDNA M. THREEPWOOD.

Nottingham.

BOW BELLS AND VISITING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Whitaker's letter in 'The Ringing World' of April 27th, I cannot agree that a previous letter written by Mr. Spavins on Bow Bells had anything of a 'spiteful air' about it.

I feel sure what Mr. Spavins meant to imply was that ringers whose Associations had made a contribution to the Bow Bells Fund would be granted the privilege of ringing on these famous bells, and not that they would claim it as a right.

The remark that visiting bands of ringers should not be allowed to ring at any tower as if they had a right to do so and without first presenting credentials, is ridiculous.

I quite agree that permission should be obtained beforehand through the proper channels, and I feel sure that this procedure is adopted more often as the rule rather than the exception, and I have very little doubt that only on very rare occasions has such permission not been granted.

Mr. Whitaker is evidently unaware of the conditions which prevail at many of our parish churches and even some Cathedrals, in that the ranks of the ringers are so depleted that it is very often only possible to ring at one Sunday service with no hope of being able to have a mid-week practice.

I know of many instances where holiday makers, servicemen, etc., have been very welcome at such towers, and there has been no need for them to turn up, cap in hand, complete with credentials, and beg for a ring as Mr. Whitaker apparently thinks should be necessary.

ERIC B. ROUSE.

Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

PEAL AT SOUTH WIGSTON WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at South Wigston, Leics, on February 4th, 1956, I wish the following to be made known.

The peal was arranged on the eve of the 63rd dedication festival of St. Thomas' Church and was rung at the express wish of the Vicar. A band had been arranged for a peal of Surprise, but at 11 a.m. on the day of the attempt I was informed by telephone that Mr. E. J. Jelley, one of the band, was ill in bed. His son, John, spent from then until 4 p.m. searching for a substitute. At that time I suggested that the best thing to do was to ask one of our 'learners' to come and ring the tenor to a quarter peal of Stedman. However, when we met at the church at 6 p.m. we decided to start calling the peal and stop if necessary—in other words, if this 12-year-old lad was unable to manage the 14-cwt. tenor.

Now, in reply to T. H. Vallance's letter which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on March 2nd, this was definitely **not** a 'peal-snatchers'' peal. If it had been an ordinary peal for our own amusement then it would never have been started. The 12-year-old boy handled the bell perfectly—he was quite capable of handling it and he was asked four or five times if he felt capable of carrying on. After three hours he was just as fit as when we started (not even a blister) and was ready for ringing at the morning service at 9.30 a.m. the next day with no ill effects whatever.

His ringing career has not been 'crucified'—in fact he is just as keen as ever. Incidentally, there are not 'hundreds of ringers in the vicinity of the tower,' as T. H. Vallance seems to suggest.

The letter written by F. S. Cheney certainly makes interesting reading. It will not escape notice that his address is given as 'South Wigston.' In fact I think it is true to say that he lives closer to the church than any other South Wigston ringer and yet not once in the last three years (at least) has he even been inside the tower. Obviously there must be some reason for this—he would have been quite welcome to have made an appearance at any time. He had not the courtesy either to see me or write to me personally, but had to resort to the underhand method of writing to 'The Ringing World,' thereby dragging not only the South Wigston band of ringers into disrepute but also damaging the reputation of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

All that F. S. Cheney says is not quite true. Due to inexperience, the tenor (through not being pulled hard enough) struck in 7¼ths place and 7ths place — realising that was not right a harder pull was given, which was just a little too much, causing the tenor to strike in 8¼ths and 9ths place. This made the ringing rather uneven and so it was more difficult for the rest of the band to ring Stedman. Stedman Triples is a difficult method for a peal; in fact I think it is true to say that there are more peals of Stedman Triples lost than any other method.

However, after one and a half hours, when it seemed likely that the lad would last to the end, the ringing got better, as from then on to the end I told him every pair of bells to strike over as they came to the back. Anyone who heard the end would have heard a good finish.

The bells did not 'fire' eight times. If they did it would mean all the bells striking together for over a six. How could any band ring Stedman under those conditions?

There is no doubt that 5,040 true and complete changes of Stedman Triples were rung. Mr. Ernest Morris (with 1,600 peals) and I (with 400 peals) can vouch that the bobs were called correctly and that all 20 part-ends were absolutely correct.

F. C. Cheney takes Mr. F. H. Dexter's name in vain. Neither he nor I knew F. H. Dexter in his glory 40 years ago. Neither he nor I have seen Dexter go stark raving mad in the middle of a peal when some awful muddle occurred. Ernest Morris has, and even then he has got them out of it and scored a peal.

The letters which followed, by Messrs. W. G. Smith, A. J. Moore and M. Best, have all been inspired efforts not worth the paper they were written on because not one of them actually heard the peal.

W. G. Smith ('Ringing World,' March 16th) simply does not exist. There is no such person on the books of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and extensive inquiries have failed to locate him. It is obviously written by someone with an intense dislike for me and the work I am doing for the Leicester Diocesan Guild in an attempt to keep it one of the best in the country, but not content with that he throws mud at the rest of the band. It is to the good work of the Guild that so many members manage to appear in the leading peal-ringers' list each year.

Due to the bad name which F. S. Cheney has now bestowed on the Leicester Diocesan Guild at a time when a double change in officers is taking place I propose to withdraw this peal from the records of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, but in doing so I wish to make it quite clear that there were 5,040 true and complete changes of Stedman Triples.

In conclusion, I should like to add, in order to remove any misunderstanding that may arise, that I am **not** writing this letter officially as general hon. secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK,
Ringing Master,
St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston.

ROUNDS IN A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Lonsbrough, has expressed very well the point which I made myself when this vexed question was discussed some time ago.

The motion, as proposed by Mr. Barnett and seconded by Mr. Lewis, is clearly illogical. Perhaps they would care to amend it so that a peal can be discountenanced after the first mistake which causes the bells to strike in other than the specified order. By this means we should save a great deal of space in 'The Ringing World.'

As an alternative and less restrictive proposition somebody might suggest that peals be not recognised in which rounds, the back change, 'queens' and 'tittums' appear in other than their allotted places.

I feel bound to add that a large number of ringers would not be able to tell whether 'queens,' for example, had been rung half a dozen times, let alone whether or not it was rung in the right place.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

RINGING IN MISSION FILMS

Dear Sir,—When the article in 'The Ringing World' of April 20th appeared, about ringing appearing in two films in one programme, those films happened to be showing in Salisbury. I couldn't get to see them as I was going to a meeting of the Missions to Seamen here that night. But at the meeting they showed their centenary film, 'Sea Parish,' woven round the story of a merchant seaman; he and his family are just going to church on his last Sunday at home and suddenly the music of rounds on 10 rang out, with a 'flash' of ringers in the belfry—real bells, really being rung! So I didn't miss hearing bells in a film after all. 'Sea Parish' acknowledged the help of the clergy and people of King's Langley. I wonder if the ringing was from there, too—Yours truly, YVONNE L. ELOIE.

Salisbury.

LETTERS—Continued

'THE OFFICE AND THE BELLS'

Dear Sir, — Your leader in 'The Ringing World' of April 27th ('The Office and the Bells') was probably intended to provoke discussion, and in that it should certainly succeed. Your points, while worth making, are also worth answering.

It should not come as a surprise that a change in the relations between Church and State has been discussed in higher circles, for a commission was set up by the Church Assembly in 1949 to consider the matter, and its report has since been published. The difficulties inherent in this relationship are very real, and stem largely from the fact that although the pattern of the partnership has not changed officially for hundreds of years, the State has gradually developed an altogether different view of its function. Whereas once the Church in England embodied the whole of the State in its religious aspect, the latter nowadays regards itself as the protector of the freedom of worship of all its members, and our Church is little more than another 'denomination.' But whilst the other denominations are free to order their own affairs, we are not. To give just two examples: A Parliament including Nonconformists, Roman Catholics and Jews, as well, of course, as members of our Church, was able to reject, in 1927, the proposed revision of the Prayer Book. And our Bishops are appointed by the Prime Minister, who might at some future date take less care than at present, or even be actively hostile.

We may think of 'the Christian community as a whole.' It is a comforting generalisation, but it breaks down in practice. What would you say, for example, is the view of 'the Christian community as a whole' on Premium Bonds?

The truth is that a very great proportion of the population thinks of itself as members of the Church of England only when they want her services, e.g., at weddings, and we shall remain weak until membership of the Church once more means active discipleship of our Lord. For good or ill, and there is much to be said on both sides, the clergy will be powerless to take united and effective action until the Church can order her own affairs with as much freedom as is accorded to other religious bodies.

Nor is it so fantastic to remember the bells if any new agreement should be brought about. However happily the arrangement was made, and whatever the emergency, was it the State or the Church which decided in 1940 that the bells should be silent except to proclaim an invasion? The Church's right could not be taken for granted.

Your other point is of a different nature. We have in this parish a most loyal band who are regular in their worship and do much else for the Church besides, and with the captain's encouragement I have taken up ringing. So I am concerned to defend not myself but those of my fellow clergy who are not so happily placed. It is quite impossible for us to take an active part in every single one of the organisations which look for our support and interest and have an equal claim to be work of real Christian importance. I could name well over a dozen in my village. Is it surprising that some clergy, faced with rising costs, large vicarages and inadequate stipends, get disheartened, sometimes to the extent of letting the size of their task overwhelm them? But I do sympathise with our friends in this great fraternity who fail to get the encouragement they look for—perhaps God is calling them, as He often calls His clergy, to carry on alone, and for years, if necessary, upholding that which they value most in the Church's work. May God bless them all.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK FOORT (Rev.),
Rector of Clifton, Beds.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Mrs. Beamish Retires After 24 Years' Service

THE annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Stratford-on-Avon on April 21st. Stratford was looking its loveliest. Great preparations had been made for the festivities to take place on the 23rd, and the town had many visitors. The lovely ring of ten was put to good use during the afternoon and then members and friends adjourned to the upper room of a local hostelry for a buffet tea.

The Vicar (the Rev. Canon T. N. R. Prentice) joined the company and took the chair for the latter half of the business meeting, the Master, Mr. R. J. Edden, opening the proceedings.

Arising from the minutes, it was announced that a committee had met to arrange for classes in conducting, for which there was felt to be a great need, and that the first class had already been held on April 11th, and others were to be held fortnightly.

The general hon. secretary's report gave the total membership for the year as 204, 17 life members, 5 honorary members and 182 ringing members. Seventeen peals were rung, a decrease of seven on 1954. The annual dinner had taken place in Coventry in October, the Provost, the Very Rev. R. T. Howard, being the chief guest. During the year the Guild had sustained the loss of its patron, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who always took the keenest interest in Guild affairs. Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. O. J. Hunt, of the Allesley band, and Mr. J. W. F. Trotman, a former captain of Nuneaton tower, had all passed to higher service.

Bell restorations and improvements were made at Rugby, Nuneaton, Wellesbourne, Wootton Wawen, Dunchurch and Honiley, a donation of £15 being made to Wootton Wawen. The general funds, with a balance of £33 9s. 8d., showed an increase of £1 6s. 1d. over 1954, and the Bell Repair Fund had a balance of £19 1s.

NO SUPPORT FOR COMPETITION RINGING

Competition ringing had been brought to the notice of the members at the summer quarterly meeting and left for discussion at the annual meeting. As there was no support for the introduction of competitions the matter was dropped.

The Northern District secretary reported meetings reasonably well attended and the standard of ringing very good.

The Southern District secretary reported slow progress, with attendances gradually increasing. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. H. M. Windsor for his painstaking work in organising and successfully carrying through a series of meetings in the Southern District. The work had been of a pioneer nature and was beginning to bear fruit.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. W. Perrens (a former Master and present Central Council representative); Master, Mr. R. J. Edden (re-elected); hon. general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. L. Garner Hayward; hon. Northern District secretary, Mr. D. A. Carpenter; hon. Southern District secretary, Mr. H. M. Windsor; hon. auditor, Mr. F. E. Pervin.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish, the retiring secretary, having served the Guild for 24 years, was warmly thanked for her services by Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mr. J. L. Garner Hayward. She thanked them for their kind remarks and for the assistance she had been given by officers of the Guild over the years and for the support of all members. She would always retain the greatest interest in Guild affairs and would render any assistance required of her to the newly-elected secretary.

The place of the July meeting was to be Bidford-on-Avon together with Salford Priors.

New members elected were: Canon A. M. Startin, Messrs. W. L. Gower, T. Lamb, J. Green, D. Gardener, L. Johnson, J. Stockley, J. Snell (all of Wootton Wawen), F. Greenway, R. Moore, J. Richardson and Miss P. Nicholls (all of Nuneaton) and S. G. Osborne, of Rugby.

The request for a donation to the Bow Bells appeal was read by the hon. secretary. Several members spoke on the matter and all agreed that a donation should be sent. Mr. F. W. Perrens finally gave notice of motion that he would propose at the next meeting to send two guineas from the Bell Repair Fund, thus abiding by the rule which decrees that three months' notice should be given when any call for outside objects is made upon Guild funds.

The Vicar was accorded a vote of thanks for his welcome, for allowing the use of the bells and for acting as chairman at the meeting, and he responded in his own humorous fashion, inviting the ringers to visit Stratford as often as possible.

A return was made to the tower for further ringing until all tastes had been catered for.

A PEAL IN EACH COUNTY OF WALES

The peal rung at Gresford on April 28th is of more than passing interest as it was the first peal on the bells since rehanging on new cast-iron headstocks by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It also represents the completion of a long-cherished ambition of Wilfred Williams and Donald Clift to ring a peal in each county in the Principality, a distinction it is believed only previously accomplished by the late W. H. Fussell. In addition, W. Williams has now conducted a peal in a Surprise method in each county, a number of them being the first in Wales.

For three members of the band this was their second attempt in this tower, and for two the third. At the conclusion of the peal the Rector (the Rev. W. V. Lort) ascended the tower to congratulate us. We should like to associate this peal as a compliment to him on his elevation to a Canonry of St. Asaph.

The two members of the band who only required this tower to complete the sequence had previously spent over six hours in this tower without ringing a peal. An attempt in 1953 for Pudsey ended after 2 hours and 50 minutes through a miscall, and Cambridge was lost in 1954 after three hours and 15 minutes with six leads to ring, owing to the tenor rope breaking. Following this attempt the National Coal Board announced in September, 1954, that they planned to mine 250,000 tons of coal from a seam running under the church. It was feared that this would endanger the church and tower and curtail ringing; however, strong protests from the Welsh Church Commissioners caused the plan to be abandoned, and we were extremely pleased when we received an invitation from Mr. Griffiths to attempt the first peal on the bells when they were rehung.

The completion of the sequence has been difficult, as in six counties only one ring of eight has been either ringable or obtainable for peals and these were not always available. At Barmouth, in 1953, two hours were spent before the attempt removing clock and chiming fittings, fitting new ropes, etc. Similarly, at Beaumaris and Llanbadarn-Fawr, more than an hour's work was necessary putting the bells in a pealable condition. D. G. C.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Juvenile Members Deprived of Vote

TWO matters gave rise to keen discussions at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on May 5th, with Mr. A. E. Harman (Master) in the chair. The first was a limitation of the period of the office of Master for three years. The resolution came from the Leatherhead District, and Mr. A. P. Cannon, who proposed the change, pointed out that the Guild had only had two Masters in 28 years. There were a large number of suitable candidates, and he would like to see other keen men have a chance.

The secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) emphatically said that the executive were against any change. Under the present rule the Master was elected annually.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said when the rule was first made, in 1927, they expected each District to nominate from their own members. This was not the case and only one man had been nominated. The solution was in the hands of members without any change of rules. The meeting favoured no change.

The second resolution came from the executive: 'That junior members should have no vote.' Opposing, after pointing out that the executive were not unanimous, Mr. J. F. Dodson said many towers would collapse if the youngsters left. After a keen debate, in which it was pointed out that a tower leader with a lot of young people had a great pull on any Guild matter, the resolution was carried by 47 votes to 37.

Regarding the routine business, the only change in the officers was the addition of Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, as a vice-president. A hearty clap greeted the appointment, and Mr. Shepherd, in thanking the Guild for the honour, said it was conferred not only on him, but also on the Chertsey District. The officers of the Guild were re-elected.

The report gave the Guild a membership of 482 ringing and 110 honorary members, and mentioned that a word of congratulation was due to the officers and tower leaders in the Chertsey District, where, alone of all Districts in the year under review, headway had been made and membership increased.

The meeting stood in remembrance of losses by death—Mr. Wilkins Massey (Claygate), Mr. Tom Smith (Newdigate), Mr. F. Marchant and Mr. A. Hunt (Yorktown).

Major E. J. Bragg presented the peal report —34 peals against 50 the previous year. Peals were rung by 94 out of their 482 members in 17 different towers. Winchester Surprise Major, Spliced Plain and Little Bob, Bob Triples and Doubles in 21 methods were rung for the first time.

The accounts showed that the Guild had a balance in hand of £69 13s. 1d. The New Cathedral Bell Fund stood at £97 17s. 11d., being augmented by a legacy of £10 from Mrs. Emily Saps. The Benevolent Fund had £108 10s. in hand. During the year the Guild raised £21 5s. towards the building of the New Cathedral at Guildford.

A number of new members were elected—five from Stoke D'Abernon, three from Merrow, two from Stoke-next-Guildford and one from Farnborough. Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke was elected a compounding member.

The meeting confirmed the date of the annual dinner—October 13th, but left the venue —one of two hotels in Guildford—to the committee.

The appeal for Bow Bells was considered and the Guild voted the sum of five guineas. The officers were thanked on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Denyer, and the Master, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the members for their loyalty and the splendid attendance at the meeting. Proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the ladies who had prepared tea, which was moved by Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Ringing took place at all Guildford towers, the highlight being London Surprise Royal, mainly by visitors from Southampton. The service at St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Rev. C. Pilgrim, priest-in-charge of the New Cathedral District.

A BEDDINGTON WEDDING

Eighty relations and friends gathered at St. Mary's Church, Beddington, on April 27th, to attend the marriage of David Parsons with Joyce England. David and Joyce first met at All Saints' Church, Carshalton, in 1944, where they were taught to ring by Mr. L. Reece. Since then they have rung peals in many parts of the country and have become well-known and popular ringers.

A touch of Stedman Triples heralded the arrival of the bride accompanied by her uncle, Mr. A. Budden. She was dressed in a full-length white lace dress, carried a bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley and was attended by two bridesmaids—her niece, Rebecca England, and a friend, Kathleen Weller, also a ringer at Beddington. After the service Joyce and David left the church to the accompaniment of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by the organist, Ken Mackintosh, a friend of the bride and bridegroom. A buffet reception was held at the Grange Mansion and soon after the telegrams had been read by the best man, John Chilcott, the bride and bridegroom left by car en route for the West Country.

Amongst the many gifts received by Joyce and David were a Lloyd loom chair from the Society of Roving Ringers, and a Russell Hobbs coffee percolator from the St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers. A peal attempt for Stedman Caters, made the following day, was unfortunately lost after 2 hours and 20 minutes' ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

At the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Hawkchurch on April 28th, ringing during the afternoon consisted of call changes, rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and London Surprise with Stedman Doubles as the service touch.

The Rev. P. Smith (Vicar) conducted the service and gave a helpful address regarding the office of a bellringer. Some 34 ringers sat down to tea served in the Village Hall by the Vicar's wife with lady helpers.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Evershot with Melbury Osmond on July 14th, and a by-meeting for June 13th at Symondsbury. Two non-resident life ringing members were elected—Mr. H. W. Pearce, of West Coker, and Mr. R. J. Fox, of Yeovil.

Canon Cox, chairman of the Branch, thanked the Vicar for his very warm welcome and for conducting the service, and Mrs. Wood for playing the organ, also Mrs. Smith for the very generous tea.

Following the meeting members of the Lyme Regis band rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major on handbells.

Further ringing then followed in the tower including Plain Bob, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise. E. G. P.

OBITUARY

MR. J. E. ASHCROFT

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Guild has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. John Edward Ashcroft. Seventy-eight years of age he was secretary and treasurer of the Branch for 40 years until resigning about four years ago. John, as he was familiarly called, was of a genial disposition and highly respected by all. He was buried in the shadow of the tower, where he had spent so many hours. He leaves a sister to mourn her loss.

May he rest in peace. C. R.

MR. T. G. IMPEY

It is with regret that we learn of the death at Banbury on April 26th of Mr. Thomas George Impey at the age of 76. He had been in failing health for some time but the end came suddenly and peacefully.

Mr. Impey learned to ring at Burford and came to Banbury some 47 years ago and joined the ringers at St. Mary's. For some years he was steeplekeeper and rang the curfew regularly until about four years ago. He was not a prolific peal ringer and kept no record of his peals, but it is understood that he had taken part in about 20. But he was most faithful in Sunday service ringing and in attendance at meetings of the Oxford Diocesan Guild until failing health prevented him. At a recent meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Guild he was made an honorary life member in appreciation of his services

Our sympathy is extended to his widow, daughter and son, Mr. Herbert Impey, captain of the ringers at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's, Banbury, on May 1st, and the bells were rung half-muffled in his memory in the evening.

MR. DONALD J. POTTER

With deep regret ringers of the Bromsgrove District heard of the tragic death of Mr. Don Potter, Ringing Master of Bromsgrove Parish Church, at the early age of 39 years.

Donald James Potter started ringing in 1937 and showed early promise. Called to the Forces in the early days of the war he saw considerable service in the Western Desert—experiences which left their mark.

Taking charge of the Bromsgrove tower after demobilisation, he carried out his duties with energy and thoroughness. A keen ringer, he set an example in regularity at both Sunday service and practice ringing.

The funeral service took place at Bromsgrove Parish Church followed by interment at Catshill, the service being taken by the Rev. F. G. Shepherd and the Rev. L. Birch (Worcestershire Association chaplain).

The ringers formed a guard of honour at both church and cemetery, and handbells were rung as the coffin was lowered into the earth. The large congregation included ringing from Dodderhill, Droitwich, Wychbold, Hanbury, Stoke, Hallow and all the local ringers.

His death is a great loss not only to his own tower but also to neighbouring towers, which he so frequently visited to lend a hand.

H. F. M.

MRS. RACHEL SPOONER

Mrs. Rachel Spooner, of Capel, Surrey, who died while on holiday at Plymouth, aged 69, was the first lady to ring a peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild. This was on January 1st, 1928, when she rang the second to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor at Capel. She had learned to handle a rope the previous year, and she was also the first lady to ring a peal at Capel. Her husband, Mr. W. C. Spooner, who died in 1947, and her younger sister, who died 14 months ago, were also ringers. For health reasons Mrs. Spooner had not been able to ring since the restoration of the bells in 1951.

PEALS RUNG BY LATE HAROLD J. POOLE

We are now able to publish the full list of peals rung by the late Harold J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and president of the National Police Guild, whose death occurred on July 14th, 1955.

Other ringers have rung a greater number of peals but this must surely be the most varied and the most remarkable peal list of all times and one which will not often be equalled, since such achievements could never become commonplace. There are many outstanding performances including the 12,896 of Cambridge Surprise Major, which Mr. Poole conducted at the age of 21, and a 13,440 Bob Major.

A striking feature of Mr. Poole's peal-ringing career is that he rang his 500th peal as recently as July 10th, 1946, so he therefore rang the remaining 747 in just nine years. His 1,000th peal was the first rung of 10 Spliced Surprise Maximus methods and took place on December 11th, 1952, at Leicester Cathedral. His first peal was rung on July 3rd, 1920, being Stedman Triples, at Stoney Stanton, conducted by Frederick H. Dexter. His last peal was Stedman Caters, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, on July 13th, 1955, conducted by his son-in-law, Mr. Peter J. Staniforth.

The list includes the only peal yet rung of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells and a collection of 12-bell peals in the tower, the like of which would have been deemed impossible even as recently as the end of the war. These stupendous achievements derived from the sheer force of personality, the gift of leadership and the outstanding genius that was his at the end of a rope. Surely here was a man and a record that will be remembered as long as the art of change ringing lasts.

The list is as follows:—

ON TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Grandsire and Plain Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 6 (conducted 3), York Surprise 1 (1), London Surprise 2 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 3 (2), Stedman 105 (70).

Major.—Plain Bob (inc. 13,440) 2, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Double Norwich Court Bob 6 (1), Duffield 1. Surprise: Lincolnshire 11 (9), Bognor 1 (1), York 2 (1), New Cambridge 6 (1), Cambridge (in. 12,896) 124 (68), Superlative 72 (42), London 100 (77), Bristol 85 (72), Real Double Superlative 1; Yorkshire 60 (44), Wigston 2 (1), Pudsey 4 (4), Stanton 1 (1), Rochester 2 (2), Bedford 2 (2), Dublin 2 (2), Belgrave 4 (3), Aldenham 4 (4), Leicestershire 1 (1), Rutland 10 (8), Premier 3 (3), Watford 1 (1), Whitwick 4 (4), Lyme 5 (4), Painswick 2 (2), Aylestone 1 (1), Irchester 2 (2), Ealing 1, Kirklington 5 (5), Southwell 2 (1), Dorchester 4 (4), Helmingham 1 (1), Stoughton 1 (1), Southgate 1 (1), Staffordshire 1 (1), Bushey 2 (1), spliced four methods 8 (3), spliced six methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 44 (23).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 65 (42), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Lindsey 2 (2), Goldsborough 1, Leicester 2 (1), Pudsey 4 (2), York 5 (5), Melton 1 (1). Yorkshire 28 (17), Rochester 2 (2), Bedford 1 (1), Belgrave 3 (3), New Cambridge 3 (2), Albanian 2 (2), Aldenham 4 (3), Leicestershire 1 (1), Rutland 1 (1), Wye 1 (1), Metropolitan 2 (2), London No. 3 1 (1), Pontefract 1 (1), Southwell 1 (1), Spliced Surprise two methods (2).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 29 (17).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Cambridge 35 (21), New Cambridge 3 (3), Yorkshire 27 (17), York 2 (2), Buckinghamshire 1 (1), Superlative 4 (4), Buckingham 1 (1), Pudsey 2 (1), Rochester 1 (1), Bedford 1 (1), Lindsey 1 (1), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Belgrave 1 (1), Albanian 2 (2), Wigston 1 (1), Leicestershire 1 (1), Aldenham 2 (1), Bristol 2 (2), Rutland (Belvoir) 1 (1), Goscote 2 (1), Metropolis 1 (1), Langley 1 (1), Stoneygate 1 (1), Gartree 1 (1), Framland 1 (1). Spliced Surprise: Two methods 2 (2), three methods 1 (1), four methods 3 (2), five methods 1 (1), six methods 1 (1), seven methods 1 (1), eight methods 3 (1), ten methods 1 (1), twelve methods 1 (1).

Total on tower bells.—996 (conducted 675).

ON HANDBELLS

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 2 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 3—1, Stedman 24 (21).

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 64 (51).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 57 (49).

Sextuples.—Stedman 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 16 (10), Kent Treble Bob 13 (12), Double Norwich 2 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 14 (11), Superlative 1 (1), Yorkshire 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 16 (11), Double Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 11 (9). Surprise: Cambridge 8 (6), Yorkshire 2 (2).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 4 (3), Kent Treble Bob 3 (2), Cambridge Surprise 1 (1), Spliced Plain four methods 1 (1).

14-In.—Kent Treble Bob 1 (1).

Total on handbells.—251 (conducted 201).

Grand total.—1,247 (conducted 876).

NOTICES

Scale of Charges

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MISCELLANEOUS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — The monthly practice for Saturday, May 19th, has been *cancelled*.—P. Newton. 8290

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.—In future the practice will be held *every* Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. There is now no ringing at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., Cleveland and North Yorks Association. 8305

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton, Saturday, May 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 8253

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, May 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8254

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, on May 19th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale, Biddenden. 8255

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, May 19th, at Essendon. Bells (6) at 6 p.m.—S Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8258

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Meeting, Ruislip, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Short business meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea at nearby restaurant. Further ringing in evening.—F. A. Finch. 8267

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. 8231

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Twineham (5), May 19th. Tea 5 p.m. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8284

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. 8229

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8257

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, May 21st, at Chelmsford. Service, conducted by the Provost, in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, M.A., B.D., Bishop of Colchester. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea and coffee available in the Cathedral Hall 10.15 to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., Cathedral Hall, and tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) and tea (2s.) tickets from A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford, by May 16th, and please enclose stamped addressed envelope. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), from 3 to 6 p.m.; Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), from 6 p.m.—F. V. Gant, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8179

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Banwell, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 8294

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Osmaston, May 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 24th, to Mr. B. Goodall, Osmaston Village, near Ashbourne. Trent bus No. 31. Special methods: Walkworth Surprise and St. Clement's Minor. All welcome.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8282

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Meeting at Staindrop, May 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by May 23rd to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 8305

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8298

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 26th, at Bourn. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8319

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Olveston, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea and meeting, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 8293

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Toddington, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6), recently rehung, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 22nd to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8302

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Meeting at Bromesberrow (6), May 26th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Minchin, The Lodge, Bromesberrow, near Ledbury. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 8276

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Eastington (6), May 26th. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notify for tea by May 22nd Mr. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 8289

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—District meeting at Cranleigh (8) on Saturday, May 26th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to Nurse A. M. Cox, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, Joint Dis. Secs. 8313

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Leighton, May 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. After tea, Welshpool bells (8). Teas, G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8283

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Walkern, May 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Surfleet Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis Sec. 8277

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring your own tea. Village Hall not available.—R. J. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8256

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Ashford (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by May 24th, please, to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. All ladies welcome: gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 8262

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Walkden, Saturday, May 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 (free). Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday to Arthur Burton, 19, Old Clough Lane, Walkden, Lancs.—J. Thornley, Sec. 8275

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Guiseley, May 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd, please, to Mr. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley. Buses, King Street (Ledgard) and West Yorkshire Bus Station.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, May 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Bull's Head 5 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, May 23rd, Mr. W. Drury, Willowbrook, Cosby Road, Broughton Astley, Leicester. 8310

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Gilmorton (8) May 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bus leaves The Newarkes at 2.5 p.m., route No. 641. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, May 22nd, at latest, at 117, Church Lane, Anstey.—W. A. Lacey, Dis. Sec. 8297

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Ilston, May 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 4.15 p.m. Outing fare £1, to be paid this day.—L. W. Allen. 8296

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, May 26th. Service 4.15. followed by tea and meeting at Royal Oak. Names by Wednesday, 23rd.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 8311

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint meeting, Measham (8), May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Lincoln Cathedral, May 26th. Cathedral bells only available, afternoon and evening. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court. Busjness meeting immediately after in the Consistory Court. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 8252

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sculthorpe, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to G. Greeves, 44, Moor Lane, Sculthorpe. 8271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Meeting at Warborough on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify, by May 22nd, Mr. F. Absolom, of Warborough, — H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon 8259

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting Faringdon, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 23rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice, Winkfield (6), May 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8317

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Rothersthorpe, Saturday, May 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 8280

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, May 26th, Broadchalke (6), 2.30-4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by 22nd. Berwick St. John's (6) 7-8.30.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8265

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), May 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 8315

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — May meeting to be held at Bunney, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Bring own tea. cups of tea provided. All welcome. 8321

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District.—Meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday. May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to the Rev. J. Simons, Felsham Rectory, Bury St. Edmunds.—R. J. Seabrook. 8263

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday. May 26th. Let's see some old faces, please—and some new ones! Names for tea by previous Wednesday to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 8279

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Advanced ringing practice, Arundel, May 26th. Bells 4 to 6; 7 to 8.30. Tea available. Look up Ashtead Surprise. 8292

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual joint meeting, Doncaster, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Names by 24th to Mr. D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster. New reports now available. All welcome. 8309

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Goudhurst, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8287

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough, by Monday, May 28th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8320

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Alford on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 29th, to Mrs. J. J. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincs. 8300

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Irnham (5), June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, Irnham School, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 28th, to Mrs. Garner, Fighting Cocks Inn, Corby Glen, near Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8295

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by May 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8301

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 8281

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8312

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday, May 28th. All welcome.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 8316

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield six-bell contest at Penistone on June 9th. Entrance fee 10s. All entries to reach me not later than June 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8308

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Llanover, near Abergavenny, June 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 6th.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 8278

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Twelve bells.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 8299

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GLORIOUS FAILURES

AS far as peals go, the successes we know about, for they are recorded for all time, but the failures are quite another matter; it is true that many of them do not deserve a mention, but on the other hand there are some which deserve a better fate—they become a memory and are rarely heard about. In a good number of instances the premature end was unexpected and a big disappointment—broken ropes, broken clappers, missed bobs and indisposition are the common causes; mind wandering causes trouble too, for when two 'wool gatherers' get together anything can happen. There are other causes such as one I heard about in the West Country many years ago: a visiting band having met one short enlisted the aid of one of the local stoney band to beat 'the drum.' All went well for a couple of hours when the tenor man 'stood'; as could only be expected the rest 'stood' too. The local, with some surprise, asked: 'What have you stopped for, I only wanted to wipe my nose.'

Many of the 'performances,' as far as they went, were good, and if they had been successful would have been remembered with pride and joy; however, very few enter these in their peal books and in course of time the dates become hazy, and it is only during those periods of reminiscences at some convivial gathering do we glean anything of these outstanding failures.

I used to make a note of my failures but they became so numerous that the practice ceased. Like many another, my first attempt for a peal failed, a broken rope being the cause. This was on December 21st, 1919, and several more went west ere I scored my first. My first attempt to call a peal came to grief through indifferent striking, and my second attempt at Disley on November 19th, 1921, was lost through good striking. The striking throughout this attempt was exceptionally good, and when the first 'slip' arrived no one was prepared for it—someone hesitated at lead with the result that every bell 'stood.' We looked at each other in amazement, and the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, who rang the treble, said: 'Well, we had better go outside and listen to them.'

New Mills has seen some failures, but none so comic as our first attempt for Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major there: the end was in sight, the treble was working down to lead for the last time when all of a sudden the ringer of the 4th went astray and would not be corrected and rounds did not come up. When asked what he was thinking about, the ringer of the 4th calmly replied: 'I was wondering how County had gone on.' Needless to say, Alan Samson went home alone that night.

The eccentric Rector of Taxal, the late Rev. S. Evans, caused a few failures. At this church the ringers stand on the ground floor of the west tower, so it is not possible to lock the door, and you could not keep old Sammy away. Half way through my first attempt there, in walked his reverence carrying as basket containing bottled ale and glasses: then saying we must be feeling thirsty, he commenced to fill the glasses—need I say more? Still, the old man was a good sort and you could not be angry with him —he laid on a good feed at the 'Royal Oak' to make amends. One branch meeting at Taxal nearly came to an untimely end through one of the members not knowing the Rector, who on seeing a very unkempt, tramp-like figure with odd boots tied with string prowling around the church, decided to do something about it . . . a lot of oil had to be poured on the troubled waters.

Another failure caused by a broken rope might have been very disastrous: it happened a few days after my wedding, and the attempt was at Hyde. Having finished ringing earlier than we should have done, all adjourned to 'The George,' and I think we stayed a bit longer than anticipated. However, Bill Fernley and I managed to catch the last tram to Hazel Grove. We got off the tram and when we reached Grove Street Bill asked me if Rachel was at my mother's. I had to admit she was not and that I had forgotten all about her. To make matters worse, rain was coming down in torrents; the last tram had returned to Stockport so I had to walk back to the house I had passed twenty minutes' earlier on the tram. Needless to say, I never was allowed to go to Hyde unaccompanied after that.

I have found that not all failures can really be classed as 'failures' in the true sense of the word, for they invariably have lead to something better, and I think I am right in saying it is also the experience of all ringers.

J. P. F.

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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

ALBERT W. BOND	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	6
FRANK H HICKS	2	ROBERT COLLINS	7
LEONARD STILWELL	3	DORIS E. COLGATE	8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
ANN BARR	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	8
JOAN BERESFORD	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

BETTY SYRETT	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
*ROBERT E. LESTER	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 50th peal together.

BLACKHILL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE (R.C.),
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*DAVID R. MICKLETHWAITE	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
THOMAS M. COX	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cox on their 14th wedding anniversary.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN KING	*Treble*	BRIAN AUSTIN	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	BARRIE HENDRY	6
GEORGE CARE	3	RICHARD F. ROE	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
The first peal in the method. 50th peal on the eight bells (augmented 1920).

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Vivienne M. Horton.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 HUGHENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	6
*THOMAS J. LOCK	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN DEAN	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
PERCY SWINDLEY	3	H. STEWART BAILEY	7
*JOHN HUGHES	4	JOHN T. TILSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. F. Edge, a churchwarden of this church.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.
36, 14, 15, 16, 12, 38, 16, 78.
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THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. YSTYFFAN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	ROBERT E. COLES	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	*ALAN F. LEE	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	DAVID J. KING	7
J. ARTHUR HOARE	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Major.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*MAURICE J. DODD	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Major with a Treble Bob hunt. First peal of Whitwick by all the band and for the Guild.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON	5
*JANET L. ADAMSON	2	GEORGE COUSSINS	6
WILLIAM F. BUTLER	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
MRS. WM. F. BUTLER	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	*Treble*	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	6
*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	3	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	7
F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	4	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. FIELDEN. Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.
* First peal of Major.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

EDITH BASSETT	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	LEONARD W. GILES	7
ALBERT RELFE	4	CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.
First peal on eight as conductor. First peal on the bells after being rehung and augmented.
A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Bassett.

WINSLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	WALTER AVERY	5
RICHARD DEAN	2	JOHN KAPE	6
*ROY WOODRUFF	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
*DAVID CORNWALL	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Bob Major.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	RONALD NAYLOR	5
NORMAN BELL	2	ARTHUR CROWDER	6
WALTER GODDARD	3	JACK BRAY	7
MICHAEL CROWDER	4	FRANK LORD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to T. Johnson, for 40 years a ringer at this church.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JOHN E. YOUNG	*Treble*	*ERNEST TREAGUS	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	†GEORGE FRANCIS	6
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* 100th peal. † 50th peal.
A silver wedding compliment to the Rector of Pulborough, Rev. G. H. W. Royle, and Mrs. Royle, and to Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings, of Crawley.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
*PETER P. BROWN	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
RICHARD W. STEPHENS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Major.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	*Treble*	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	5
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	6
†G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First peal in the method.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	ARTHUR G. MASON	6
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
GEORGE BUTCHER	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR G. MASON.
* 600th peal. The first peal on the bells.
In memoriam Mr. and Mrs. Mason, parents of the conductor.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

NELIA M. LEAHY	*Treble*	*R. ROGER SAVORY	5
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of New Cambridge Major. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

MRS. W. SIMPSON	*Treble*	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
SHELAGH KILBOURN	2	WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	6
CHARLES GEARY	3	R. ALLEN HICKTON	7
ALBERT HARTLAND	4	REGINALD G. NEWSUM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss N. R. Thompson and Mr. O. Cripps, a member of the local band.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONGNEY BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

ALBERT CATTERWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	PETER J. EVES	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
JOHN WARNER	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 2,720 changes of Rutland, 1,312 Yorkshire and 1,056 New Cambridge, with 80 changes of method.
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
†BRIAN BLADEN	3	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
†E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* 100th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
FREDERICK J. JACKSON	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The first peal in the method for the Association and by all the band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

STANLEY H. ASHTON	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
*FRANCES WELCH	2	PETER W. CROFT	5
ROY HEAN	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Joan Cherry and Mr. John Bracey; also an 18th birthday compliment to Mr. Peter W. Croft

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement.
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

ROGER FRY	*Treble*	G. LEONARD HEWITT	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	PETER CLARKSON	5
GEOFFREY NORMAN	3	PETER GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, also for the engagement of Alfred Lynall to Joan Bardsley.

ST. STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY MILES	*Treble*	E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS	4
MARION L. LIDGEY	2	ALAN CARVETH	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

The first peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells, by all the band, by the Truro Docesan Guild, and by a resident band of Cornish ringers.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

STANLEY SHIPP	*Treble*	*DONALD A. MORTLOCK	4
*GEORGE E. CRISP	2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal of Norwich Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey A. Lucas and Margaret R. Jeeps on their engagement; also a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret R. Jeeps.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	*Treble*	A. WILLIAM BIRD	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	*MICHAEL SOLLEY	5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal of Minor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*R. ANTHONY TRICKETT	*Treble*	*A. ANTHONY JAQUES	4
*HERBERT SUTTON	2	*JOHN R. JOYNER	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	3	*IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in four Minor methods. First peal as conductor in four Minor methods.

Rung for the birthday of the fifth ringer, also a birthday compliment to E. J. Boffey and a 21st birthday compliment to Hilda Ollier.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., May 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*JAMES COFFEY	*Treble*	ALBERT W. STONE	4
†DEREK F. YATES	2	DEREK OGDEN	5
DEREK TAYLOR	3	*S. NEVILLE DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

*ALBERT NIX .. .. .. *Treble*	*RICHARD J. CANN 3
*KENNETH R. FOOT 2	†JOSEPH L. LIGHTFOOT .. 4
A. CHARLES MORRIS .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Coventry.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's: C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 79, 80, 82, 154, 157.
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE L. THOMPSON .. *Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
ON THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. *Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS 4
VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

PETER N. BOND .. .. .. *Treble*	*MARION J. PARKER 4
E. WINIFRED KEYS 2	†JUDITH R. COX 5
FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 3	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

EUNICE A. HILEY .. .. *Treble*	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON 4
PAMELA A. WARREN 2	EILEEN M. TURNER 5
SYLVIA C. SHERWOOD .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
Rung for Rogationtide.

TORQUAY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Mid-Devon Branch.)
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND MARY, COCKINGTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*AUBREY L. BENNETT .. *Treble*	‡DENNIS J. CROSS 4
†MRS. D. E. HOOD 2	WILLIAM SIMONDS 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	§WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* 50th peal. † First peal. ‡ First peal on six bells. § First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung in connection with the forthcoming visit of Her Majesty the Queen.



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UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	4
TERENCE BARTON	2	ALBERT DUNK	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also the grandson of the fourth; and a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Fagge and Miss B. Harris, of Milton Regis (both ringers).

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sun., May 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240, with 20 extents of Grandsire and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	3
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

Rung for Evensong.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., May 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 6000 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 50 different extents, each bell in turn being the whole hunt for ten extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	J. JOHN P. ELLAMS	3
ROBIN A. HODGSON	2	*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	4
*PETER R. SANDERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 30 methods, 57 changes of method: (1) St. Werburgh, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Vale Royal, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (2) Braintree, Humber, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) Marple, Willesden, College Bob IV, Taxal, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (4) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) Oswald Delight; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

RONALD DAWSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. SMITH	4
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	5
DEREK TAYLOR	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 30 methods by all. Average age of the band is 20¼ years.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's. Tenor size 18 in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
ALAN CATTELL	3—4	*ROGER HAYWARD	7—8

No bobs or singles called.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's. Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED BALLARD	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5—6
ALAN CATTELL	3—4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	7—8

Singles only called.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. C. Forrest (first quarter) 1, Pam R. Gough (first 'inside' in method) 2, Diana M. Gough 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, F. J. Lewis 6. For Ascension Day.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Tyson 1, J. C. Ford 2, R. A. Wilton 3, J. Bagnall 4, H. Barnes 5, F. H. Crawley 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, G. Richins 8. Rung during a procession round the parish for the Sunday School anniversary.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb (first in method) 6, W. Edwards 7, A. Bridges 8.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, on May 10th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Austin (first quarter) 1, W. O. Wharton 2, A. Gorringe 3, R. Veysey (first 'inside') 4, E. F. Bennett 5, A. J. Martin (cond.) 6. Rung for Ascension Day and the 61st anniversay of the opening of the bells.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On May 10th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer Lee (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Dales 2, F. Dewey 3, S. Jessop 4, D. Brown 5, T. Freeston 6, F. Leggott 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire and 300 Stedman): S. Skinner 1, C. Deem (cond.) 2, C. Savage 3, K. Dawe 4, J. Quick 5, J. Burnell (first quarter) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): H. Preece 1, H. Underhill 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, M. Williams 4, D. W. Davies 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. J. Pitman, a ringer at this tower for many years, and to John W. Jones, Newport.

BROOKFIELD, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Doreen A. Deverell (first of Minor) 1, R. Newman 2, T. Bevan 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. M. Payton 6. Rung for the 103rd birthday celebration of the church.

BUCKLAND-NEWTON, DORSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Virgin (first of Minor) 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, F. V. Stedman 3, Raymond J. Vardy (first of Minor 'inside') 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Rung for the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick's 80th birthday.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On April 20th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (nine methods, in two extents: (1) Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (2) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob): J. Bagshaw 1, J. Marriott 2, Mrs. M. Finlow 3, Miss E. M. Bagshaw 4, R. Dawson 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandchild to Mr. J. Marriott.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Unwin 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, J. Walters 3, S. Waters 4, F. Jenkins 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, T. H. Holmes 7, B. J. Luck 8. For Ascension Day.

CARMARTHEN.—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. S. Evans 1, T. P. Edwards 2, R. J. Bowden 3, J. A. Hoare 4, R. E. Coles 5, A. F. Lee (first of Stedman) 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. J. King 8.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, R. Netherway (first quarter) 4, H. Netherway 5, W. Webb 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C Evans (first quarter) 1, R. E. Coles (cond.) 2, J. Trout 3, H. Blick 4, E. Carter (first 'inside') 5, T. Hutchins 6, I. Davies 7, C. Howells 8. Rung for Evensong on the eve of St. George's Day, with 7, 6, 8 covering.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. M. S. Ongley 1, Miss B. Thrush 2, D. Fowles 3, P. Woodgyer 4, J. B. Sansom 5, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 6. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwen Zanelli 1, Barbara Thrush 2, G. Thrush 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles (first as cond.) 5, D. Matthews 6. First quarter by an all-local band. Rung for Rogation Sunday and the baptism of Jill Margaret, daughter of Peter and Joan Woodgyer.

QUARTER PEALS

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 4th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. E. Lester 1, J. B. Morley (cond.) 2, Alice E. Lester 3, H. W. Barrett 4, S. W. Copling 5, W. J. Button 6, L. G. Brett 7, U. W. Wildney 8. First of Kent and Oxford for 1, 3, 6 and 7.

EXETER, DEVON.—On May 12th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. W. Biffin 1, J. Glanvill 2, E. M. Atkins 3, Mrs. N. Mallett 4, B. Pidgeon 5, R. Perry (first of Major) 6, F. Wreford 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. Rung for Feast of Ascension.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. S. Benson 1, Miss D. Borer 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, W. A. J. Knight 4, H. Springate 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, A. Hewitt 8. For Confirmation service.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 780 Plain Bob): W. Hedley (first quarter) 1, Carol Hall (first 'inside') 2, W. Robson 3, Joan Hall 4, G. S. Deas (first as cond.) 5, N. S. Robson (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the consecration of the Church of the Ascension, Kenton.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 12th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: F. Nolan Golden (cond.) 1, L. G. Brett 2, B. Woolley 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, G. R. Goodship 5, G. A. Fleming 6, G. E. Symonds 7, H. W. Barrett 8, E. V. Blake 9, E. E. Davey 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George J. W. Pipe and Miss Diana Matthew, solemnised at Bedfield this day.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: T. Bailey 1, B. William (cond.) 2, E. Chamberlayne 3, H. Lyes 4, F. Brookings 5, H. Matthews 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Selwyn, a former ringer. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Prout 1, H. Lyes 2, E. Chamberlayne 3, D. Priday 4, B. Williams (cond.) 5, C. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Sims, tower secretary and captain of the ringers at this church.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Barrett (first quarter) 1, Anne Garnett 2, G. Golding (first quarter 'inside') 3, P. Ruch 4, J. Barbrook 5, W. A. Lewis 6, P. Bettridge (first as cond.) 7, C. Newnes 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, D. Callard 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

HORBLING, LINCS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Minor: J. T. Rolt 1, T. F. Carford 2, S. R. Wilson 3, L. P. Wilson 4, B. Brown 5, B. H. Dalton (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Impson (Vicar of Horbling and Swaton), who left this day to take a living in Australia.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Pamela Wood 1, E. Atkinson 2, W. Hunt 3, J. Dews 4, R. Axford 5, P. Atkinson (first of Minor 'inside') 6, M. Hunt 7, M. Axford 8. Conductor, H. Rowley. Rung to mark the wedding of M. Hunt.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gargrave (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Lowings (first in method away from treble) 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, F. G. Richardson 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (120 each of (1) St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Rugby S.C.; (2) St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Longford S.C.; (3) St. Simon's, Slapton S.C., Merton S.C.; (4) St. Nicholas', Hascombe S.C. and Thornborough S.C.; (5) St. Nicholas' and Longford; (6) Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C.; (7) St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C.; (8) St. Simon's and Rugby S.C.; (9) St. Osmund's and Merton S.C.; (10) St. Martin's and Slapton S.C.; and 60 of St. Martin's and Slapton S.C.; 81 changes of method): A. Meecham 1, Miss J. M. Clements 2, Miss V. Phillips 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. First of Spliced Doubles and in 12 methods by 1 and 2. Rung after the dedication of the new Children's Corner.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, G. Marriner 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, A. S. Harris (longest length 'inside') 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. H. Smith 6, A. P. Cannon 7, H. V. Young 8.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Dowse 1, Miss C. MacNair 2, B. Groves 3, R Smith 4, A. McFall 5, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except conductor.

OXFORD.—On May 13th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. J. Bagnall (first quarter) 1, W. H. Jackson 2, D. H. Niblett 3, J. F. W. Read 4, J. J. P. Ellams 5, C. J. B. Taylor 6, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 7, R. A. Jackson 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. J. Bagnall.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. Vann 1, G. Peck 2, J. Underwood 3, W. Vann 4, C. Underwood 5, P. Fisher 6, S. Osborne 7, A. Pocklington (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Bishop of Coventry, also as a farewell to the ringer of the tenor. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, P. Howitt (first 'inside' of Triples) 2, Mrs. W. Vann 3, E. Hunt 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, D. Pitstow 6, W. Vann 7, C. Underwood 8. For Ascension Day.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Young 1, W. Wheeler 2, W. Aley 3, S. Brooks (first 'inside' in method) 4, J. Stowell 5, D Collins 6, E. Rochester 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Balderson (first quarter) 1, R. S. Long 2, Mrs. E. Mattli 3, R. Birch 4, B. Holland 5, M. Brooke 6, P. Ketteridge 7, J. Seager 8, D. Armstrong 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung to welcome Canon E. H P. Rawlins, late Vicar of Goole, before taking his first Evensong as Precentor at the Cathedral.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of Plain, Old, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain and Grandsire): June Turner (first quarter) 1, M. Rowe 2, M. Cubitt 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, J. N. Lindon 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, D. H. Watson 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, R. Cooper 7, Jill Tombs 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. B. Allchurch, organist and choirmaster for 40 years at this church.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Jean Horton 1, C. B. Skinner 2, J. Young 3, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 4, A. Piercy 5, W. Cherriman 6. First quarter in two methods for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Highley 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, P. F. Borer 4, R. K. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the festival of the Ascension.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Shore (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Roberts 2, F. Digby 3, D. Riley (cond.) 4, H. Duncan 5, R. Pearson (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong on 896th anniversary of dedication.

WARMLEY, BRISTOL.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Gibbs 1, Miss R. Webb 2, J. Sprules 3, Miss B. Rodgers 4, G. Sprules (cond.) 5, R. Mayo 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to Miss Webb. First quarter on bells since being rehung.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: N. Kitchen 1, A. Rigby 2, C. Hardacre 3, Mrs. A. Carpenter 4, H. Hardacre 5, Dr. A. Carpenter 6, H. Calderbank 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. Arranged for the ringers of 4 and 6, who are visiting Lancashire.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On May 6th, a quarter peal of Bob Major: B. Dale 1, J. Nixon 2, D. R. Whalley 3, Rachel Snell 4, W. Massey 5, P. S. Whalley 6, G. W. Biddulph 7, E. D. Edge (cond.) 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Ascension Day, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: A .E. Leggett 1, A. Cansdale 2, J. H. Edwards 3, Brenda Balls 4, B. Fairhead 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers are featured in this year's Royal Academy. Entitled 'The Bell Ringers,' the painting is based on a scene in Liverpool Cathedral when the bells are being rung. It is a compelling composition, showing the ringers outlined against the blackness of the dark beams. The artist, Mr. J. A. Cleeland, art master at Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton, spent several hours sketching scenes in Liverpool Cathedral. The picture had previously been shown at Manchester City Art Gallery.

Congratulations to Mr. Ernest Treagus and John K. Cooper, who have rung their 100th peal.

The peal at Eye on April 13th was specially arranged for the 21st birthday of Mr. John Girt, one of the local ringers. After the peal the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rush.

Old friends from both sides of the border met at Carmarthen on May 5th for the peal attempt at Llanstephan. During the peal the lightenders were confronted with the amusing spectacle of a large crayon drawing of 'Mickey Mouse' on the whitewashed wall, being, so it seemed, over the conductor's shoulder. It gave the impression that 'Big Brother' was watching him in case he missed a bob!

To enable them to ring on the heaviest ring of eight in the world, two Bristol Rural members travelled a distance of 111 miles on a 'Vespa' scooter to Sherborne Abbey and were rewarded with 168 Grandsire Triples. Persons knowing the two will regard this as a record. It is claimed that this was the greatest weight (31 stones) to be carried on the smallest machine, for the greatest distance for the shortest ring, on the heaviest bells.

It is great news for Australian ringing that Mr. George J. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, leaves for Melbourne, Australia, in June. George will be joined by his wife, nee Miss Diana M. Matthew, in six months. With some 250 peals to his credit, including Exeter Cathedral, where he and his father performed on the tenor in October, 1954, he will be a useful addition to the team at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Diana's name has also appeared in our peal columns; she has been ringing four years. Ringers wish them every happiness in their married life.

The death took place on May 13th of Mr. Arthur Firth, a valued member of Rotherham Parish Church ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after Evensong and the Vicar (Bishop G. V. Gerand) visited the ringing chamber and offered prayers.

Ringers of St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, presented Mr. Philip S. Whalley with a new edition of Dove's 'Church Bells' as a farewell gift on leaving for National Service with the R.A.F. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Major also marked the occasion.

Congratulations to Miss Frances Welch, of Bennington, Herts, on ringing her first peal, at Great Wymondley, Herts. Frances is the daughter of Mr. Jack Welch, who rang in the 12,000 of Bob Major at Bennington some years back.

A proposition has been made to install electronic church bells in St. John's Church, Lowestoft. Already the record of York Minster bells has been heard through the four loudspeakers in a demonstration. Perhaps the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, at Great Yarmouth, has heard of the proposal. His views on this subject, forcibly presented to the Central Council, are well known.

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SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY AT BOURNEMOUTH

THE tenth Ringers' Rally was held at Bournemouth on May 5th, followed by the seventh George Williams Commemoration Dinner held at the Gaumont Restaurant, which was attended by 87 ringers and friends. Ringing took place duing the afternoon on the two Bournemouth octaves in a variety of methods.

The chairman, Rev. J. L. Featherstone, Vicar of St. John's, Surrey Road, invited Canon A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Bournemouth, to say grace, and the company sat down to a well-served dinner.

The loyal toast was honoured in the bell-ringers' traditional fashion by the ringing of a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

Mr. William B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire Association, proposed 'The County Borough of Bournemouth.' He said he knew very little about the county borough in spite of having visited Bournemouth regularly for nearly 25 years, but he had always received a very kind welcome from all when visiting Bournemouth, especially from the bellringers. He revealed that during the last day or so he had joined the ranks of the old stagers by becoming a grandfather (applause).

Councillor H. P. E. Mears responded, and brought the apologies for absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, who were both busily engaged elsewhere in the borough. He recalled that his first duty as Mayor in Coronation Year was to come to the Ringers' Dinner in the Devonshire Hotel. He was glad Mr. Cartwright decided *not* to talk about sewage: he agreed with him that something ought to have been done about the piers and outlined some of the difficulties and hindrances they were up against.

VICAR AND BELL COMPLAINTS

The Vicar of Bournemouth, in proposing the toast of 'Bells and Bellringers,' commented that he did not know if it would be in order for Mr. Cartwright and Councillor Mears to discuss sewage at that stage as they had a Conference of the Sanitary Inspectors of England coming to Bournemouth, and he had just arranged for them to have a church parade service on the Sunday of their stay. In a tribute to the work of ringers, the Canon said: 'You ringers are a strong medium of advertisement for the Church. You call to the people—Come to church! Come to church!! You are doing a great part of the advertising for us and we clergy are grateful to you.' Sometimes letters arrived at the Vicarage saying how beautiful the bells are, and sometimes the letters were quite rude. Sometimes people telephoned complaining about the bells. He always asked them if they came to church, and the reply was usually: 'Oh, no! I don't go to church'—very significant, commented Canon Williams.

Mr. J. A. C. King, hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, responded on behalf of the ringers.

COMMEMORATION DINNERS

Mr. Arthur Davis, in proposing 'The Memory of Mr. George Williams,' said he was sure that there were others in the room that evening who were in a much better position to propose the toast, having known the late Mr. George Williams as a personal friend. Mr. Davis said that he had heard it mooted at different times that the Commemoration Dinner should be dropped: he had heard it in connection with other dinners in other parts of the country and it had been suggested in connection with this dinner.

'It would be a pity to do this,' the speaker said, 'for these men and their contemporaries had done so much for the bells and bellringing that we should be grateful to them and honour their memory. Had Mr. George Williams been alive that day and with them that evening, he would have been delighted at the tribute paid to them by Canon Williams and he would have left them that evening with renewed resolution to do all within his power to further the art of bellringing.'

Mr. Davis hoped that the function would continue to be the 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner,' and that it would continue to gather strength in the years to come.

The chairman proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Mr. Featherstone first of all read apologies from Canon R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch. An apology for absence was also received from the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton. The chairman welcomed the visitors who were with them that evening, and he hoped they had enjoyed their visit. He had great pleasure in endorsing what the Vicar of Bournemouth had said about bellringers, and could assure all present that there was always a welcome awaiting them at Christchurch at St. Peter's or at his own church of St. John, Surrey Road.

Mr. George Pullinger replied for the visitors, saying that they were most grateful to those responsible for arranging such an enjoyable function. It was worth coming to the Dinner just to hear the excellent handbell ringing of the Bournemouth people and also to hear the beautiful singing of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford.

That morning he had called upon another old ringer well known in Bournemouth area, Mr. George Preston, and he was very sorry to say that Mr. Preston was far from well, but he sent his best wishes to them for a very successful evening. Mr. Pullinger said he would like to propose that the committee should send a message to Mr. Preston from that gathering.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford sang songs and duets: they were accompanied at the piano by Mr. Simon Preston, of Canford School. The Bournemouth handbell ringers rang some Spliced Royal and the St. Peter's handbell band rang a selection of tunes on their ring of 28 bells.

THE COMPANY

Those present included Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Featherstone, Canon A. L. E. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford, Councillor H. P. E. and Mrs. Mears, Mr. Simon Preston, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Hems, Mr. and Mrs. Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Danniells, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dalloway, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, Mr. and Mrs. Parkes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dykes, Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say, Mrs. D. T. Gardiner, the Misses Stewart, K. Fletcher, D. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Barnes, D. Battersby, M. Parker, G. Rea, P. Barnett, C. Jones, P. Gair, S. Day, S. Savage, N. Crofts, S. Pearmain, S. Stevenson, J. Chick, J. Price; Messrs. J. A. C. King, W. E. Cheater, R. Marlow, F. Harris, J. Hartless, T. Pike.

Admiral D. H. Everett, Messrs. B. Mitchell, M. Best, D. T. Matkin, P. Tubbs, R. Hurst, A. V. Davis, R. Pike, J. Coles, M. Bazeley, B. B. Rogers and E. Booth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. W. B. Cartwright the New Master

THE 73rd annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held at Worcester on Easter Monday, attracted the usual good attendance of members, together with visitors from distant parts of the country. The service was held in All Saints' Church, the Chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch, officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. Webb, and Miss D. Hicks as organist.

At the general business meeting in College Hall, the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. L. J. Birch, Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary and treasurer).

Arising from the minutes a letter of thanks from Great Comberton Church Council was read, thanking the Association for a grant of £15 towards their restoration scheme, and it was further reported that the Central Committee had approved a provisional grant of £10 to Redmarley.

Reporting for the Central Committee, the secretary said that the Guildhall being fully booked up for October, the Hall had been booked for the nearest available Saturday, and that the annual dinner would be held this year on 3rd November. Further, that the Ladies' Guild would be holding their annual meeting in Worcester on July 7th, and that the Committee had decided to entertain them to tea. The Committee felt, however, that such an invitation would have to be limited to bona-fide members of the Guild.

The librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper) stated that during the year eight applications had been received for the loan of 12 books.

The balance sheet for the year showed that performing membership had increased by 11 to a total of 489. The membership badges had proved very popular, and the first issue was nearly sold out; the sale of 205 resulted in a credit to the General Fund of over £30. The General Fund had a credit balance for the year of £41 17s. 4d., or excluding the badge account, still a balance of £11 2s. 4d. on the year. The Belfry Repair Fund had increased in value by over £18 to a total of £228 19s. 5d., and the total worth of Association Funds stood at £287 14s. 11d.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president, and the clerical and lay vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. A. Webb to the former. The retiring Master, Mr. C. Skidmore, having previously intimated to the committee that he felt it time for someone else to take the office, proposed Mr. W. B. Cartwright as the new Master, and this was unanimously agreed to. Sterling tributes were paid by the chairman and other members to the work of Mr. Skidmore, who had been Master since 1948. All other officers were re-elected.

The arrangements for the annual peal were left to the new Master, and it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Worcester.

The appeal for Bow Bells was discussed, and eventually left to the Branches.

Bells used during the day were those at the Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey.

Mr. J. Bennett, of Grundisburgh, after his world tour, is on holiday in Jersey. He writes: 'This is no place for "tower grabbing," but very good for bell-hunting if ones, twos and threes are considered. Have been up among the bells in the three towers given in Dove's Guide. Of the ring of six at St. Mark's, hung for ringing in 1844 by Mears, two bells only have wheels and can be swung. The other four are moved and permanently fixed, all (apparently) for the sake of a heavy bell (50–60 cwt. perhaps) which is hung "dead" in the centre of the tower.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting was held in Norwich on May 5th, attended by nearly 100 members and friends from all parts of the Diocese and Suffolk.

Ringing took place at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8) and St. George, Colegate (6), during the afternoon and evening.

The annual service was held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Waddington, assisted by the Revs. H. G. Lillingston and A. G. G. Thurlow. The address was given by the Bishop of Thetford (the Rt. Rev. M. P. G. Leonard), whose theme was 'Sermon in Sound.' Most Englishmen living abroad would say the sound in memory which most stirred their hearts was the sound of bells stealing across the meadows on a quiet summer's evening. The sound of bells, like wireless, could get into houses closed to the clergy. They proclaimed that this is a Christian country. A sermon in sound, said the Bishop, reached a wider audience than the words of the preacher.

A substantial tea was provided by the wives of several of the Norwich ringers in the Chantry Hall.

The president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, presided at the business meeting. A list of members who had passed on to higher service was read, and members present stood for a moment in silent memory of the late president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, W. Brooke (Kings Lynn), N. R. Bailey (Aldeburgh), W. Chandler (Spooner Row), H. G. Fulcher (Starston), C. J. More (Palgrave), W. J. Nudds (London), F. J. Roope (Pulham Market), R. C. Sharpe (Newmarket), F. J. Tillett (Ipswich) and F. Warrington (St. Ives).

CONGRATULATIONS TO NOLAN GOLDEN

The president congratulated Mr. Nolan Golden upon completing 1,000 peals, and spoke of the devoted service Mr. Golden had rendered to the Association for many years. He also praised the work of the Branch secretaries and Ringing Masters, especially the way Branch meetings were conducted. He welcomed new members into the Association and urged them to persevere and keep the bells ringing in the villages. Help from other towers would do much to encourage these newcomers. Members were reminded that they were office holders in the church, and after ringing for the service should take their place with the congregation.

The general secretary reported a year of steady progress, especially in the number of young people coming into the Association. Membership was now 446. Elected during the year: 5 honorary and 38 ringing members.

Restoration work had been carried out at Great Ryburgh to the tenor. At Gressenhall the six had been augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles. Restoration was also being carried out at Carlton Colville and a band of learners are attending practice nights at Pakefield. An appeal had been launched at East Dereham for the eight to be recast and rehung in a new frame. Grants had been made from the Belfry Repair Fund for all the foregoing and to Thetford St. Peter's for repair work carried out on the 6th.

The new Association badge, designed by Mr. Nolan Golden, had been on sale and approximately 150 had been sold since the last annual meeting.

MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT

Subscriptions for the memorial to be erected to the memory of the late president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, amounted to approximately £18. It is proposed to place a bronze tablet in the ringing chamber at Mulbarton Church in the near future.

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, reported that the peal total equalled the 1952 post-war record of 97. In view of the apparent increasing interest and enthusiasm it is hoped that the 1937 record total of 108 would soon be surpassed.

The accounts were presented by the treasurer and adopted by the meeting.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Love; vice-presidents re elected with the addition of Mr. Nolan Golden (after 32 years' service to the Association; Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett; hon. auditor, Mr. A. Bason.

It was agreed to donate £5 to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Waddington for conducting the service, the Bishop of Thetford for giving the address, the various clergy for their permission to ring their bells, and the ladies who had provided and served the teas.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

Over 40 ringers supported the meeting held at Stowford on April 28th. The Guild's new form of service was used by the Branch for the first time and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Hearne), who in the course of his address extended to all present a cordial welcome to Stowford.

The meeting coincided with a village fete to raise funds for the purchase of a village hall, and the ringing of the tuneful bells formed a pleasing background to the activities during the afternoon and evening.

A buffet tea was served in the old church school, which will eventually be the new village hall.

Mr. G. Harry Myers (vice-president of the Guild) presided at the business meeting in the absence of the Branch chairman, Mr. H. Howard Thomas, who was ill.

Four new members were elected, the belfry elections of five others confirmed, and Guild proficiency certificates presented to the following members of Plympton St. Maurice: Miss B. Browning, Miss R. Hansford, and Messrs. D. J. Farnham, K. Farnham, D. Pengelly and M. Roberts.

A joint meeting with the Mid-Devon Branch will be held at Plymouth on June 30th, and the next Branch meeting at Modbury on September 29th, subject to permission. T. G. M.

A SUFFOLK WEDDING

Mr. George Pipe and Miss Diana Matthew

St. Nicholas' Church, Bedfield, Suffolk, is not often filled to capacity, but it was on May 12th, when Mr. George James Wilgress Pipe, of Easta, Grundisburgh, was married to Miss Diana Mary Matthew, of White House Farm, Bedfield.

The bride's father, Mr. F. W. Matthew, is people's warden, and the bridegroom's father, Mr. C. W. ('Jim') Pipe, is the former secretary of the Suffolk Guild and a member of the Central Council.

Both the bride and bridegroom are peal ringers, and many ringers from Suffolk, Norfolk and beyond were present at the ceremony.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. Hugh Wilson (Vicar of Bedfield and Monk Soham) and the Rev. J. Anthony Thursfield (Vicar of Grundisburgh). Mr. Frank Davies, of Grundisburgh, a friend of the bridegroom, was the organist.

The bride made her own gown of white nylon organza trimmed with lace. She wore a tulle veil and a pink and red rose headdress. There were four bridesmaids—the Misses Barbara Paramour and Rosemary Reynolds, dressed in pale mauve eyelet material, and little Pat Mayhew and Heather Airey, in primrose eyelet. Five-year-old John Willis was pageboy.

Mr. Barrie Steel was the best man and the bridegroom's brother, Roderick, usher.

Call changes and Cambridge Minor were rung on the Bedfield bells at the end of the service and the bells were also fired.

The reception was held in a large marquee on the lawn at the bride's home, and the health of the happy pair was proposed by Mr. Henry Bradley. The honeymoon is being spent somewhere in the south-west.

In connection with his business in the lawn mower and general sales department of Messrs. Ransome, Sims and Jefferies, of Ipswich, the bridegroom leaves for Melbourne in June, and the bride is to join him there six months later.

In the evening an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Grundisburgh broke down after several courses had been rung. Afterwards 1,287 Stedman Caters were brought round.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its April meeting at All Saints' Church, Driffield, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. John Watkins) and Sgt. T. H. Huddleston, E.R. Constabulary, captain of the local ringers.

Forty-eight members attended and the bells were raised in peal and rung to various methods during the afternoon.

The service, held in church, was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by Rev. George Storer, chaplain to the Society, during which one of the hymns was accompanied by handbells rung by the local ringers.

Tea, provided by the local ringers and the Verger, and served by their wives and mothers, was taken in the choir room adjoining the church, and followed by the business meeting.

The Vicar, in his reply to a vote of thanks, stated how pleased he was to see this first meeting by any association of ringers to be held at Driffield, and hoped they would enjoy their visit and come again.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS THE PEAL WELL AND TRULY RUNG?

Dear Sir,—I was amused to read the account in 'Belfry Gossip' of the peal attempt where it was not noticed that the clapper of one of the bells was missing. To my mind this raises an interesting point: can a peal be said to be well and truly rung if for some reason a bell does not sound, even if the ringer of that bell and the rest of the band ring faultlessly? Perhaps the Central Council can supply an answer.—Yours faithfully,

V. T. O. BOASE.

Wallasey, Cheshire.

THE STALWARTS OF OLD

Dear Sir,—We read today of faulty peals, so I will give you a personal experience of mine years ago with the old stalwarts of St. Peter's, Sudbury. I had the honour to ring a few quarter peals with them for services, my bell at St. Peter's being the fifth (having been told it was the only one I could strike properly!).

As was usual, rounds were rung until the exact time to start the quarter. 'Go, Kent' was called, and I committed a grave offence about half way by missing my 5-6 dodge. For the rest of the ringing I received a scowl from David whenever I was approaching that position. After 'Stand' was called, he stepped off the tenor box and informed me in no uncertain words that I had ruined it!

Over two months elapsed before I was allowed to ring with him for service again. He lived seven miles from Sudbury and if no transport was available he walked—but heaven help anyone who arrived late.

All the youngsters were afraid of him where ringing was concerned, and yet we all loved him.—Yours truly,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

THE PEAL AT FOLKINGHAM

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Folkingham on April 2nd, I most strongly deny Mr. C. T. H. Bradley's allegation that the bells only came into rounds six times. This mythical third 720 has evidently become a persistent obsession with him as this is the sixth consecutive occasion on which he has protested to me personally. It appears that after the first 720 Mr. Bradley's powers of observation and also concentration lead him violently astray. The very consistency of the ringing proves that there was nothing to complain about, viz.: First 120, 23 mins.; second, 23 mins.; third, 23 mins.; fourth, 24 mins.; fifth, 24 mins.; sixth, 23 mins.; seventh, 23 mins.

This cynical criticism by Mr. Bradley every time one goes is rather embarrassing from one who should know better. Why did he not come to the belfry and complain instead of leaving us locked in? If we are not welcome we would appreciate being told so. The Rector is always delighted for us to go. If Mr. Bradley had his way, I'm sure all peals would be withdrawn. According to him, in fact, to use his own words to me: (1) 'There are very few true peals rung anywhere.' (2) 'Peal ringing is a farce.' (3) 'Peals are ten a penny today.' These striking assumptions I'm afraid he would find hard to prove. I can say with honesty and confidence that the bells came into rounds at the end of each 720 clearly, and I have no intention of withdrawing it. I have consulted all who took part in it and they are astounded at Mr. Bradley's fabrication.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES H. MUSSON.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs.

'WHITHER VARIETY?'

Dear Sir, — I wonder how many of your readers have noticed, as I have, the general decline in the number of different methods practised on 10 and 12 bells? It is possible to count on the fingers of both hands the number of 10-bell methods which appear with reasonable regularity in the peal columns; whilst this can be accomplished using only one limb for 12-bell methods.

I further wonder how many readers have found a reason for this lack of variety. Perhaps the key lies in James Barke's preface to his 1955 edition of 'Burns' Poems and Songs,' wherein he says, 'His experience, if searing, was fundamental and therefore universal.' Yes, indeed. If a method is fundamental it will be universal. That, I think, is why many new Major methods are rung once and then forgotten. As an old Apache once said, 'Hot fires burn out quickly.'

About 12 months ago 'E. C. S.' wrote a fine leading article entitled 'Fresh Possibilities,' in which he quoted Sherlock Holmes as saying, 'There is nothing new under the sun.' What appears in the rest of this letter will, I hope, be considered weighty evidence against this statement, for the following is the resuk of over two years' (on and off) thought on the subject. Below are some of the products of the final distillation; I trust they are fundamental enough to be considered of universal appeal. Firstly, one of the most beautiful and musical methods is Double Norwich Major. The Royal, however, is far less appealing and enjoys little popularity. Below is the place-notation of a method which I have called Norfolk Court Bob Royal. In this method all the work of Double Norwich Major is completely reproduced with the sole exception of full work at the back The only addition is plain hunting.

X 10 X 16 X 58 X 70 X 10
Lead-head—1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
1 9 0 7 8 5 6 3 4 2

('X' means that no places are made.)

Next, let us consider Bristol Surprise. Whilst the Royal (and Maximus) produced by A. Craven are undoubtedly the correct extensions, there are two main attributes which are not preserved, namely, four-bell work and extending-bob-leads. I have called the following method Bedminster Surprise Royal (it is actually an improvement of the original, and may even prove to be better than Bristol Major!). X 70 X 14 X 56 X 36 (14 and 70) X (14 and 70)

58 X 56 X 70 X 14 X 10
Lead-head—1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 0 7 9

The blue-line of this is very similar to that of the Major, the main difference being the addition of a double-dodge to the point-blows—this portion of the work is, I think, 'held together' better as a result.

The following method I have called Nottingham Surprise Royal.
X 70 X 18 X 50 78 16 34 X 78 50 34 16 X

30 X 14 X 90
Lead-head—1 5 3 7 2 9 4 0 6 8
1 5 7 3 9 2 0 4 8 6

This has the following attributes:—

(a) All the bells come to the front and back in their correct coursing order.

(b) **All the bells pass the treble in their correct coursing order.**

(c) Although the internal contiguous places may be considered objectionable by some, they produce the musical changes . . . . 8790 four times per course (cf '6578 in Major).—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow.

'. . . AND ALL UNCHARITABLENESS'?

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. Birmingham's attack on 'Technical Tittle-tattles' can hardly have any result other than possibly to hinder the very work that many ringers of long standing consider to be of prime importance, namely, the encouragement and help of the learner by articles or lectures or practical instruction. To counter this potential hindrance (and not in any self-defence, which seems unnecessary in this case) I would offer the following comments:

(1) The series of articles, as you know, sir, has been planned not for crystallised critics, but for open-minded learners, who initially find difficulty and disinterest in the paper work of ringing. It is intended firstly to arouse their interest and show that their difficulties are appreciated, and then to smooth them out.

(2) In a life largely spent in instructing and lecturing, experience has shown the value of certain methods of exposition and explanation. Learners are entitled to any benefit of such proved experience. That such methods *are* appreciated is revealed in personal contacts up and down the country. (Beginners are often reluctant to 'go into print.')

(3) Almost innumerable references may be quoted from authoritative writers on the need for what Mr. B. seems entirely to have overlooked in his attack, namely, distinctive terms and clear definitions as the essential bases of all sound exposition. For example, from Dr. Robert H. Thouless, of Cambridge—a past president of the British Psychological Society—in his work, 'Straight and Crooked Thinking'; or again, from W. W. Sanger, also of Cambridge, in his book entitled 'Mathematician's Delight'; or, to come to ringing literature, take Shipway, who recognised the same lack of basic essentials in it; or Snowdon, who also refers to Shipway's views, and who, in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' says: '. . . the explanations published hitherto appear to me to be generally very hard to understand, and in some cases quite at variance with the truth . . . . I (am) . . . of opinion that other words might be found better adapted to express meaning than are those actually employed . . . .' The same idea is expressed by the compilers in their introduction to the Central Council's 'Glossary of Technical Terms.' In short, there is still the need for clearer terms, and *beginners do* appreciate the point. Our duty remains clear.

(4) Mr. B.'s objection to the Latin-derived word 'transit' appears without 'rhyme or reason' when it is realised that some of the most commonly-used words in ringing parlance are *pure* Latin. For example, for the stages of a method family—'Minimus,' 'Minor,' 'Major' and 'Maximus.' Also he seems to have forgotten that 'transit,' often used in astronomical connections, in this sense, refers to the relative crossing-over of two heavenly bodies. In fact it does, of course, literally mean a 'going across' something; that is, a relative motion is implied between two things. Hence its appropriate use to express succinctly the crossing-over of two bells. If he has not come across it in ringing parlance, that will not adversely affect any beginner who has readily formed a definite concept from its definition!

(5) Mr. B.'s last paragraph, asking how to recognise the phase of any particular change-row (following Mr. Shepherd's discussion of 'odd' and 'even' rows), rather lays the questioner open to this: the answer lies in ascertaining the number (odd or even) of transits required to convert that row back to rounds. Short cuts of recognition are built up from this simple and undeniable fact. (The seventh article in the T. T-T. series was planned to deal with this subject.)

Not to recognise the truth of these things seems like trying to deny, to our more recently-joined members of the Exercise, their right to know the facts.—Yours very truly,

Southsea. A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S RECORD MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held in Dublin on April 28th. Prior to it the final striking competition for the Murphy Cup was held at St. George's Church. Drogheda were the winners with 52 faults, Kilbroney second with 64 faults, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, had 67 faults. This is Drogheda's first time to win the all-Ireland Cup. They have now won in 1956 all possible trophies, having previously won the Attendance Challenge Shield and the Gabriel Lindoff Cup for District striking competition.

The business meeting was held in St. George's Parochial Hall and was attended by most of the District representatives. Before the meeting commenced all stood in silence as a mark of respect for those members who had died since the last meeting, viz.: T. Dunwoody (Holywood), W. Fulton (Enniskillen), D. Lowther (Londonderry), H. S. Lightbody and W. Young, life members; T. Hammond and Harold J. Poole.

It was reported that the invitation had been issued to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to hold its meeting in Ireland in 1958, and that the matter was left with the councillors to think it over and save up.

Points from the annual report were as follows:

BELL INSPECTIONS.—'The Armagh Diocesan Church Inspection and Advisory Committee in its first annual report on 20 churches thoroughly examined, referred to dangerous conditions on a number of their bells.'

BELL DEDICATIONS.—A new ring of ten bells was dedicated at St. Mark's Church, Dundela, Belfast.

PEAL RINGING.—Only two handbell peals were rung during 1955. There were no tower bell peals.

ACCOUNTS.—The Central Fund balance shows a slight decrease over previous years and steps were suggested to remedy same. At present the balance is about £47.

MEMBERSHIP.—The total membership at 31st December was 516, of which resident ringers numbered 385—the greatest number yet reached in the history of the Association.

The report of the 'Irish Bell News' was also adopted. It expressed concern at the drop in circulation and appealed for more readers.

The following were elected life members:—Fred Henly and William Green (Drogheda), in recognition of their 54 years' service to ringing; Dr. H. A. Magennis (Hillsborough), D. Ireland, J.P. (Belfast), R. Greer (Drumbo), Miss E. M. Young (Carrickfergus) and Miss L. M. Cunningham, J.P. (Rostrevor).

An appeal from the Bow Bells Restoration Committee was placed before the meeting. It was decided not to take any action at this meeting pending further information which the general secretary is to obtain.

It was decided to make a grant of £5 5s. towards the repairs to the bells at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. These bells are at present in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, William Pratt (Holywood); vice-presidents, Rev. J. Barry, S. J. Evans and F. Bogan; Master and librarian, R. S. F. Murphy, P.C.; general secretary, Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; auditors, W. Bovenizer and R. W. Smyth; badge secretary, J. T. Dunwoody; representatives on the Central Council, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody and Miss J. Stewart.

The Council decided that, in order to encourage those towers who are struggling in their efforts to learn change-ringing, plain hunting will be permitted to comply with the rule requiring 240 changes of method for striking competitions.

Touches of Plain Bob Minor, Triples and Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung at St. George's Church after the meeting.

AN EXAMPLE FROM WALES

For Ascension Day service at Cowbridge, Glam, a band of pupils from schools in the borough rang call changes. They were Stewart Cooksley (14), Vernon Hopkins (16), Mary Burnage (14), Dianne Morgan (15), Roger Brown (15), Barbara Evans (15), Anthony Hutchings (16), Clive Howell (15). Tony Hutchings called, and according to 'The Lion,' the weekly newspaper of Cowbridge Grammar School, the striking was extremely good. Another band of scholars afterwards rang rounds. This is the first time the eight bells have been rung for a service by a band consisting entirely of school pupils.

REDEDICATION

BIDSTON, BIRKENHEAD

During Evensong on Palm Sunday the bells of St. Oswald's, Bidston, were rededicated by Rev. E. O. A. Thomas, Rural Dean of Birkenhead.

The bells, a light ring of six (tenor 5¼ cwt., approx.), have been rehung on ball-bearings with new fittings after quarter turning and returning by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It is some 40 years since the bells received professional attention, and had progressively deteriorated, the wheels in particular being in a very bad state. The wooden frame, however, was in very good order, and drilling revealed that it is teak and not oak as previously assumed.

The tone of the bells leaves a lot to be desired but money was not available for recasting and the bellhangers are to be commended on the improved resonance.

Whilst the bells were away the local ringers, under their young captain, Mr. 'Banky' Pemberton, redecorated the inside of the tower from roof to floor level, and richly deserved the thanks extended to them by the Vicar on behalf of all members of the church.

MR. HOWARD HOWELL'S 500 PEALS

With the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Walsall on April 28th, Mr. Howard Howell, of Wolverhampton, completed his 500th peal (conducted 174 peals). These have been rung for 17 Societies in 121 different towers: 397 have been rung for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Doubles.—One to six methods, 33 peals (8 conducted).
Minor.—One to seven methods, 61 peals.
Triples.—52 peals (1).
Major.—114 peals (29).
Caters.—111 peals (70).
Royal.—34 peals (10).
Cinques.—85 peals (51).
Maximus.—7 peals (4).
Doubles on handbells.—2 peals (1).
Major on handbells.—1 peal.
Total: 500 peals; 174 conducted.

Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Erin, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Spliced Kent and Oxford Little Bob, Duffield, Double Norwich C.B., Cambridge, Superlative, New Cambridge, Norfolk, Ashtead, Belgrave, Yorkshire, Southwell.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Hereford Branch

Despite the wet weather a fair number of ringers were present at the quarterly meeting held at Leominster Priory on April 14th.

It was possible, thanks to the gentlemen ringers, to ring the ten bells, and apart from a few unfortunate incidents the meeting went off smoothly!

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas, Vicar of Kimbolton, after which tea was taken in the Church Hall. This was followed by the business meeting, where several new members were elected. R. J.

Midland Branch

A meeting of the Midland Branch was held at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on April 14th, and was well attended despite the cold weather. The bells were rung to various methods before the service, conducted by the Rector. Tea was organised by the wives of the local ringers and upheld the high standard always set at Waltham.

At the meeting it was decided to cancel the outing to Derbyshire on June 2nd, owing to lack of support, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Rothwell on the same date. Mrs. Smart, of Waltham, was elected a member.

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SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD'S EASTER TOUR

FOR its first ringing week, the Southampton University Guild decided to employ the bicycle as a means of locomotion and to base its activities on Weston-super-Mare. It was also decided to investigate the hospitality offered by the Youth Hostels Association, and by these means we were able to maintain cost at a reasonable level. It was found, surprisingly enough, that members also wished to travel between Southampton and Weston by bicycle, and so the Ringing Week commenced at Southampton on April 21st.

Our first Somerset towers were gained with service ringing at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and Uphill (Old Church), where we were warmly welcomed by the local ringers. The presence of the sun made cycling and ringing a very exhausting business, but the production of varying sun-tan lotions by the ladies to ease their reddened features soon banished the sun from the skies, and the skin from their noses.

We were, of necessity, restricted in choice of towers, but we visited all the eights and sixes within reach, all in perfect conditions and a credit to the local ringers, taking the opportunity to raise the ringing abilities of our members, both in handling heavy bells and in extending their method capabilities.

Vivid memories of the tour remain, such as the sight of our secretary suspended on the sally of the 35 cwt Congresbury tenor and still unable to pull it off, and the sight of our Master-elect, underestimating the weight of the Wrington tenor and falling off his box in his attempt to pull off in time. He succeeded in turning it in very nicely to rounds, while he regained his perch! We also remember Axbridge, where the Rector was so busy in regaling us with the history of the church and town that he forgot to explain to us the intricate clock chimes—we hope they strike properly now. At Winscombe the Vicar had forgotten us and had not returned from his holiday. The sexton, a fund of knowledge, informed us of the keys' whereabouts, the cost of a phone call to Bristol, the easiest road to Bath, the name of the nearest pub to our next tower, the cost of getting married, and the winner of the Cup Tie—almost in one breath. Also we remember crossing the Mendips in a hailstorm after splicing our only broken rope, at Burrington. The men are not likely to forget the missing pyjama cords, or the keyhole, with the eye on the other side, in the door separating the dormitories at Cheddar Youth Hostel.

The highlight of the week was on the Tuesday when, with the aid of cars driven by friends and relations, we held a day's outing in the Exmoor region. The picturesque town of Dunster resounded to the tune of Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich on the fine eight, while on the even finer Taylor ten of Minehead, Grandsire Caters and Kent Royal sounded even better. While we 'grabbed' the six at Porlock, our drivers prepared their engines for the climbs ahead. Our ascent of the famous, almost vertical Porlock Hill, took us straight through the low clouds, and we celebrated our arrival above them by serenading a very lonely and startled A.A. man with a course of Bob Major 'in hand.' Our arrival in Devon was marked with a course of London on the Lynton six, and soon we were gorging ourselves with a Devon cream tea. We returned over the centre of Exmoor, ringing on the new Mears six at Exford.

Our tour was completed with an invitation from the Bristol University Society to an afternoon's ringing. After being fed at their refectory, we were taken on a lightning tour of the city, managing, in the course of the afternoon, to visit eight towers, cycling twenty miles round Bristol to do so. We have to thank Bristol for knowledge of how to cycle through and across fast moving traffic, without wasting precious ringing time; how to ring 'Chase' and 'Clifford's Pleasure,' and an introduction to Cecil's motor-bike. Thank you very much, Bristol, for the way in which you turned out to make our afternoon enjoyable.

In all, we visited 36 towers—3 tens, 9 eights and 24 sixes. Methods rung were: Royal—Kent; Caters—Grandsire; Major—Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Little Bob and Cambridge; Triples—Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Hawkhurst Bob; Minor—London, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Killamarsh T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Forward and Reverse Forward, or Backward, as we have named it.

Before closing, we would like to thank the parents of our local members at Weston, who entertained us right royally during the week to teas and suppers, and also the members of the Bath and Wells Association, who welcomed us to their districts and towers. D. C. J.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District at Ospringe

Fifty-six members and friends attended the Canterbury District's quarterly meeting, held at Ospringe on April 28th. These came from 11 towers in the District, with visitors from East Farleigh and Brenchley, while another from Hildenborough slipped in to grab the tower.

The church, with a pleasing ring of eight, is set in equally pleasant surroundings, and has an unusual approach, via 'Water Lane,' which literally lives up to its name, as a stream runs along part of it and then disappears under the houses. A notice board asks motorists to drive slowly to avoid splashing the pavement.

After ringing during the afternoon, a service was held in the church, this being conducted by the recently inducted Vicar, Rev. M. G. Gilbert; Mr. G. Milgate was organist and Mr. J. A. Russell read the lesson.

Tea was taken in the Church Room, where all enjoyed a really good first attempt at catering in larger proportions by Mrs. E. T. Eades and Mrs. F. C. Farnsworth.

At the business meeting, Miss Molly Thursby, of Walmer, was elected a member. Selling was unanimously voted as the place of the next quarterly meeting. Ringwould outvoted Hernhill for a by-meeting previous.

ISLE OF WIGHT RINGING TOUR

Most people have made early starts for tours but not many can have set out earlier than eight ringers from the Bristol and Bridgwater areas, who met at Long Ashton at 3 a.m. on April 7th to go to the Isle of Wight. Everything went according to plan, and breakfast, which had been booked for 8 a.m. at a conveniently situated hotel in Yarmouth, was welcomed enthusiastically.

Ringing got off to a good start at Freshwater (tenor 18½ cwt.), a fine six, where we had a very warm welcome from the three local ringers. On our way from here to Shorwell the 'experts' inspected the ring of five at Brightstone where, we had been told, two of the five bells were out of order. The Vicar met us at Shorwell and took us on a conducted tour of the church—which we enjoyed more than the bells. After an excellent sandwich lunch we moved to Niton, a lovely little five, where the standard of striking was very good, which 'compensated' a bit for that at Whitwell (6, 7 cwt.) where it was only average.

It was generally agreed that the finest bells on the island are at Godshill (6, 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.), where we were met by Mr. L. Bailey. The bells were kept going almost continuously to various Minor methods and Stedman so that everyone could have a 'good ring.'

After a filling cooked tea at Brading we rang at two eight-bell towers, Brading itself and Carisbrooke. At Brading, after some initial difficulty with the chiming apparatus, we enjoyed touches of Stedman Triples and the first part of Parker's 12-part. We were met at Carisbrooke by Mr. and Mrs. Guy and several other local ringers and we enjoyed about an hour's ringing on this fine-toned eight.

Everyone had a good night's sleep—well earned, we thought—and after an excellent breakfast we rang for Matins at Newport. These bells, as we had been warned, are almost inaudible in the ringing chamber, so much so that the most appalling striking could pass almost unnoticed. Assisted by Mr. Jackson, we rang for the children's service at Ryde. This concluded 'official' ringing and it remained only for us to drive back to Yarmouth for tea and the ferry. We were fortunate enough, however, to have a ring at Lyndhurst for evening service.

Thanks are accorded to Michael for making the arrangements, and Mrs. Guy who gave considerable help locally and arranged such excellent accommodation. M. E. F.

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OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT NORTH

An esteemed member of the Yorkshire Association since 1910, Mr. Alfred North, of Mirfield, passed away on Thursday, May 10th, aged 84 years. During his long association with ringing he had rung 17 peals, of which he had conducted two.

The funeral service was on May 14th, interment being in St. Mary's Churchyard. Handbells were rung at the graveside and St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A New Band Welcomed

A fine day brought a large attendance at the Salisbury Branch meeting on April 21st at Compton Chamberlayne: 37 members of the Branch, and visitors from—one might almost say—as far afield as Coventry (A. E. Stote), St. Martha's, Korea (P. Minchin), and Durban (P. Cahill). The Church of St. Michael overlooks the grounds and lake of Compton House, once the seat of Colonel Penruddock, a Royalist leader who lost his life in an attempted rising during the Commonwealth, and its whole setting is most attractive.

The 'ringing room' is the porch of the church, and the ring of six was kept going in rounds, call changes, standard methods and Cambridge during the afternoon until the service. The Rev. L. D. Griffith, of Barford St. Martin, conducted the service, and gave an address which showed he had done much research into the history of bells; Miss E. Ball, of St. Paul's, Salisbury, was the organist.

After tea in the Village Hall, Mr. Griffith took the chair at the business meeting, the Branch chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles, being unavoidably absent. The secretary reported, amongst other things, the dedication by the Bishop of Salisbury on Easter Tuesday of the plaque and peal board at Damerham, in memory of the Rev. H. W. Moule, Vicar for 30 years, who died in 1953; as the inscription on the plaque tells: 'He taught many to ring.' Miss Ann Sweeney, now of Sarum St. Thomas, was elected a member, and perhaps the most notable event of the meeting was the election of eight members, the entire band, from Enford. Mr. F. W. T. Phillimore has built up this company and they have taught themselves to ring Doubles and Minor, in the short space of 18 months. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rectors of Fovant and Compton Chamberlayne, and of Barford St. Martin, and to Mrs. Avery who had so ably coped with the large number for tea.

Ringing continued during the evening at St. George's, Fovant (5), and St. Margaret's, Barford St. Martin (6).

Devizes Branch

The May meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Upavon, was favoured with grand sunshine. Some 25 members attended to ring on this lovely six, with village and church set in the midst of Salisbury Plain. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was served in the Village Hall. A special welcome was given to Mr. H. Prout—his first meeting since his long illness. Mr. Prout expressed his pleasure at ringing again with old friends, but said that he had to go steady. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the ladies for the tea. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

S. R.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. Frederick Sharpe Again at Annual Competition

The annual competition of the Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr, Cardiganshire, on May 12th. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon D. H. Lloyd, was at the church to receive the secretary, Mr. Chris. Hawkins, and the adjudicator, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, and his company of lady handbell ringers from Launton, Bicester, Oxford.

Four teams entered the competition, namely Carmarthen, Tenby, Llanelly and Llanbadarn Fawr, and by 4.10 p.m. the competition was over.

After tea, the Vicar kindly presided at the meeting, and extended a very hearty welcome to the members of the Guild. Then came the big moment when Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the adjudicator, rose to give his findings on the competition. After pointing out all the faults of each band he awarded the Dr. Prosser Shield to Llanbadarn Fawr, with Tenby 2nd, Llanelly 3rd, Carmarthen 4th. The shield and certificates were then presented to the winning bands by the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Lloyd.

Then came the highlight of the day, with Mr. Frederick Sharpe and the Launton Bicester handbell ringers giving a grand display of tunes and hymns on the handbells, while the members sang the hymns as well. This was greatly appreciated and members would have sat down for hours listening to the handbells.

We regarded it as a great honour to have Mrs. Sharpe and Mr. and Mrs. Steeples, not forgetting Elizabeth and all the other ladies at the meeting, thus making the competition a memorable one. We should like to express our thanks.

The meeting was brought to a close by a very hearty vote of thanks by Councillor Mr. R. E. Davies, of Burry Port, seconded by Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen, the Master. The Vicar then said the prayers, and members made tracks for home after a most wonderful and lovely day.

C. H.

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DEATH

NORTH.—At Mirfield, Yorkshire, on Thursday, May 10th, 1956, Albert North, aged 84 years. Interred St. Mary's Churchyard, Mirfield, on May 14th. 8322

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MEETINGS

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Osmaston, May 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Trent bus No. 31. Special methods: Walkworth Surprise and St. Clement's Minor. All welcome.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8282

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8298

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 26th, at Bourn. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8319

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Meeting at Bromesberrow (6), May 26th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Minchin, The Lodge, Bromesberrow, near Ledbury Service 4.15. Tea 5. 8276

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Cranleigh (8) on Saturday, May 26th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, Joint Dis. Secs. 8313

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Leighton, May 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. After tea, Welshpool bells (8). Teas, G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8283

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Walkern, May 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Surfleet Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis Sec. 8277

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please bring your own tea. Village Hall not available.—R. J. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8256

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Ashford (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 8262

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SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District.—Meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.—R. J. Seabrook.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, May 26th. Let's see some old faces, please—and some new ones!—H. Reynolds, Sec. 8279

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual joint meeting, Doncaster, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall. New reports now available. All welcome. 8309

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, June 2nd, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 8343

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Turvey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hilson, The Post Office, Turvey.—Miss Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 8338

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Bryher, London Road, Frodsham. 8323

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Districts' meeting at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 2nd, 1956. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 31st to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8340

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch. —Saturday, June 2nd, Emmanuel, Clifton (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 8318

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Carter, Broad Street, Littledean, Glos.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 8346

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6), June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 8349

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Goudhurst, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8287

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LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Alford on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 29th, to Mrs. J. J. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincs. 8300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Ribchester, June 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, June 2nd. Refreshments provided. Buses from Preston, Southport and Liverpool.—L. Walmsley. 8352

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Halsall, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. A. Mawdsley, The Post Office, Summerwood Lane, Halsall, near Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard. 8332

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Marchington on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to be received not later than Wednesday, May 30th, to W. H. Appleby, The Rise, Marchington, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8351

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Rhyl on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Please notify for tea by Tuesday previous. — W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8324

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by May 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8301

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 8350

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Chirton (5), June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea: names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8339

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Cup contest and meeting at Clowne on June 2nd at 3 p.m. Names for tea without fail by Thursday, May 31st, to Rev. F. J. Brabyn, The Rectory, Clowne, Chesterfield.—J. S. Seager. 8333

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (bring own eats—cups of tea provided) and service.—B. C. Sadler. 8328

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 8281

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8312

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday, May 28th. All welcome.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 8316

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham, June 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8327

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield six-bell contest at Penistone on June 9th. Entrance fee 10s. All entries to reach me not later than June 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8308

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Catering by local ladies—extra support, please. Names by June 5th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8334

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting at Castle Hedingham (6) on June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 8337

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Newdigate, June 9th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at The Six Bells. Number for tea by June 6th to E. Vine, 39, Winfield Grove, Newdigate. 8335

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore (8) on June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea *must* reach Mrs. L. K. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore, by Tuesday, June 5th. 8336

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Elsham (6), June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 6th to Rev. D. N. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 8329

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Heydon, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 5th inst., to Mrs. Horrocks, The Earle Arms, Heydon. 8327

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 8347

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at High Ercall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, June 6th. 8353

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by 5th to Mrs. Rigby, Forest House Café, Edwinstowe, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 8354

THE LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 8330

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 8344

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Twelve bells.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 8299

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual general meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, July 7th. Further details later.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8345

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Rung at St. Peter Mancroft, April 2nd, 1956.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, J. Hurrell 2, Miss B. Slark 3, K. Small 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, F. Hurrell 7, G. Hurrell 8. For Ascensiontide Evensong.

GRAVENHURST, BEDS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 April Day Doubles: I. Pett 1, T. P. Harris 2, R. A. Ward 3, P. Newing 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5. Rung for St. George's Day, also as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. J. A. Benton).

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Melton 1, J. Morley 2, K. G. Brown 3, L. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, H. King 6. Rung silent. Umpire, L. Pierce. A birthday compliment to Miss Alice Lester, of Needham Market.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Waples 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, R. J. Picton (first as cond.) 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. Barker 5, R. Baker (first quarter) 6.

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LEICESTER, 1956

THE main impression of the Central Council meeting at Leicester was that it was a happy conference. True, there were differences of opinion; no big gathering of ringers would have complete unanimity; but the atmosphere was one of determination to advance the Exercise. Above all, there was a recognition that ringing was not merely a pastime or a healthy recreation that disciplines a man's or woman's physical and mental faculties, but when performed in conjunction with Sunday service ringing is an act of worship. For this we have the authority of the Bishop of Leicester. The ringing that precedes a service is not only a summons to worship but a part of the worship, he maintained. Ringers at times have differed on this point, but the endorsement of the Bishop on this matter is heartening and an encouragement to all to make Sunday service ringing something very different from a practice or a peal attempt—an offering to the Highest given with all our best skill. And this worship is not in the method but the perfection of the performance.

This thought seemed to dovetail into the afternoon's debate arising from Miss Marie R. Cross' notice of motion dealing with the reprinting of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners.' Miss Cross carried the Council in her desire that not only should there be a complete revision, but a section should be incorporated of special use to beginners. Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson has been appointed to the sub-committee entrusted with the revision. He prepared a little booklet for his own beginners and it proved so popular that in two or three years he has disposed of between 2,000 and 3,000 copies. Although the demand was good he lost money on it, and is not prepared to face the costs of a new personal publication. At the present time the Central Council has only one booklet for beginners—'Village Bells'—a popular production which was commended by speakers with teaching experience. The idea is not to compete with the standard text books in the Jasper Snowdon series, or 'The Ringers' Handbook,' by the late Rev. E. S. Powell, but something inexpensive to whet the beginner's appetite. One of the pleasing features for the future of ringing is the increased interest on the part of H.M. Inspector of Education in ringing, both on handbells and on tower bells, as an evening institute activity. Experiments are being conducted in Yorkshire and other parts of the country. Simple text books, both for change ringing and tune ringing, are required; and while the latter is perhaps outside the purview of the Central Council, we know of many bands of change ringers who are first-class exponents. Literature on the subject is badly needed.

There are, however, other publications in the offing which might be confidently expected in the next 12 months. The Central Council librarian is anxious for a new edition of 'Minor Methods' and a new edition of 'Triples Methods,' and the Methods Committee are enthusiastic about 'delivering the goods.' There is plenty of new material to be incorporated, including Spliced Minor and various Triples methods at present unnamed and probably never attempted. The final manuscript of the Council's handbook is now ready for the printers. This is an urgent necessity. It is a deplorable fact that in view of the intricacy of our art there is no printed copy of the Council's Rules and Decisions available, and the appropriate back number of 'The Ringing World' is the only guide. Fortunately the Council is in a position to face the initial cost of publications. On December 31st the Council had £1,600 in investments and also a substantial cash balance which more than covered existing liabilities. Since then the Council has received a bequest of £815 from the will of the late Mr. Clement Glenn.

The Council's most difficult child is 'The Ringing World.' With the increase of price to 6d., and by exercising stringent economies, 'The Ringing World' profit and loss account showed a credit on the right side of £1,049, which included £217 in donations. Within the last six weeks the position has changed completely with the new award of wages in the printing industry, and other factors that have to be met. To ensure the solvency of the paper additional revenue has to be found. This is being met by a slight increase in charges for notices and advertisements, and the hope that those who ring peals and quarter peals will make a voluntary donation when submitting their reports. The committee are strongly against an increase in price. We want a circulation fillip, and this will not be forthcoming if the selling price goes beyond sixpence. The position of 'The Ringing World' will be elaborated in a later editorial.

Another important step taken at Leicester was the paving of the way for a new president. A nomination in favour of Mr. Frederick Sharpe for this office will be presented to the 1957 Council meeting at Chelmsford. A new office is also to be introduced, that of vice-president, and the name of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is to be submitted. This does not preclude other nominations being submitted for these offices, but the names mentioned have the support of the Standing Committee.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

John E. Allen	*Treble*	H. Leslie Pask	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	George H. Randles	8
Jack Bray	3	Herbert Lowman	9
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	John Walden	10
Archer T. Lowman	5	John Freeman	11
Donovan R. White	6	Raymond F. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung to celebrate Mr. John Walder's 50 years' membership of the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Being 2,160 of Belgrave and 2,880 of Yorkshire, with 30 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

*Doreen Dutton	*Treble*	*John A. Acres	7
*Michael D. Staniforth	2	S. Anthony Jesson	8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3	*Ernest Morris	9
*Philip A. Corby	4	‡Terence A. Thornber	10
†Peter J. Staniforth	5	Herrick B. Bowley	11
‡Shirley Burton	6	‡William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Poole. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First of Spliced Maximus. † 500th peal. ‡ First of Spliced Maximus in two methods.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alkmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Frederick W. Stone	*Treble*	William Lancaster	6
Jack Bailey	2	Alfred Mould	7
Francis R. Lowe	3	Albert E. Thompson	8
*George H. Paulson	4	*Benjamin Barker	9
†Denis R. Carlisle	5	Gordon A. Halls	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Jack Bailey.
* First peal on ten bells. † 200th peal.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Gillian, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Whitaker, of Derby.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., May 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Containing 1,960 changes of Plain and 3,056 of Little Bob, with 172 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt 38 lb in E flat.

L. Edward Etheridge	*Treble*	Stanley W. Copling	6
*E. Charles Goodman	2	George Sayer	7
H. William Barrett	3	Arthur G. Bason	8
*Ernest Whiting	4	Bert Gogle	9
*Clifford Bird	5	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Spliced Royal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*Jill Tombs	*Treble*	*John Slater	6
Sidney T. Holt	2	Allen Morgan	7
Reginald Woodyatt	3	Frederick G. Beddow	8
Denis R. Morris	4	John N. Lindon	9
John F. Butler	5	Frederick C. Pugh	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by R. Woodyatt.
* First peal on ten bells.
An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Thomas.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 41¾ cwt.

Sidney Hough, jun.	*Treble*	*William A. Smith	6
M. Jillian Brierley	2	*Alexander Richardson	7
Roger Leigh	3	*Neil D. Lomas	8
*Kenneth W. Mackintosh	4	*Ivor R. Nicholls	9
†Brian J. Woodruffe	5	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First of Royal. The conductor's 100th peal. Mr. Ivor Nicholls has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	John Worth	6
*Harold Lonyon	2	Alan J. Brown	7
Basil Jones	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
John E. Bibby	4	Peter Laflin	9
James Fernley	5	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Rung in memoriam George Holbrook, a ringer at the above church for many years.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew, Roker,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*E. Alan Rawlinson	*Treble*	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
*Robin G. Leale	2	*A. Neville Brown	7
Charles McGuiness	3	*Brian Harris	8
Denis A. Bayles	4	Eric N. Harrison	9
*†Kenneth Lawson	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgeley. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 25th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt. in D. flat.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	W. Norman Park	6
Richard F. B. Speed	2	Frank E. Haynes	7
Philip A. Corby	3	Thomas J. Lock	8
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Thomas E. Sone	5	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 1,408 Bristol, and 768 London, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

William B. Cartwright	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	5
John Pinfold	2	*David Beacham	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
Sidney T. Holt	4	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung in the Octave of Ascension Day.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Philip N. Tubbs	*Treble*	William T. Godfrey	5
Herbert A. Mitchell	2	Michael J. Best	6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	Frank L. Harris	7
Kathleen E. Fletcher	4	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Rev. P. T. Robbins	*Treble*	G. Arthur Bell	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	A. Edward Reeves	6
Rev. F. F. Rigby	3	Frank Reynolds	7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	David Vincent	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
Rung for the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

John Hall	*Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison	5
Frank Lord	2	Jack Bray	6
Arthur Tomlinson	3	Harry Hall	7
Ronald Chafer	4	George E. Feirn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 BILLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in A.

Bernard H. Dalton	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	6
Denis A. Frith	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Gwen I. Rusby	4	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
The first peal in this method.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Stanley G. Ponting	*Treble*	Maxwell F. Oakshett	5
Robert Collins	2	Bernard V. Collison	6
Hilda Oakshett	3	Allison Purdom	7
Frederick J. Lambert	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Thomas Cullingworth	5
Philip A. Corby	2	John M. Jelley	6
A. Patrick Cannon	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Frederick E. Dukes	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
300th peal as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Peter Hurcombe	*Treble*	Doris M. Killingley	5
*Peter Clarkson	2	William Richings	6
Thomas Newman	3	Thomas Boreham	7
G. Leonard Hewitt	4	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. Heywood. Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Major.

BILLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE
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Second place lead-end. Fourths place bob.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

Susan Jackson (Girton)	*Treble*	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	5
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	3	G. C. Galley (Queens')	7
J. D. Painter (Caius)	4	F. B. Cookson (St. John's)	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Non-conducted.
First non-conducted tower-bell peal by the Guild.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. P. K. Williamson and Miss Gillian A. Smith.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Maurice T. Symonds	*Treble*	Allen W. Cansdale	5
Rosemary Seabrooke	2	Ralph Bird	6
Robert Lester	3	Samuel J. Twitchett	7
Stedman H. Symonds	4	Thomas Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard B. Speed. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
This composition contains the minimum 8-2s.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 25 cwt.

Walter H. Poole	*Treble*	George E. Prescott	5
James E. Looker	2	William G. Gigg	6
Henry G. Keeley	3	Harry J. Gaylard	7
Gordon Gaylard	4	Albert W. Dyre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry J. Gaylard.
A birthday compliment to Gordon Gaylard.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Lewis F. Cobb	*Treble*	†Michael J. Best	5
Nelia M. Leahy	2	†Charles H. Kippin	6
Adrian J. Tumber	3	†Maurice J. Butler	7
Robert C. Kippin	4	J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Warwickshire. Mr. Michael Best's 100th peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Jennifer M. Highley	*Treble*	Frederick J. Cullum	5
Peter F. Borer	2	George Kenward	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	George J. Butcher	7
Harry Springate	4	Frederick A. Mitchell	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal.
Arranged and rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower.

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WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 WEM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	HARRY HOWARD	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method, C.C.C. Major methods No. 370 and composition No. 2 group D.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, and Robert Griffiths, son of the conductor.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
RALPH BIRD	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	‡GEORGE KENWARD	7
†‡ALBERT J. DUNK	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. 33). Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HANBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. TURNER	*Treble*	*NIGEL BRIDGES	4
LOTTIE R. PIMM	2	*PETER R. COVENEY	5
HARRY P. FLOYD	3	*ALBERT W. FRANKLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY P. FLOYD.
* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3
CHARLES A. BASSETT	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
		WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. COLE	*Treble*	JOHN H. GOULD	4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	ROY DUESBURY	5
FELIX H. ERITH	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal.

SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID CROSBY	*Treble*	*JOHN M. BLAIKIE	4
*HARRY DOVE	2	*H. WALTER COX	5
*JOHN B. NICHOLSON	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal. Rung at first attempt.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
GEORGE A. WALKER	2	ARTHUR YARROW	5
*JOYCE P. LANT	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.
* First peal.
The ringers of the second and tenor have now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Netherseale, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	4
WALTER AYRE	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in 12 methods.
Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of St. Benedict's Church, Bennett's End, the Daughter Church of St. Mary's, by Sir Malcolm Trustram Eve, Bt., First Church Estates Commissioner, on Saturday, May 12th.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of St. Clement's, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's each of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

GEORGE FRANCIS	*Treble*	*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
*JOAN N. PHILLIPS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor in four methods.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*RONALD A. BERRY	*Treble*	†ROY HORNBY	4
*FREDERICK K. COOKE	2	†BENJAMIN G. BURTON	5
†ALFRED LIVINGS	3	*CHARLES A. PAWSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN G. BURTON.
* First peal. † First peal for Hertford County Association. First peal ever rung in this tower.
Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the fourth who is leaving for service in Germany.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Norfolk, Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in D.

CHARLES BLACK	*Treble*	*THOMAS COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	ALBERT SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	LEONARD BLANCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WADE.
* 60th peal.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and one Morris' 240. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RUTH HIGHLEY	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
†MARY R. ANDREWS	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
†IAN H. ORAM	3	*RONALD C. BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal. † First peal in four Doubles methods.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. *Treble*	EDWARD J. BOFFEY 4
GEORGE A. PACKER 2	*JOHN E. BROUGH 5
†HERBERT SUTTON 3	*JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside' in the method. E. J. Boffey (fourth) has now 'completed the circle' of the tower.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and 2,160 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS .. .. *Treble*	MRS. LESLIE MILLS 4
MARIAN H. MILLS 2	LESLIE D. MILLS 5
MICHAEL A. MILLS 3	DONALD L. MILLS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pipe, who were married at Bedfield, Suffolk, on May 12th. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Hynard, of Bures.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and one 240 Grandsire (Morris's Arrangement). Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

PERCY AMOS .. .. .. *Treble*	*ALAN J. FROST 3
GEORGE F. ROOME 2	DAVID W. JAMES 4
ALAN C. COZENS .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the 60th anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

CAISTOR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD THOMPSON .. .. *Treble*	PETER MASON 4
AMOS INGALL 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal of Plain Bob. First peal on the bells.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Stedman, 20 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEORGE TALBOT .. .. *Treble*	†E. JOHN WELLS 3
*EUNICE A. HILEY 2	*EILEEN M. TURNER 4
*ROY COLLINS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in three doubles methods. † 100th peal.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford, two extents of Single Court and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. MARSH .. .. *Treble*	F. FRENCH 4
A. SCOTT 2	B. BOYFIELD 5
CECIL WADE 3	L. BLANCHARD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Neville Whitney, captain of this tower, to Elizabeth Mary Browing, at Yaverland Parish Church, Isle of Wight, on March 31st, 1956.



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ACLE, NORFOLK.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Bradford (first quarter at first attempt) 1, B. Willgress 2, Doris E. Lidbetter 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5, May Lidbetter 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June A. Grieveson 1, Pamela R. Gough (first in method 'inside') 2, Diana M. Gough 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. L. H. Yorke) on his birthday.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. North 2, Miss M. Alderman (first of Stedman) 3, G. Gammon 4, D. T. North 5, J. Smith 6. For Ascension Day.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, W. Girling 3, R. E. Lester 4, A. E. J. Lester (first as cond.) 5, J. J. Prentice 6. For Evensong.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane E. Langton 1, B. E. Matthews 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. Newman (first of Doubles) 4, H. Wood 5, R. A. Brown 6. First local quarter since the war. Rung for Evensong.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On May 22nd, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Brown 1, F. Dewey 2, S. Jessop 3, A. H. Bennett 4, R. Brown 5, F. Leggott 6, A. B. Dawson 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8, J. Petch 9, T. Freeston 10. Rung as a compliment to the new Mayor (Councillor Mrs. B. M. Roe).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. North 1, W. C. Hart 2, Miss R. K. How 3, A. W. Bond 4, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 5, A. S. Carter 6, J. Riddleston 7, S. E. Armstrong 8, F. Page 9, W. A. Riddington 10. First quarter of Royal for 1 and 7. Rung for Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Stebbings 1, E. Rouse 2, D. Sims 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Minor (extents of London and Norwich Surprise): S. Twitchett 1, Miss M. Mills 2, M. Mills 3, Miss R. Seabrook 4, T. Bird 5, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6. First in the methods for 2 and 3. Rung after a peal failure.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On May 10th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Culley 1, Mrs. D. Parsons 2, J. Parsons 3, J. Romain 4, W. Mortimer 5, W. Bevean 6, S. Grant (cond.) 7, H. Sturgess 8. First of Triples for 3 and 6. For Ascension Day.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Cockman 1, D. J. F. Oakshott 2, G. F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Parrott 4, N. Webb 5, Cherie Payne 6, A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. J. P. Lant 1, S. Shipp (cond.) 2, D. E. R. Knights 3, L. Norfolk 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. For morning service.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): C. Hinton 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Batchelor, senior member of this band.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Cruttenden 1, E. F. Packham 2, F. Godsmark 3, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. Lish, a member of the local band for many years, and father of Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden; also of J. Lish, his brother, of Worthing, a former member at Henfield, who passed away the previous week.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hazell (13, first of Minor) 1, W. Woodward 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, K. Seymour (cond.) 5, R. Wright 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Edwards 1, F. Absolom (cond.) 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulkner 5, E. Morris 6. Rung for the birthday of the tenor ringer.

LYMPSHAM, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant 1, M. Stone 2, C. T. Clarke 3, P. Cox 4, R. D. Short 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. The conductor's 1,200th tower.

QUARTER PEALS

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral on Whit Sunday, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: G. R. Parker 1, Gwen T. Rusby 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, G. Paul 4, J. Walden 5, D. R. White 6, H. Lowman 7, W. Tomlinson 8, G. H. Randles 9, R. F. Smith 10, H. L. Pask 11, J. Freeman 12. Longest length of Treble 12 by all the band. For morning service.

NORTON, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. A. Farmer 1, D. W. Beard (cond.) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, I. Goulter 4, Miss V. Willard 5, E. T. Newbury 6, C. A. Wratten 7, R. G. Corby 8. First of Superlative for 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (being 720 Cambridge and 720 Norwich): W. Warner 1, B. Barber 2, G. Walpole 3, S. Copling 4, J. Forder 5, E. Long (cond.) 6. For evening service.

OXFORD.—On May 13th, at New College, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss E. M. T. Powell 1, D. H. Niblett 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, C. Taylor 4, D. J. Roaf 5, W. H. Jackson (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 6, F. A. Barrett 7, P. R. Sanders 8, Major J. H. R. Freeborn 9, A. C. Pugh 10. First of Stedman Caters for 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10.

POUNDSTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stacey 1, B. Bissett 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohn 4, R. M. Stubbs 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. First quarter on the bells.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, G. Sandwell 3, D. Fraser 4, J. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, B. Howard 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Rung for the dedication, by the Bishop of Chelmsford, of the new Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Green 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Miss R. Jarrett 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. J. Webb 5, A. T. Poulton 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. L. Quartermain 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2 and 3. Rung in honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan Chaddock 1, Miss E. Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, H. Woodall 5, G. S. Lee 6, F. Fisher 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Arthur Frith, of this company, who passed away suddenly on the previous Sunday in his 53rd year.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Bishop (first of Minor) 1, D. Sawyer (first of Minor) 2, R. Brewin 3, R. Wilmore 4, B. S. Payne 5, G. M. Brewin (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. M. Payne, of Syston.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beard 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, H. Meek 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. G. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Morgan.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On April 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. W. Lake 1, S. Ashton 2, L. Runnacles 3, A. C. Harris 4, R. Head 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,290 St. Clement's Bob Triples: T. Barton 1, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 2, Miss E. Wyles 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. Kenward 5, W. S. Palin 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, L. E. Dobbie 8. First in method by all. Rung for Rogationtide, also a wedding compliment to Brenda Harris and Frank E. Fagg, married the previous day at Milton Regis; both are local ringers.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sweet 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bowa 6. Rung before Evensong on Whit Sunday.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Exwood 1, Miss R. Carey 2, Miss I. Inman (first of Triples) 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, M. V. White (first of Triples) 5, R. E. Finch (first of Triples as cond.) 6, D. C. Jackson 7, P. Jones (first of Triples) 8. First quarter of Triples for the Guild. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild on the eve of the University's Commemoration Day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bowden 1, B. Edwards 2, C. Aldridge (first of Triples 'inside') 3, N. Tomlinson 4, S. Wade (cond.) 5, S. G. Peck 6, R. G. Cross 7, J. Perrett (first quarter) 8. Rung for Festal Evensong on the even of the Ascension, and to mark the fifth anniversary of the institution and induction of the Vicar.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, T. Wyatt 3, J. A. Hales 4, E. D. Smith 5, P. J. Hutchings 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong. Birthday congratulations to John Hales.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on May 13th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of Treble Bob for 1, 2, 3 and 5. By the Sunday service band.

STEEP, HANTS.—On May 20th, 480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. C. M. Mainland (17, first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, Miss E. M. Slater (17) 3, R. A. Routh 4, N. Edwards (18, cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Roberts 6. For morning service.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's): Miss L. Holmes (first quarter) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, W. R. Read (cond.) 3, B. Hunt 4, D. A. Frith 5.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Lester (first of Major as cond.) 1, L. Foster 2, W. Girling (first of Major) 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, W. B. Duncan 5, J. B. Morley 6, C. Snowden 7, O. G. Barnard 8. For Confirmation service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 20th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Euston 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, T. Welbourne 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Rea 5, A. Lewry 6, J. Chapman (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Horton 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Diana M. Gough 3, B. W. Farhall 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A.) by three members of his present parish and three members of his former parish at Aldrington.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Mills 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills (first 'inside') 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. Mills 6. Rung for Evensong on Whit Sunday, also to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Hayes 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, E. E. Holman 4, D. Hewitt 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for the visitation of the Archdeacon.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church, on May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Talbot 1, J. Rea 2, C. Nichols 3, J. Hawkins 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Lewry (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung after nearly 17 years' silence. The Lord Bishop of Kingston, in the presence of the Mayor of Wandsworth, rededicated and blessed the tower.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Union Doubles: O. Pole 1, M. Stone 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Dyment 6. First in the method by all and on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. Also 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, R. J. Carlton 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, D. Staples 6. For Evensong.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dorking (first quarter) 1, B. Crook 2, Miss S. Rudkin (first 'inside') 3, E. Bright 4, W. S. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. For evening service.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Lewis (first quarter) 1, E. Hill 2, Angela Kitto (first 'inside') 3, B. J. Coggins 4, L. T. Oliffe (cond.) 5, D. J. Smith 6. For Evensong.

OUTINGS

NORTH SOMERSET RINGERS

Eight North Somerset ringers had an outing to Windsor on April 21st, ringing en route at Andover and Basingstoke Parish Churches. A quarter of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's, Windsor, and later through the introduction of Mr. A. J. Glass, the Curfew Tower bells.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

The ringers and friends of St. Margaret's, Leicester, had, on May 12th, one of their best outings. Leaving Leicester at 8 a.m. a brief halt was made at Stratford-on-Avon, thence to Stroud, Glos, where the Vicar had—at very short notice— granted permission for half an hour's ringing.

Then on to Bristol, where at St. Stephen-the-Martyr good touches in various methods were rung from 2 to 3 p.m. 'Uncle' Ernest recalled his previous visit in January, 1927, when he rang the 9th here to a peal of Stedman Caters called by Mr. A. E. Reeves. Down the street we went to Christ Church, where the ten bells were rung and a good half-course of Cambridge Surprise Royal brought round. Thence to the 'highlight' of the day—St. Mary Redcliffe—with its magnificent ring of 12 (tenor 50¾ cwt.) and a flat 6th. After raising the back ten in peal a short touch of Grandsire Caters for 'the girls,' a well-struck half-course of Cambridge Royal and a course of Double Norwich (on the back eight) were successfully rung. Ringing concluded with a course of Stedman Cinques and a good 'fall.'

The journey home was interrupted for a visit to Bourton-on-the-Water to see the model village, and home was reached at midnight.

E. M.

JOINT MEETING AT ASHBRITTLE

The 1956 joint meeting of the Taunton Deanery and the North-Eastern Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held on May 5th at Ashbrittle and attended by representatives from 14 different towers. A Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Ralph-Bowman), who also took the chair at the business meeting.

Amongst those present at the meeting was Prebendary E. V. Cox and Mr. W. Ware (secretary, N.E. Branch, Devon Guild). During the ensuing business the chairman congratulated the Ashbrittle tower on completing 21 years' membership of the Bath and Wells Association; also Mr. Stanley Bristow, one of the original members of the tower, on his having recently rung his 50th peal for the Association. The first peal by the local band was rung on November 23rd, 1935.

Four new members were elected (all from the local tower) and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Hilverton in September, subject to the incumbent's permission.

The Branch's representative on the General Committee informed the meeting that the Association had made Mr. J. Pugsley an honorary life member, to mark his long service to the Association, also that he hoped by the next meeting the proposed new rules for the Association would be available for the members to discuss and propose any further amendments.

The meeting closed with Mr. A. W. Hayward voicing the thanks of the meeting to all who had contributed to its success.

F. W. S.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual report of the Reading University Society, presented at the A.G.M. held on May 10th, stated that the Society had had a good year. Practising as a band at St. Giles' had helped the ringing immensely, and the Society had maintained Sunday service ringing at St. Giles' as well as helping at St. Laurence's.

Eight ringing meetings were held during the year, ringing at which ranged from Treble Bob to rounds. Two joint meetings have been held with Oxford and Southampton Universities. Three members have rung their first peals, and several more have rung first quarters. The Society lost two quarters, but two 'end of term' quarters have been rung with help.

The officers elected at the meeting were: Master, Miss Jean Dawson; secretary, Mr. John White; treasurer, Mr. John Coates.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The rehung bells of Warmley Parish Church were put to good use on May 5th, when the Bristol Rural and Bristol City Branches held a combined meeting. A service was conducted by Rev. L. Stevenson, Rector of Winterbourne.

About 50 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the nearby School Hall, and this was followed by a short business meeting, with Mr. T. T. Walters, Bristol Rural chairman, presiding.

Replying to the welcome to visitors, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst, the Bristol City chairman, thanked the Rural Branch for allowing his Branch to visit Warmley.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

How about a Central Council cup or certificate to be competed for annually and to be awarded to the local band of regular service ringers judged to be the best strikers, suggests a Hull reader. Contest could be at three levels —district, county or association and finals. Collective glorification would then be substituted for individual glorification.

Mr. Albert Walker received an invitation to come to London for the National Savings celebrations. He had the privilege of calling the service touch at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood had a memorable day of service ringing on Whit Sunday. He rang for two services at each of the following towers: St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

Who was the member of the Central Council who blotted his copy book by breaking a stay at Leicester during Whitsun? Were his protests that the stay must have been cracked before the unfortunate incident accepted by the rest of the company?

Shaftesbury, Dorset, Chamber of Trade had a complaint at their recent meeting, of church bells ringing at 6.30 a.m. at certain times of the year. The complaint emanated from a local hotelier, who was reminded that complaints might also be directed to the noise made by people leaving hostelries at 10 and 10.30 p.m., and waking up other people's children.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers had a spring weekend in Hertfordshire, starting on April 21st. Ringing took place at Great and Little Munden, Bennington, Aston and Kimpton. The night was spent at Whitwell Youth Hostel. For Sunday morning ringing the party divided, some going to Hitchin and others to King's Walden. It was a most enjoyable sunny weekend in a corner of rural England.

To celebrate Mr. John Walder completing 50 years as a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, peals of Stedman (his favourite method) were rung at Caythorpe, where he learned to ring, and at Lincoln Cathedral, where he is tower secretary. A wide circle of friends, we are sure, will wish to congratulate him.

The Rev. K. W. W. Felstead writes that the last peals rung at Elstree (page 308) and Rendcomb (page 309) were both in 1922.

Members of the Ladies' Guild attempted a peal of Cambridge Royal at Chilvers Coton on Whit Monday. It was unfortunately lost after two hours' ringing.

Using Thomas Hood's description of bells as 'music's laughter,' a ringer of experience writes entertainingly and instructively on bells in 'Pivot,' the excellent house magazine of Smiths of England.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, during their visit to Cornwall, were welcomed by the bells from the ancient Parish Church of Stokeclimsland. After inspecting the church the Duke spoke to the ten ringers, of whom the captain is Mr. Walter Rowe. At the Duke's request they gave a five minutes' demonstration of their art.

At the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Benedict, Bennett's End, Hemel Hempstead, Bob Major was rung on handbells and broadcast over the loudspeakers. The ringers were Miss P. A. Martin, G. Dodds, W. Ayre and D. E. Latchford. A tower with a ring of bells is contemplated in this church. A meeting of the Western District of the Herts County Association prevented a peal attempt on that day, but a peal in 12 Surprise methods was rung in the Mother Church at Apsley End the following Monday.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEICESTER

SERVICE RINGING AS WORSHIP — THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE — UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP — CLEMENT GLENN'S LEGACY OF £815 — 'THE RINGING WORLD' FINANCES — INCREASED CHARGES ABSORB PROFIT — PUBLICATION OF PEALS CHARGE AGAIN DEBATED

THERE was the second largest attendance at a Central Council meeting when the 27th Council (59th annual meeting) was held at the Council Chamber of Leicester Town Hall on Whit Tuesday. The cordiality of the welcome to Leicester made a deep impression upon all members. The Lord Bishop gave a very gracious message at the opening of the Council meeting and the Lord Mayor, in a homely manner, made members feel welcome at the close of the long proceedings.

Of the business transacted perhaps the most important was the preparations for the retirement next year of Mr. E. H. Lewis from the office of president. A nomination supported by the Standing Committee will be submitted in favour of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as his successor. The Council also felt that it was desirable to have a vice-president, and for this office the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow will be the official nomination.

The most disturbing thing arising from the reports of committees was the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee. The trading for 1955 resulted in a profit of £832 after disregarding donations, but the revised charges for printing introduced recently are so heavy that this favourable result will be nullified and new sources of revenue will be necessary.

THE BISHOP'S WELCOME

The Lord Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams), in a welcome to the Council to the Diocese of Leicester, said he felt that the Council had come to a good centre, where bell-ringing had a prominent place and was held in high honour.

'I am afraid to talk about bellringing,' said the Bishop, 'because it is a world where it is easy to drop a brick or a clanger. When I saw the film "Richard III." I did not realise all the mistakes in ringing until I read "The Ringing World."'

Ringers in Leicester owed much to the late ex-Inspector Harold Poole. The presence of this conference here was largely due to him, and during the week-end they had placed a plaque in the tower of Leicester Cathedral to the memory of the late ex-Police Inspector Harold Poole, a lay canon of the Cathedral and a prominent bellringer.

On a more cheerful subject, the Bishop said they had some good towers, which no doubt many of them had tried. He would like to mention one—St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. He was particularly interested in that tower because if it had not been for him that tower might not now be in being. When he came to Leicester there was a well-thought-out proposal for the demolition of that church. 'I do not know what would have happened to the bells if I had not found some excuses, other than the bells, for keeping the church. If that plan for closure had been approved I might have had the Central Council of Bellringers "hollering for my blood."'

They also had in Leicester in Mr. Morris, of St. Margaret's, a great exponent of the world of bells. He was an authority on the subject, and he saw from their journal he held the record of having more peals to his credit than any other living ringer.

They also had their foundry at Loughborough. They would realise that they had not come to a diocese where the art was not appreciated. He felt that bellringers had a very vital part to play in keeping a link between the church and the people. It was a national institution—an institution in which he thought that their English tradition was unique and it was something he hoped would long continue.

'I have to do a great deal of peace-making for you sometimes because it is not everybody who appreciates bells and ringing. I always try to do my best to keep the bells pealing and the people from squealing. I think the best way is to have as many people as possible taking part in ringing.'

BELLS: WORSHIP OF CHURCH

Wishing the Council and ringers every success in the coming year, the Bishop said the bells were the only part of the Church's worship that was heard by all the people, and when church-going was not so strong they could let people hear that very outward sound of worship. 'I hope you realise that your bells are part of the worship of God and not merely calling people to take part in worship.'

The Bishop then said prayers and pronounced his Blessing on the conference.

Mr. P. L. Taylor, as president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, also extended a welcome to the conference. He had already written a letter to Mr. Lewis, their president, to say how pleased they were that they were here.

It was 45 years since the Central Council was at Leicester and at that time his father was vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, from which the Leicester Guild was formed. Further, in 1911, 'The Ringing World' was started, and it was through Billy Wilson, of Leicester, that it started. There was a lot of talk about what was to happen to 'The Ringing World.' They all knew it was going strong, and Leicester had given a hand to keep it going. He welcomed them all to Leicester.

LEICESTER IN 1911

The president, on behalf of the Council, thanked Leicester for its welcome. He remembered being at Leicester in 1911, when they met in the old Moot Hall, and they were very glad to come back because they looked on Leicester as one of the big centres of change ringing for the past 200 years. About 200 years ago there was great rivalry between Leicester and Nottingham as to who should ring the first peal of Grandsire Caters. Leicester won by a few weeks.

The Lord Bishop mentioned the objection that some people had to ringing. He might say that one of the problems of the Central Council had been the modification of the sound of bells so that they should not be noisy to people living near the church. In that matter they had been very successful, but unfortunately there were churches who would not ask them for advice. Where they had asked them for advice they had been successful.

THE ATTENDANCE

Life members: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. A. B. Peck, J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. S. G. Coles, H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. B. F. Sims, S. Foskett.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, R. G. Corby.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. A. Mould, W. Robinson.

Devon Guild: Mr. E. F. Biffin.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. F. Ainsley, W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. Border, F. W. Lack.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, T. Boreham, W. B. Kynaston, F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. F. Moreton, G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. C. Bell, E. Edmondson, C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Cullingworth, T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E. Rowley, P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. T. J. Lock, R. F. B. Speed, E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Mr. R. B. Meadows, Mrs. P. C. Wright.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles, W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn, F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. H. Harding, W. C. West.

Scottish Association: Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. P. N. Bond, F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. W. Raithby, J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. G. Key, C. Wallater.

Surrey Association: Messrs. F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway, H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway, H. Stalham, L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Burnett, A. Carveth, Miss M. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles.

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Central Council—Continued

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. W. E. Critchley, P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris, S. F. Palmer.

University of London Society: Mr. D. N. Layton.

CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL

Tht hon. secretary reported that there were 54 Associations affiliated to the Council, having in all 150 members. There were 24 honorary members and seven life members, giving a total of 181. There were two vacancies among the representative members and six among the honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except from the East Derby and Notts Association.

NEW ASSOCIATION AFFILIATED

The hon. secretary said there had been an application from the University of London Society to affiliate. The Standing Committee considered the application and recommended that the application be granted.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed, and Mr. N. Chaddock seconded, that the application be granted. This was agreed to.

The president said the New South Wales Association were anxious to affiliate to the Council. If granted they would elect some representative member in this country who had knowledge of their country.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in proposing affiliation, said he thought it was the first overseas Association to be affiliated.

Mr. Leslie Morris seconded and the resolution was carried.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. D. Boreham, J. Bray, T. R. Butler, W. Cathrall, P. A. F. Chalk, G. H. Cross, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Francis, R. O. Fry, F. W. Goodfellow, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. G. J. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, H. S. Peacock, C. W. Roberts, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, B. D. Threlfall, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. J. J. Webb, J. Willis, J. R. Worrall and E. A. Young.

The hon. secretary said the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in his apology, wrote that he was leaving Kington Magna after 45 years.

The president said that Mr. Alex. Young was 91 that day and they were arranging that a telegram of congratulations and good wishes be sent to him from the Council.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented to the president: Messrs. B. W. Boswell, Southwell Diocesan Guild; A. Carveth, Truro Diocesan Guild; D. W. Layton, London University; A. J. Pitman, honorary; B. F. Sims, Bedfordshire; P. J. Staniforth, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The hon. secretary reported that the following honorary members retired but were eligible for re-election: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman. The Standing Committee recommended that they be re-elected and the six vacancies left in the meantime.

Mr. Leslie Morris proposed, and Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded, their election, and this was agreed to.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood when the following members of the Council who had died since the last meeting were remembered:—

J. Ashmole, Chester Diocesan Guild; W. H. L. Buckingham, St. James' Society and Middlesex Association, Rev. W. W. Covey-Crump, Ely Diocesan Association; Clement Glenn, Yorkshire Association and Southwell Diocesan Guild; Alfred W. Groves, Sussex County Association; S. J. Hughes, Dudley and District Association; John W. Jones, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; Walter E. Longman, Chester Diocesan Guild; J. Maddock, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; John C. Mitchell, honorary; Harold J. Poole, Midland County Association and Leicester Diocesan Guild; Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Truro Diocesan Association.

The president said Mr. Buckingham and Mr. Mitchell were the two surviving members who rang Holt's Original 'silent' on handbells rather more than 40 years ago. They also missed very much Mr. Jones, who was such a familiar figure at their Council meetings, and, last of all, it would be in their minds the sad loss of Mr. Harold J. Poole.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, as circulated to members, were accepted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is little of outstanding interest to report for the year under review. Perhaps the most interesting event was a bequest to the Council by the late Mr. Clement Glenn of the residue of his estate (about £800) for such purposes as may be thought fit.

Members will note the more encouraging results of 'The Ringing World' arising from the increased price of 6d. per copy, which made it possible for £800 to be invested at the end of the year in the then new 4 per cent. Defence Bond Issue. It must not, however, be thought that solvency in the future is assured. Disregarding donations, the profit of £832 represents little more than a two months' printing bill and is less than ¼d. per copy. The new postal rates from June 1st will cost an additional £112 this year if the present postal circulation of just over 2,000 copies per week is maintained.

Were it not once again for the kindness of Mr. Wilson and Miss Groves in undertaking the typing and duplicating work, it might well have been impossible this year for a number of reports to have been circulated before the meeting.

Finally my thanks are expressed to those who very kindly send copies of reports and other publications.

The hon. secretary moved the adoption of the report. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the report was agreed to.

THE ACCOUNTS

The income and expenditure account of the General Fund showed an excess of income over expenditure for 1954 of £50 1s 6d. Expenses were: Biography Committee £4 11s. 1d.; hon. secretary £7 9s. 2d.; Council meeting, Bristol, £1 5s.; stationery and printing £14 12s. 1d.; postage £6 1s.; telephone and telegrams £1 0s. 5d.; typewriter written off £3; bookcase written off £3; cheque book and bank charges 8s. 10d.; insurances £1 16s.; typing £1 1s.

The balance sheet of the General Fund showed cash at bank £176 2s. 9d.; with hon. librarian £53 0s. 5d.

The balance sheet of the Central Council gave its assets as follows:—Goodwill and blocks, 'Ringing World,' £200; library £10; bookcases £12 15s.; typewriter £15; stock of publications £323 7s. 8d. debtors £726 2s. 7d.; investments, Defence Bonds, £1,600; cash at bank and in hand £1,638.

The profit and loss account of 'The Ringing World' gave the following items of expenditure:—

To Woodbridge Press, printing £3,297 11s. 3d.; blocks £3 10s.; total £3,301 1s. 3d.

Editorial Office expenses £439 7s. 5d.; postal subscribers £861 14s. 1d.; accounts department £166 4s. 10d; miscellaneous expenses £9 15s. 4d.; audit fee £21; income tax on interest receivable £11 11s. 7d.; making a total of £4,810 14s. 6d.

Income was: Rolls Publishing Co. £2,312 11s. 8d.; postal subscribers £2,419 6s. 11d.; donations £217 4s. 5d.; advertisements £442 3s. 6d.; notices £416 2s. 11d.; sundry receipts £24 11s. 10d.; interest receivable on £800 3½ per cent. Defence Bonds £28 3s. 4d. The profit for the year was £1,049 10s. 1d.

The balance sheet of 'The Ringing World' gave Goodwill, blocks, etc., at cost £200; debtors £725 1s. 7d.; investments at cost £1,600; cash at bankers £1,407 17s. 7d. and in hand £1 2s. 11d., making a total of £1,409 0s. 6d.; amount due from General Fund £86 15s.

Upon the president's suggestion the accounts of 'The Ringing World' were considered with the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the accounts be adopted. The General Fund had been audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens. Members would have noticed that there was an excess of income over expenditure of £50. He hoped no one would feel that they were accumulating funds, as they would require a great deal of money for printing, such as the Council's handbook, which would have to be undertaken this year. The publications account had made a profit of £18 in spite of the payment of £20 for advertisements in 'The Ringing World.' He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded.

CLEMENT GLENN'S BEQUEST

The president said he would like to mention two matters. They would see from the secretary's report that they had a bequest from the late Clement Glenn. That money had been received from the solicitors and amounted to £815 15s. 5d. The money had been placed on deposit at ¾ per cent. and the Standing Committee had asked the officers of the Council to consider a good way of making use of that bequest. It was left to the Council to use as it thought best. There would be some sort of memorial stone to Clement Glenn and it was left to the secretary of the Council to contribute to the cost as he thought fit. Another thing that would come into the accounts next year was that the Standing Committee decided to send ten guineas to the Bow Restoration Fund.

The accounts were adopted.

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'RINGING WORLD' FACES NEW PROBLEM

The hon. secretary, in presenting the accounts of 'The Ringing World,' said on the income side members would notice that in 1955 there was an increase of over £500 from postal subscribers and a smaller increase from the Rolls Publishing Company. These were due to the increased price of the paper which followed from January 1st, 1955. Similarly, notices showed an increase because there was a further addition to the minimum charge for notices. On the expenditure side printing costs were a little less due to the fact that in 1954 there were 53 issues. The increase in the number of postal subscribers led to an addition to the cost of dispatch of copies and wrapping. He moved that 'The Ringing World' accounts be adopted subject to audit.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

Mr. N. Chaddock: Do we pay income tax on the profit?

The Hon. Secretary: That was dealt with last year. We only pay on the investments of the Council and we are liable to any profit from sales of 'The Ringing World' to non-members. I estimated that the sales to non-members was one per cent., and that figure was accepted by the Inland Revenue authorities, and, as that was so small, they raised no charge for the fiscal year 1954-55. We are definitely liable to income tax on investments.

Mr. Chaddock: Can you give me the circulation figure and the price of production per copy?

Mr. R. S. Anderson: The circulation figures for April 22nd, 1955, were: Rolls House 3,406; postal 2,144; sundries 22; total 5,572. The figures for April 27th, 1956, were: Rolls House 3,276; postal 2,078; sundries 17; total 5,371. This represented a drop of 200.

The accounts were then adopted.

THE REPORT

The report, signed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, stated:—

Your committee is able to report a more satisfactory year. The measures taken to secure greater financial stability would appear to be satisfactory, and although final figures are not available at the time of writing this report, the indications are that at long last the corner has been turned. There is, however, still much to be done and your committee is of the opinion that the first charges against any profits should be the adequate remuneration of those directly responsible for the production and distibution of the paper. After that has been done, steps will be taken to improve the paper wherever possible. Already it has been found that a few illustrations can be included, and it is hoped to increase the number.

The committee is not too sanguine yet for there is the matter of increased costs to be faced, due to the impending increase in printers' wages. Then there are increased postal charges, which, in the opinion of your committee, should be passed on to subscribers.

Ever since 1946, the charge in 'The Ringing World' for small advertisements has been one penny per word. We have this matter under review and it may be found necessary to raise the figure to 1½d.

Since our last report your committee has suffered a grievous loss by the death of Mr. H. J. Poole, whose able judgment and wise counsels are very sadly missed. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family.

We desire to place on record our appreciation of the efforts of the Woodbridge Press and its staff, who through a most difficult period during the printing dispute contrived to produce the paper regularly and on time. This speaks volumes for the good relations which exist among directors, editor and employees. If the paper had been produced in London instead of in Guildford it would have had to cease publication until the end of the dispute.

Once again the committee places on record its grateful thanks to Mr. Tom White, the Editor, and his assistant; to Mr. Jeater for his supervision of the accounts; to all literary contributors and district representatives; to Major J. H. R. Freeborn for the gift of blocks; and finally to those who have sent donations towards the cost of producing the journal.

CONVENER'S BAD NEWS

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in moving the adoption of the report, said as they would see from the report of the committee and the statement of accounts they had made a little progress in regard to profit. But as against that profit they made last year he had some very bad news for the coming year, and already they were paying an increased cost of printing. So far as they could see, against any profit 'The Ringing World' would thus cost something like £700 or £800 more. If anyone was feeling smug and comfortable he would dissuade them for they were exactly where they were a year ago.

It was obvious that new ways of revenue must be found and increase charges for various kinds of revenue to try and meet the extra cost. It had been suggested to them that the time was ripe for the reconsideration of the proposition made at Bournemouth when a peal levy was suggested. It remained whether the Council would see fit to consider that matter but the committee made no recommendation about it.

They had also heard that the circulation now was about 5,400 per week, and in his mind that was a disgrace to the Exercise, because they were all aware that the number who read the journal was considerably in excess of that number. Why these people did not take the paper was a mystery. 'We appeal to all interested ringers to support the paper. It belongs to them and we hope that they will see that there is a very substantial increase in the circulation. As it is not our habit to ask for any subsidy to help "The Ringing World," we are determined to get this revenue and keep it solvent. We look for support from all who value the paper to help us.'

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in seconding, said the circulation of 'The Ringing World' had dropped 200 copies per week and that was partly through newsagents and partly from postal subscribers. In appealing for new subscribers he said there was a bigger margin from postal subscribers than from newsagents.

RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. P. A. Corby said he would like to pay tribute to the splendid work done on their behalf by 'The Ringing World' Committee and congratulate them on the way they had kept the journal solvent. He commiserated with them that in spite of their efforts they were again in for a difficult time. On the question of postal subscribers he believed that arrangements were made that each of the Guilds and Associations should have special representatives whose duties would be to boost the postal sales and report items of news. It seemed to him that some of these people were slacking in their efforts.

Another point he would like to make was that it was rather disappointing to see so little reference to the great amount of new building work to the churches in and around the City of London. In recent years there had been several new rings of bells hung in London. Presumably they had been dedicated, but no news had appeared in their journal. He would welcome the opportunity of reading about these churches and their bells. One was St. Giles', Cripplegate, where there was a new ring. He was wondering if a correspondent could be found in the London area who would supply the news about these bells and the dedication services.

Mr. N. Chaddock also thanked the committee and Editor for their work. He pointed out that there was a fall in voluntary donations since the price had been increased and felt that something must be done about it. There was an attitude that they were all right now and people need not send donations. Another was the falling off of about 130 postal subscribers and that was a big disappointment. Some people did not like 'The Ringing World' because they understood it was a peal-ringer's paper. If they had articles to appeal to young ringers they might increase the circulation. His experience was that quite a proportion of capable ringers did not like 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. D. Barker said some months ago figures were given of new subscribers in counties. Perhaps the figures in reverse could be given.

Mr. F. I. Hairs, in a reference to voluntary donations, said they had worked it out that if they made a charge for quarter peals they would not get a great deal of extra money. It was estimated that last year 17,342 names appeared in the peal columns, and voluntary donations from peal ringers did not represent 12 per cent. of that number.

Miss M. Lidgey (Truro Diocesan Guild) moved that the proposition submitted at Bournemouth of one shilling for the publication of peals be adopted for one year.

THE WHIRLPOOL OF CHANGE

Mr. P. Johnson said they were in a whirlpool in the world where the continuous change of prices made it impossible for anyone to prophesy. If any of them had experience of the printing trade they would know that it was impossible for them to try to square the circle. He did not believe they could do anything but wait the course of events. As to why people did not want to read the paper the answer was obvious—because they would have to pay for it. They had to face the position—if the publication was to cost more they would have to pay more. He had the deepest sympathy with the committee in their work. He thought they should be honest and go to the support of the paper—pay for it and work for it.

Mr. N. Chaddock maintained that 'The Ringing World' was a good sixpennyworth. He did not think that peal ringers would be so mean as not to do their full share. They had had mention of one shilling a peal; he would like to see threepence per rope. Even if a charge was made he did not see why voluntary subscriptions should cease. Those who could afford the odd shilling would do so.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said at Bournemouth when it was suggested that people who rang peals should make a donation the statement was made: 'You don't pay people for news.' If they were going to charge for peals they were making a charge for news. It was not often that he agreed with Mr. Johnson, but he agreed that the only answer was that they must put up their subscription. Associations had to face the fact of increased prices and had increased their subscription. He appealed to any members who had suggestions to make to send them to Mr. Smallwood or other members of the committee.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I would deprecate a charge for peals. Think what a calamity it would be if peals were rung and not published. Various records could not be kept.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith said peal ringers were people particularly interested in 'The Ringing World.' If they wanted anything they must pay for it. It meant that peal ringers should pay more for their 'Ringing World.'

ANOTHER THREEPENCE

Mr. John Fidler: Let us get down to brass tacks. Bell ringers get the use of valuable instruments for nought. They will spend bus fares to go for a peal. What is another 3d. to that? If a peal is worth ringing it is worth publishing. The other 3d. on your travelling expenses is nothing. But if you go to a ringing meeting and there is a charge of 2s. 6d. for a tea then only

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Central Council—Continued

half turn up. There are a lot of peal ringers who don't buy 'The Ringing World,' but they are always pleased to look at someone else's. I am not going to agree it is news. It is only news to the small crowd; it is personal glorification.

Mr. J. Crampion: 'The Ringing World' is a good thing. Let us tell all that it is a good paper and what a good thing it is.

Mr. H. Miles: The proposition I made at Bournemouth of a publication fee for peals and quarter peals is now being recommended by 'The Ringing World' Committee. ('No.')

Mr. N. Chaddock asked if the increased charges for notices and advertisements would solve the problem.

INCREASED CHARGES NO SOLUTION

Mr. J. F. Smallwood: 'The Ringing World' Committee do not say that putting up the cost of advertising will solve the whole problem. Our difficulty is to find the way to meet the extra cost. The Council will agree that the charges for small advertisements are very modest and we feel that it would not be inflicting an undue hardship on the Associations if we ask them to pay a little more, and that we shall, but it will not solve the problem. I hear it suggested that 'The Ringing World' is the peal-ringer's paper. I assert that 'The Ringing World' is published for all and sundry interested in ringing. I don't regard peals as of greater or lesser importance. I would stress with all the force I can that the solution lies in an increased circulation. It is not outside the bounds of possibility for 'The Ringing World' to be 10,000 a week, and the fact that it is 5,400 is a disgrace to the Exercise. We are not receiving the support from the members of this Council or the Exercise generally.

Mr. R. G. Blackman: I wonder how many in this room can say they have persuaded one person during the last two years to buy 'The Ringing World.' We should resolve as we leave this meeting we shall persuade one ringer to buy 'The Ringing World.' Unless we do something ourselves it will not continue.

Mr. Harry Sanger: Very little has been said about voluntary subscriptions. I am rather proud of the fact that if I see a peal or a quarter peal in 'The Ringing World' from the West Country I invariably see a small sum in the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column. This problem would be solved if every time a peal was rung there was a small contribution.

Mr. J. W. Raithby: I am not a defeatist in any way. I feel you are going to have a great difficulty in persuading another 5,000 people to take 'The Ringing World.' Those who take the journal are those who keep ringing going; the other people are on the fringe. It is very difficult to persuade people to take 'The Ringing World.' Not that it is not a good journal. I know a president of a Guild who will not be bothered to take it through the post, but buys it through the newsagent. If you get people like presidents doing that you cannot expect smaller fry.

ONE COPY IN A TOWER

Mr. Bernard Ashford: One of the principal difficulties is the idea of tower copies, and I have not been able to break it down. I can assure you that in my district of 37 towers quite a lot have only one copy per tower. It is surprising how well-informed they are but they don't pay for it. In several cases 'The Ringing World' comes out of the tower funds—from the 1d. or 2d. fines for being late. I have tried hard to break this down but have not yet found the answer.

Mr. N. Chaddock thought if conductors of peals made it a habit of collecting a contribution for peals rung nobody would begrudge it. It was just the idea that had got to be got used to. He would like to move as an amendment that a charge of 3d. per rope be made for publication of peals.

The President: I think we have had a very good discussion on the report. I put it to the meeting that the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee be adopted.

This was agreed to.

The president said in regard to the motion of Miss Lidgey that a charge of one shilling per peal be made for publication, he did not think they should tie down 'The Ringing World' Committee on that matter. He did not think they had a right to make the charge. He would ask Miss Lidgey to accept a motion in this form: 'That "The Ringing World" Committee be asked to consider once more the question of charging for peals.' He did not think that they ought to tie down the committee.

Mr. N. Chaddock: I agree entirely with that.

Mr. F. I. Hairs: Taking last year's figures, a charge of 3d. a rope for quarter peals would bring in £120. If we charge 6d. per rope for peals it would produce £433 11s.

Mr. Walter Ayre: How much would be saved if the Peal Analysis Committee tables were not published?

Mr. Hairs: We should save about £11.

The motion that 'The Ringing World' Committee consider making a charge for peals was put to the meeting and lost.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes reported that during the past 12 months some repairs and adjustments had been made. The machine continued to run very well. Stedman Cinques and Combridge Maximus had been rung, the latter for the first time. It was proposed to hold demonstrations on Saturday afternoons, and announcements would be made.

Mr. A. A. Walker, seconding, said they owed a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Douglas Hughes, who looked after the machine. The fact was that it had rung Cambridge Maximus, showing the work of the 11th and the treble. It took 26 minutes to demonstrate. The machine was in very good hands.

The president said that a diagram was available showing the work of the 11th and treble in red and blue lines, and would be passed round the room for the members' inspection.

The report was adopted.

(To be continued)

Eleven Towers In Half a Day

A half-day's tour of North Cornwall and Devon was organised by Mr. E. T. Paul Field on May 5th, the party including ringers from Kenwyn, St. Mawgan, Carbis Bay, Launceston, Bridgwater and London. Assembly point was the sleepy North Devon village of Welcombe, with its merry little six (tenor 7 cwt.).

Towers visited were Morwenstow (6, tenor 8 cwt.), Kilkhampton (8, tenor 11¼ cwt.), Paughill (6, tenor 11 cwt.), Stratton (8, tenor 23 cwt.), Launcells (6, tenor 9¾ cwt.), Whitstone (6, tenor 12 cwt.), North Tamerton (6, tenor 8 cwt.), Poundstock (6, tenor 10 cwt.), Jacobstow (6, tenor 7 cwt.) and Tintagel (6, tenor 7 cwt.).

Goodnight was said at Tintagel, an isolated church on the edge of the cliffs, to friends from Somerset and Launceston. Certain of the party departed to fill in the hour before 'Time, gentlemen, please' with ale and handbells. Grateful thanks are expressed to Paul Field and all incumbents.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations to meet the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

Peals.—Stretham 3s., Abbotsbury 2s., Martock 4s., Gloucester 2s.

Quarter Peals. — Burnham-on-Crouch 3s., Haddenham 2s., Oxford 2s. 6d., Somerton 3s., Walthamstow 4s., Lympsham 3s., Steep 3s., Poundstock 3s., Lane End 2s., Wandsworth 4s. 6d., Streatham 2s., Henfield 2s. 6d., Epsom 2s., Boston 2s. 6d., Brighton 2s. 6d.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Voluntary Subscriptions Suggested

The 71st annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held on May 5th in the Union Church Hall, Brighton. The service at the Church of St. Nicholas was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Walker), who, in his address, stressed three points—balance, rhythm and purpose.

At the business meeting the various reports were accepted. The treasurer stated that the Divisional levies would be 80 per cent. of income. Four new members were elected. The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

All officers for the previous year were re-elected. The peal secretary, Mr. Dearlove, had recently recovered from an illness; if he was unable to carry on Mr. L. Stilwell was elected to take over.

The printing of certificates, held over from the previous annual general meeting, was again discussed. Three suggestions were put forward, but as no decision was reached it was left to the General Committee to decide on design and price and to place the order.

To put the Association on a firmer footing the hon. general secretary suggested a voluntary subscription of not less than 3d. per member be introduced and put into a Capital Account to meet such items as certificates, binding reports, etc. Various propositions were made from a voluntary subscription of 3d. per member to altering the Rules to 3s. per member.

Finally Mr. Overy gave the necessary 14 days' notice to make an alteration to the Rules, and a proposition was carried that members should be asked to make a voluntary subscription.

Mr. Percy spoke of Mr. Stilwell's service to the Association and proposed that he be made an honorary life member of the Association. This was seconded by Mr. Weller and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Hart proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' for conducting the service and to the Vicars of St. Nicholas', St. Peter's and The Good Shepherd for the use of their bells.

R. W. L. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Twenty-eight people attended the Chertsey District meeting at Thames Ditton (6) on May 12th.

Ringing was conducted until 4.30 by the Ringing Master, after which the Rev. G. Blacktop led the Guild's form of service whilst Miss A. Marwood did duty at the organ.

An excellent tea in the Church Hall was followed by a short business meeting at which four new members were elected. The secretary asked especially for a good attendance at the next meeting, to be held at Weybridge on June 23rd.

On return to the tower, rounds and Grandsire were in profusion, although methods up to Cambridge were also rung.

E. A. H.

UNIVERSITIES' JOINT MEETING AT SALISBURY

A successful joint meeting of members and friends of Reading and Southampton University Guilds was held at Salisbury on May 16th.

Ringing started at St. Paul's, Salisbury, followed by visits to two six-bell towers—Wilton and Combe Bissett. After tea at Salisbury visits were paid to the light six at Britford and later to St. Martin's, Salisbury. Ringing included Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Original arrangements included members of the Bristol University Guild, but at the last minute they were unable to make the journey.

Hopes are entertained for another joint meeting later in the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE TIME FACTOR IN OPEN AND CLOSED RINGING

Dear Sir,—It was gratifying to read that Mr. Moreton appears to think that the Barnsley and District Society's striking is above the average for the rest of the country. Although I have been a member of the Society since I could pull a bell I must confess that I have heard some really excellent Minor ringing in the Sheffield & District Society where open leads are the rule.

Assuming that Mr. Moreton is correct—and his experience of ringing outside Yorkshire far exceeds mine—then there must be some explanation for this other than the fact that the ringers are not Yorkshiremen!

Personally, I do not mind whether the ringing is 'open' or 'cartwheel,' providing it is well done—I say this in case someone might think I have a personal axe to grind.

Perhaps we could approach the matter from a mathematical angle. Take the case of Felkirk, in the heart of the Yorkshire cartwheel area, tenor 10 cwt. (approx.), and which has, according to Mr. Felstead, had more peals of Minor than any other tower in the West Riding.

The average time for peals rung on these bells is about 2 hours and 50 minutes.

2 hr. 50 min. = 170 min. = 10,200 sec.

Now, slightly adapting Mr. Moreton's notation, let us call the interval between the clapper of one bell striking to the clapper of the next bell (i.e., the actual commencement of the sound) = T. Then cartwheel ringing would be represented by:—

T T T T T T T T T T T T (ad infinitum)

Or if the length of time taken for a complete change = L, then $T = \frac{L}{6}$

Then the number of blows struck in 5,040 = 5,040 x 6 = 30,240.

Therefore $T = \frac{10,200}{30,240}$ seconds.

= .3373 seconds to four places of decimals.

In open lead ringing there seems to be no fixed interval for the pause (x in Mr. Moreton's notation). Let us assume that t = T (in length). Then the time taken for two complete rows appears as follows: T T T T T T T T T T T T t t, i.e., the pause x = to two intervals of actual blows struck. Tried out on the piano, a la Chopin, sans rubato, it seems a reasonable pause.

Then, using the previous symbols, $T = \frac{L}{7}$ seeing that two rows contain 14 intervals equal to T.

Therefore the number of intervals = the actual speed of striking (assuming 2 hr. 50 min. for peal) = 5,040 x 7 = 35,280.

Therefore T = .2889 sec.

Now .3373 − .2889 = .0484 sec.

Therefore increase in rate of striking = $\frac{.0484}{.3393}$ x 100% = 14.3% Increase.

Or, assuming that cartwheel ringers struck at the same rate as open-lead ringers the peal would be rung in:

$\frac{.2889 \times 5,040 \times 6}{60}$ minutes

= 145.6 min. = 2 hr. 26 min.

Again, assuming that the pause x = t (which is extremely short) then $T = \frac{L}{6.5}$

Therefore number of intervals (T) = 5,040 x 6.5 = 32,760.

Therefore $T = \frac{10,200}{32,760} = .3113$ sec.

Or, assuming a 'cartwheel' peal at the same rate of striking:

$= \frac{3.113 \times 5,040 \times 6}{60}$ min. = 157 min. (approx.)

= 2 hr. 37 min.

Now the quickest peal on Felkirk bells is about 2 hours and 45 minutes, so that even with the extremely short pause (and higher value of T) the difference is considerable.

With the more normal pause this difference amounts to something like 20 minutes, assuming that both of the original peals were rung at normal speed.

Now cartwheel ringers would condemn this speed immediately, asserting that it was impossible to control and ring the bell properly. The old Felkirk band, of which I was one, were sometime frowned upon because of their speed (2 hours and 45 minutes to a peal).

There is no difference at either handstroke or backstroke in the amount of weight exerted by a close-lead ringer, and consequently the bell's approach to its maximum height is the same on both strokes. Perhaps this enables the close-lead ringer to place his bell exactly where it should go.

With an open-lead ringer the amount of pressure exerted at hand is less than at back, as he has to allow for the hand-stroke pause. If care is not taken there is a tendency for a ringer to allow his bell to drop down from back-stroke; a frequent cause, I have noticed, of bad striking. striking.

In both open and closed, of course, the experienced ringer will adjust force and check to accommodate his dodging and place-making—particularly the former.

THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

From this issue the charge for postage of copies of 'The Ringing World,' in common with other periodicals, will be 2d. instead of 1½d. This will cost the Editorial Committee another £250 for 1956. Postal subscribers are asked to meet their share of the cost by remitting 1s. 3d. either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editorial Offices, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey.

Most ringers will have had the experience of adjusting their striking to reduce faults. This can become, indeed, a fine art. The slight discrepancy of the minutest fraction of a second, almost inescapable to the ear, is 'ironed out' over a sequence of blows until the fault (if fault it was) is swallowed in the general rhythm. (I don't mean a 'trip' or 'clip,' but something like a dying ripple on a large pond.)

Even this is more easily accomplished in close-leads as the ringer has, generally speaking, more control over his bell on the back-stroke.

Close-lead ringers, I have no doubt, work harder than open-lead ringers. An old ringer, member of a team that won many contests, once said to me: 'Tha'll hev to put the bell theere, noan let it drop theere!' and this in general sums up the cartwheel ringer's attitude towards his ringing.—Yours sincerely,

Wakefield. H. CHANT.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. T. Blagrove's letter makes strong reading. Surely he will agree that the College Youths absorbed more good ringers than they produced.

As to claims of rights, he reminds me of the sergeant-major who told us our only rights were 17 inches in the ranks and a blanket for burial purposes.

He should bear in mind what my old grannie used to say: 'Foolish are they who think they can't be done without. Some day they will be hellishly deceived.'—Yours, etc.,

Nuneaton. T. H. VALLANCE.

P.S.—I formed an opinion 40 years ago; no London ringer was allowed in the belfry under 60 years of age.

WOMEN IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Regarding the question of a woman's place in the belfry, I understand that the first 'all-ladies'' peal was rung prior to the first world war. At that time we had the Suffragette movement that momentarily rocked the world, quite apart from Great Britain. No doubt the Isle of Dogs peal caused quite a sensation, too, and in all probability the validity of that peal was questioned by some of our 'worthies' at that time, by witnesses and listeners alike. By this, I do not mean the striking, time taken or the band's capabilities, but on account of the ringers being all women—just that!

From that first peal we, as an 'Exercise,' have seen the steady progress of the womenfolk in our belfries as ringers and for tower secretaries, etc., etc. It is to their credit that belfry reform, in the main, has come about, practical examples of tower cleanliness, furnishings and a Christian-like language on the part of the men have found their origin, no doubt, on account of the presence of the lady ringer. Each week, without fail, there appear in the peal columns the names of various lady ringers. In the issue of May 18th out of a total of 41 peals no less than 23 had been rung with their help—it might have been that some of those peals would never have been rung without their assistance.

Looking over some old 'Ringing Worlds' of pre-war issue I note that roughly the same number of peals on an average were rung, but there were not the corresponding number of female ringers. Now this is something to bear in mind—the ladies are here to stay; they make excellent ringers and are invaluable to the health and strength of the belfries throughout the land. Some of them do make good tenor ringers and they know their stuff when it comes to the theory side of it, but it really is too bad when apparently certain of their sisters think fit to write abusive articles about themselves and try to undermine the prestige of the ladies.—Yours, etc.,

PETER MINCHIN.

OBITUARY

MR. STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK

It is with regret that we record the passing of Mr. Stanley J. T. Shellock, of Gillingham, Kent, on May 21st, at the residence of his daughter at 12, Boleyn Avenue, Margate. He was cremated at Barham, near Canterbury, on May 24th.

Mr. Shellock entered the belfry at St. Mary's, Chatham, in July, 1904, from the choir. A pupil of the late F. A. Holden, he rang his first peal in March, 1910. He was secretary of St. Mary's company for many years, also a member of the company at Rochester Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gillingham. For some years he was secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association. A man of great tact and integrity, he was a good instructor for learners. His peal score was about 60. He had suffered during the last ten years with rheumatism.

Mr. Shellock entered the naval yard at Chatham as an apprentice shipwright in 1903. He progressed to draughtsman and was posted to the Admiralty at Whitehall, and later was transferred to Bath, where he gained his promotion to Chief. He was invalided from the Service on account of ill health during the last war, when he returned to Gillingham. Although unable to do any ringing, he retained his interest in the Exercise through 'The Ringing World' until the last. Unfortunately, owing to short notice, none of his ringing friends were able to attend the cremation service. His membership of the Kent County Association was for 47 years and he was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

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BIRTH

REED.—On Sunday, May 20th, 1956, at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, to Winifred and David Reed, the gift of a daughter, Pauline Ann. 8358

MARRIAGES

COX—COKER. — The marriage between Anthony Edwin Cox and Doreen Coker took place on May 19th, 1956, at St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks. Future address: 10, Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 8408

WILLIAMSON—SMITH.—On May 19th, at All Saints' Church, Heathfield, Paul Kenyon Williamson, of Coventry, to Gillian Anderson Smith, of Heathfield. 8357

DEATH

SHELLOCK.—On May 21st, 1956, at the residence of his daughter, 12, Boleyn Avenue, Margate, Stanley J. T. Shellock, of Gillingham, Kent, a member of the Kent County Association for 47 years. 8400

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MISCELLANEOUS

VISITORS TO BOURNEMOUTH will be welcomed at local towers: St. Peter's, S.R. 9.30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5.50 p.m.; P.N. Thursday, 7.30; St. John's (Surrey Road), S.R. 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; P.N. Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Inquiries answered. — Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8398

COOKHAM, BERKS.—Practice will be held in future on Tuesday until further notice. Visitors always welcome.—John Fowler. 8372

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reports for 1955 containing photograph and tribute to the late president (Mr. H. J. Poole) and 44 different compositions are now available, price 2s. 6d., from Gen. Hon. Sec., B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 8380

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, June 2nd, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. 8385

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Hatton, June 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring your own food.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 8391

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8340

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 2nd, Emmanuel, Clifton (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 8318

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6), June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 8349

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Goudhurst, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m.. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m.—Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8287

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8320

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Rhyl on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. — W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8324

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest and meeting at Clowne on June 2nd at 3 p.m.—J. S. Seagar. 8333

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (bring own eats—cups of tea provided) and service.—B. C. Sadler. 8328

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 8316

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham, June 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher. 8327

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Lymington, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Lyndhurst evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8397

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, June 4th, 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road Tube Station.—T. J. Lock. 8363

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice, Merstham, Wednesday, June 6th, 7.30 p.m. 8373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Walton, Saturday, June 9th, 6.30 p.m.—W. Marsh. 8386

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield Contest, Penistone, June 9th, 3 p.m. For teas, please notify, not later than June 6th, Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone, near Sheffield. 8382

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Joint meeting at St. Mary's, Scarborough, June 9th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfields, Scarborough. 8404

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.20. Tea, at the Hare and Hounds, 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 8388

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston, June 9th. Bells (6, recently rehung) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday, June 7th. Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8403

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. Practice meeting at St. Bees, June 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by June 5th, to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 8378

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Catering by local ladies—extra support, please. Names by June 5th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8334

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Bishopwearmouth, June 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 7th, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland. Method: St. Clement's Bob Triples. 8371

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5, in Forresters' Arms. Method for practice: Single Norwich. Names to me by 7th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8387

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8383

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. Chinnery, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett, Essex. 8384

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting at Castle Hedingham (6) on June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 8337

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Newdigate, June 9th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at The Six Bells. Number for tea by June 6th to E. Vine, 39, Winfield Grove, Newdigate. 8335

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Bishopstone (8), June 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 8360

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Ashton-on-the-Hill, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, before June 6th to J. Beech, The Pump House, Berrow, near Malvern. All welcome. 8410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Saturday, June 9th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8392

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chetton (6), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 8370

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley, June 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 6th, to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead,—R. Shutter. 8405

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Northaw, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea, Two Brewers, 4.15 p.m. Names must be sent, by Wednesday, June 6th, please, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 8379

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore (8) on June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea *must* reach Mrs. L. K. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore, by Tuesday, June 5th. 8336

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on June 9th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Clapps Cafe, Exmouth, at 5.15 p.m. Other towers available: Heavitree 11.30-12.30 p.m.; Clyst St. George 1.45-2.45 p.m. A few seats available on coach from Bath-Bristol district. Names for coach, tea and lunch at Clyst St. George to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 8362

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches. — Joint meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, June 9th. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—N. M. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 8375

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Halewood, June 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Price 2s. Meeting in School Hall at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood.—G. I. Howlett. 8389

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, Littleborough, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Friday, 8th, to J. Lee, 71, Featherstall Road, Littleborough. — F. Pritchard. 8361

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton and Southwell Branches. — Joint meeting at Asfordby, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, by June 6th, to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby. —Mrs. P. A. Corby. 8395

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Queniborough, June 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (at 5 p.m.), by the 6th, to S. Parker, 6, Marsden Avenue. No name, no tea. First meeting in this tower. 8376

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Elsham (6), June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 6th to Rev. D. N. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 8329

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Putney, Saturday, June 9th, 3–4.30. Service 4.30. Business 5 in vestry. Tea, own arrangements. Barnes 7–8.30. Practice meeting, Thursday, June 28th, Clapham Common, 7.15–9.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8407

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Llanover, near Abergavenny, June 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 6th.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 8278

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Edgware Tube Station near to church in Station Road. Stanmore bells available in evening.—T. J. Lock. 8364

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Heydon, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 5th inst., to Mrs. Horrocks, The Earle Arms, Heydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Winslow, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 8367

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Practice at Bradfield on Saturday, June 9th, at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 8409

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, June 9th. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. V. A. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 8396

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTER. —Ringing afternoon, Saturday, June 9th, on the newly-rehung six, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea to Mr. F. Parry, The Village, Redmarley. 8366

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at High Ercall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, June 6th. 8353

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by 5th to Mrs. Rigby, Forest House Cafe, Edwinstowe, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 8354

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stalbridge, June 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 8377

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Horringer (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norman tower (10) in the evening after meeting.—Wm. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 8368

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8), June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., Curd's Tea Rooms. Names, by June 6th, to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 8374

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Milland, on June 9th, 2.30-4.30, and Stedham 6.15-8.30. Tea, Stedham, 5. Service 6. Names for tea by previous Tuesday. 8402

THE LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 8330

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 8344

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Kilmersdon, Sunday, June 10th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 6, South View, Babington, near Frome. 8365

BEDS and HERTS ASSOCIATIONS — Summer Festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Cathedral Service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Redbourn (6) 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Sandridge (6) 10.30-11.30; Welwyn (8) 11-12; Hatfield (10) 10.15-12.15; North Mymms (8) 12-1 p.m.; Harpenden (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3-4 p.m; St. Michael's (8) after tea, also St. Peter's and the Cathedral. Names for tea essential, by previous Wednesday, to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 8399

DURHAM COLLEGE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringing day, Saturday, June 16th. Towers: Durham, St. Nicholas' (6) 2-3 p.m.; Chester-le-Street (8) 3-4 p.m. Tea 4-4.30 p.m. Houghton-le-Spring (8) 5 p.m. onwards. Service at Houghton-le-Spring 6.30. Ringing also at St. Nicholas' 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 12th, please, to: Secretary, D.C.S.C.R., Union Society, Durham. 8398

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8393

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, June 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 13th certain, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 16th. All ringers welcome. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury. 8369

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greetham (6), Saturday, June 16th. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—E. E. Gibson. 8390

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cosgrove, on June 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, near Wolverton.—W. A. Yates, Branch Sec. 8391

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Bingley on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday, June 14th, Miss M. Barker, Acland Hall, The Training College, Bingley. Special business: Election of District officers. Subscriptions now due and 1955 annual reports available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8401

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 14th. Applications for lunch tickets (price 5s. 6d.), not later than Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.—M. R. Cross, Acting Sec. 8355

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AFTER the rather heavy agenda with which they were faced at Bristol last year, it may well have been with some relief that members assembled in the Council Chamber of Leicester's Town Hall—surely one of the best meeting places which it has been their privilege to use—with what looked to be a comparatively light programme in front of them, as indeed it proved to be.

In some ways, age stole the stage in the earlier part of the day. The meeting took place on the 91st birthday of a respected member and former secretary, Mr. E. Alexander Young, and the good wishes of all were sent to him. The absence on account of work arising from his forthcoming retirement, after nearly half a century as Rector of Kington Magna, of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, one octogenarian member of long standing, was noted with much regret, while it was a pleasure to see another, Mr. Albert Walker, again able to attend a meeting. The oldest member present, however, was one of the youngest in terms of service, Mr. H. Stalham, of the Sussex Association.

The Biographies Committee had listed a number of former members now over 90 years of age, and it is a sobering thought that since the report was drafted, three of those originally included had passed on. The Council was able to offer congratulations in advance to the convener of the Committee, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who himself reached the age of 80 two days later.

The affiliation of the University of London Society was duly agreed, and then a letter from the New South Wales Association, received too late for the printed agenda, was read, applying for membership. Ten years ago the then secretary of that Association, Mr. W. M. Rowe, had been made an honorary member in recognition of his services to Australian ringing, and last year the Standing Committee had felt it would be more appropriate if the Association itself were invited to join the Council. A special meeting held in Sydney in March had agreed that application should be made, and it was with great pleasure that the Council approved the inclusion within its ranks of the only sizable Association outside the British Isles. For the present, its representative will be drawn from among those ringers in England with first-hand knowledge of Australian ringing. This seems a very sensible arrangement, but it is to be hoped that in the not too distant future an Australian-born ringer, perhaps temporarily residing here, will make history by taking his seat on the Council. He would receive a great welcome, such as was extended on this occasion to an outstanding figure in the Exercise, Mr. A. J. Pitman, when he was presented to the president.

With the exception of that of 'The Ringing World' Committee, the reports did not arouse a great deal of discussion, and since the former will be dealt with separately it need not be mentioned here, except to say that the financial outlook of the paper is once again causing anxiety to those who share the responsibility for keeping it solvent. One indirect outcome of this is that the Peals Analysis will in future be published in a modified form. The Council's other funds are in a healthier state, although the printing of the Handbook will absorb much of the cash in hand; however, the Clement Glenn bequest, a suitable use for which the officers of the Council are to consider, provides at the moment an additional reserve.

Of the four motions, the first produced a useful discussion from which much good may come if a suitable text-book can be produced. The last two were treated, by their sponsors as well as other speakers, rather more light-heartedly than is usually the case, a fact which, so far as one of them was concerned, led a member to protest with perhaps undue severity; but if nothing else, this motion served to bring to the fore the question of peal standards generally.

The large attendance, exceeded only at the last London meeting in 1948, must have been particularly gratifying to the Leicester Diocesan Guild, justifying their decision to carry on after the first doubts which inevitably arose on the death of Mr. Poole. The ringing and social arrangements were admirable in every way. During the social evening after the meeting, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's prowess as an entertainer was once again demonstrated in a hastily-composed monologue about an incident in the cathedral belfry when, it appears, a stay was broken by a former member of the Council. The presentation of the pieces by the president to the ringer concerned caused much hilarity.

That this was the last complete meeting over which Mr. Lewis would be presiding must have been very much in the minds of all who were there, a large number of whom, like the writer, do not really remember the Council when he was not its president. When Mr. Lewis hands over next year he will have been in office longer than any of his three predecessors, and it may be permissible to end this brief survey by quoting a comment of one member who was unable to be present: 'No one has done more for the Exercise than he has, even if one has not always agreed with him.'

E. A. B.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT	8
GEORGE W. CECIL	3	TERRY EARLE	9
*HARRY TURNER	4	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	10
FRANK V. GANT	5	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	11
*LIONEL S. WOODS	6	*PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.
Rung for the start to the Third Annual Festival Week of the Cathedral.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	FRANK S. HANSFORD	8
JOHN CHILCOTT	3	MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	9
JAMES PHILLIPS	4	J. HOWARD FREEBORN	10
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
RAYMOND G. BURTON	6	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEAL

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	JOHN B. SANSOM	6
A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	FRANK E. DARBY	8
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN CHILCOTT	9
ALFRED B. PECK	5	JAMES PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
With compliments to Mr. E. Alexander Young, 91 on May 22nd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5152 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

FRANK BARRETT	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
ROBIN A. HODGSON	2	JAMES P. BLOND	6
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
VERNON GREEN	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5312 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ROLAND BENISTON	3	*JOHN M. JELLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 100th peal together.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 6000 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*ROBERT C. HALL	*Treble*	*HARRY J. WHEATLEY	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
GERALD C. HEMMING	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The longest length by all the band, and on the bells.
Southern Branch quarterly peal

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,120 changes of London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with full work for all the bells in each method. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GORDON BENFIELD	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of five spliced.
In memory of Arthur Firth, a faithful ringer at Rotherham Parish Church, who died suddenly on Sunday, May 13th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George W. Pipe and Miss Diana Matthew.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	*RAYMOND W. BALLS	5
†REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	2	HANBURY F. CARTER	6
MRS. H. F. CARTER	3	WALTER C. MEDLER	7
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	4	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung for the Feast of Pentecost.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

*†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	*Treble*	‡FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
*ROGER BALDWIN	2	TOWER R. TAYLOR	6
*‡S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	*FRANK L. HARRIS	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	*RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
A compliment to Josiah D. Harris on his 84th birthday.

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SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*ALAN CAPSTICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	*‡NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	6
JAMES W. GROUNDS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
†JAMES E. BURLES	4	*STANLEY ANDERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.' ‡75th peal. First in method on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Crook, and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	EDWARD CONNOCK	5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	2	CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT	6
FRANK E. HANSFORD	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
MARJORIE LEGG	4	*SIDNEY SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
JAMES E. DANIELS	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7
DAVID J. KING	4	F. NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*VERNON GREEN	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
†KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	2	*PETER R. SANDERS	6
†ROBIN A. HODGSON	3	†CHARLES COLES	7
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*NORMAN LEES	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
†DEREK SANDERSON	2	HAROLD HAMER	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	IVAN KAY	7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. PRITCHARD.
* First peal. † First in the method.
An 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Bastow, of Middleton, grandmother of treble ringer and wife of second ringer.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
*ALAN CARVETH	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
WILLIAM THORNLEY	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., May 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
MRS. JAMES FERNLEY	2	BASIL JONES	6
MRS. LESLIE BOUMPHREY	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
* First peal at the first attempt.
The 50th anniversary of Peter Laflin's first peal, which was the same method and the same composition.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 NORTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 50th Surprise Major method for a peal. First peal in the method, which is No. 237 in Corrigan's collection, the composition being No. 17 of Treble Bob in the C.C. collection.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. MUNDAY	5
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
*RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS	3	*RALPH C. SPITTLE	7
*GILLIAN R. PARSONS	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek G. Spittle.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

Ernest F. Payne	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Lowe	5
Royston Wilmore	2	F. Kevin Thompson	6
B. Stedman Payne	3	Ernest Morris	7
Geoffrey M. Brewin ..	4	Frederick J. Bindley ..	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Ernest Morris.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the augmentation and rehanging of these bells.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND ORIGINAL
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Neil Bennett	*Treble*	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	5
†Barbara G. Cooke	2	Trevor Taylor	6
Derek Taylor	3	Derek Ogden	7
Peter Watson	4	Albert W. Stone	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert W. Stone.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Average age of band 19½ years.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Sidney T. Holt	*Treble*	Allen Morgan	5
*David Beacham	2	*George E. Evendon ..	6
Joseph D. Johnson	3	Reginald Woodyatt ..	7
William Lewis	4	*Fred Hyde	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. William Lewis, popular towerkeeper at St. John's, on his 70th birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS

RUSKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Christine Muxlow ..	*Treble*	Charles R. Muxlow ..	4
*Joyce Muxlow	2	*Tom Warrington	5
Mrs. S. Short	3	*Fred Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Warrington.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Margaret E. Hill	*Treble*	Charles W. Towers	4
Mrs. A. Simpson	2	Allan Simpson	5
Peter M. Giles	3	Brian Buswell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Allan Simpson.
First peal in five methods by all except the tenor ringer.
Rung to the glory of God, for the Festival of Whitsun.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Holy Rood.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent of London Surprise, and two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B., and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

W. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	Elsie K. Hart	4
Joseph Wm. Cotton	2	H. George Hart	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw ..	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

WINGRAVE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*William G. Sear	*Treble*	Robert L. Piron	4
†Roy Woodruff	2	John W. Sinfield	5
'Henry B. Whitney	3	Dennis Knox	*Tenor*

Conducted by Dennis Knox
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

Wilfred G. Saunders ..	*Treble*	Cedric F. W. Phillippo ..	4
Ronald E. Burt	2	Frank Pearson	5
T. Charles Browne	3	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Janet Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. J. Arnold.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Jas. Barber	*Treble*	William Cracknell	4
Albert Lawes	2	George J. Filby	5
Charles Brown	3	George Filby	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Filby.
A wedding and birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth. The ringer of the treble is in his 82nd year.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield ..	*Treble*	E. H. Simpson	4
Mrs. D. Worsman	2	F. Rayment	5
H. B. Schofield	3	S. Longbottom	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mrs. H. B. Schofield.
First peal as conductor. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. H. Poole	*Treble*	S. White	4
R. Selway	2	H. E. G. Jeanes	5
F. J. White	3	W. E. Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. Turner.
Rung on the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the fifth.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Eata,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Harold F. White	*Treble*	Frederick G. Beddow ..	4
*Thomas Price	2	F. Hector Bennett	5
Edward V. Rodenhurst	3	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* 100th peal.
Rung at the request of Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, U.S.A., to commemorate a 720 Bob Minor at this church on May 23rd, 1827, in which three of his ancestors took part.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

WALTER H. TRUBMAN ..	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
*ANN PETTIFORD	2	FRANCIS G. WILTON	5
BARRY SHEPPARD	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CADOXTON, near NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDWARD PHILLIPS	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
DAVID J. LEWIS..	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
EDMUND J. MORRIS	3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
50th peal on the bells.
A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. D. J. Lewis.

DOWNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARY R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
MARY FULLER	2	RICHARD W. STEPHENS ..	5
JOHN L. MORRIS..	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

EAST HENDRED, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of (1) Single Oxford, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Fulbeck, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM L. GILKS	*Treble*	HAROLD P. REED..	4
HARRY P. FLOYD..	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
ROBERT B. BLOND	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of St. Augustine.

HANDBELL PEALS

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sun., May 13, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EGERTON STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

*GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

MRS. J. THOMAS	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.. ..	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	*VIVIEN BARNES	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

*ALBERT W. STONE	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal 'in hand.'



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ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Paul (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Dodds 2, Madeleine Chapple 3, B. Cornell 4, G. Dodds 5, K. R. Dunstan 6, D. K. Adkins 7, G. W. Debenham 8. Rung after a peal attempt for Kent Treble Bob Major had broken down.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkin (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome home Mrs. Fountaine from South Africa.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Mary W. Turnbull (cond.) 3, Hazel N. Craven 4, B. K. Turnbull 5, A. H. Craven 6. For Whit Sunday.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fox 1, Frances Smith 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, K. Barnes (first 'inside') 4, C. Turner 5, B. Pike 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading alternately): E. Turner 1, M. Edmonds 2, H. Preece 3, J. Hale 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, W. D. Davies 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, C. A. Gerrish 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Hale.

BRINDLE, LANCS.—On April 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Stead (cond.) 1, A. Carpenter 2, A. Carpenter 3, C. Hardacre 4, H. Hardacre 5, H. Calderbank 6. For Evensong.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Amos Allen 1, Miss June Knight 2, Miss Rosemary Ashley 3, W. Noon 4, H. E. Ashley (cond.) 5. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Timm, of Burton Hastings.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Sumner 1, W. W. Longfoot 2, B. Ball 3, R. L. Sharpe 4, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 5, J. Coulson 6. First by all-village band.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 5th, 1,360 Doubles: G. Forrester 1, A. Worth 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, H. Callwood 4, R. Barratt 5, D. Briscall 6. Rung for Evensong on Plough Sunday. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Callwood 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, G. Forrester 5, D. Briscall 6. For Evensong.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,320 changes, being 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: 240 Stedman Doubles and 360 Plain Bob Minor: W. L. Gilks 1, R. Trebilcock 2, R. W. Rex 3, R. B. Blond 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 5, G. K. Dodd 6.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 7, 6, 8 cover: Mrs. B. Wilkins 1, Dr. L. E. Wear 2, Miss Sheila Eason 3, J. S. Hacking 4, K. E. Pinney (cond.) 5, M. W. Gilbert 6, W. S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8. Rung in memoriam Lawrence Thompson, J.P., chairman of Crewkerne Urban District Council, and a Freeman of the City of London.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On May 9th, 1,264 Major (320 each of Plain Bob and Double Bob, 416 St. Clement's and 208 Oxford Bob, with 66 changes of method): V. Green 1, R. W. Rex 2, A. R. Pink 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 5, D. H. Niblett 6, J. P. Blond 7, H. Reed 8.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On May 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Smith 1, S. Ll. Perry 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, G. S. Mills 4, H. Hemer 5, F. Pritchard 6, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, I. Key 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Barnabas, on May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. T. Shelton 1, W. J. V. Conduct (cond.) 2, Joan Bradley 3, Wendy Foulger 4, L. W. Conduct 5, A. Braggington, 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. W. B. Harris, lay reader at this church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Denyer 1, Mary Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, B. T. Hale 4, R. Collins 5, C. J. Beadle 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, A. C. Beadle 8. Rung for the ordination service held in the church at which Brian Thompson, a ringing member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was ordained deacon.

FULHAM, S.W.—On May 13th, at All Saints' Church, 1,258 Stedman Caters: B. K. Lunn 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, H. Belcher 3, J. N. Diserens 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, James Phillips 7, M. P. Morston 8, John Phillips 9, C. G. J. Watts 10.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, L. Melton 2, Alice E. Lester 3, W. Girling 4, R. E. Lester 5, J. B. Morley (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On May 23rd, at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. B. Luing (first away from tenor) 1, E. Etheridge 2, Eileen M. Turner 3, F. Bowden 4, R. J. Corke 5, D. G. Wright 6, Ann M. Cox (first as cond.) 7, S. Hobbs (first quarter) 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Hazelden.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Dockerill 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, R. Newson 3, Mrs. L. Coburn 4, L. Coburn 5, F. Jacklin 6, F. Ellis 7, G. Curl 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. G. H. Herring, formerly churchwarden, who was interred the same day.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dart 1, J. Cruickshank 2, D. Simms (cond.) 3, J. Hadfield 4, T. Smith 5, G. Collett 6. Rung before Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, C. J. Young 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. King (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Collis (first of Doubles) 2, Miss E. A. Hiley (first of Doubles) 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, C. Chinnery (first quarter) 6. Rung for Guildford Diocesan Mission.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Barrett 1, Eileen M. Ricketts 2, G. Golding 3, P. A. Ruch 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, C. J. Newnes 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to J. Sawyer, late churchwarden.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Tolliday 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, M. Carter 4, H. Foster (first as cond.) 5, C. Gooding 6. First quarter by all-local ringers. For Evensong.

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hooper 1, D. Harding (first 'inside') 2, J. Hobbs 3, M. Farthing (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. Chedzey 6. For Empire Day.

KENTISBURY, DEVON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Yeo 1, B. M. Boyle 2, K. Walters 3, L. Walters 4, C. Sangwin 5, F. Sangwin (cond.) 6.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Richardson 1, J. Bagnall 2, A. Capstick 3, G. Temby 4, F. Barnes 5, J. E. Burles 6, J. Brownrigg 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the late Vicar (the Rev. Gordon T. Jackson), after failing for a peal of Stedman.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On May 27th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. Smith 1, V. Bowen 2, E. Greenacre 3, C. Critchley 4, H. Crome 5, W. Critchley 6, L. Houghton 7, W. Rose (cond.) 8. Rung for Mayor's Sunday.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Welham 1, Marian Mills 2, J. Butler 3, L. Sharpe 4, I. Cooper 5, M. Mills 6, D. West 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled following interment of Mr. F. J. Folkard, Vicar's warden, and church member for 30 years, a friend and supporter of bells and ringers.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.—On May 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 combined St. Clement's and Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob): R. Reed 1, G. Mann 2, T. Bush 3, S. Haw 4, T. Bevis (cond.) 5, F. Parsons 6.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett (cond.) 1, B. Thompson 2, P. Kindred 3, E. Chapman 4, D. Mitchell 5, J. Kindred 6, M. Solley 7, W. Bind 8. First in method by all except 1 and 2.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Hollingworth 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, F. Barraclough 4, H. Reynolds 5, B. Walshaw 6, E. Jenkins 7, R. Longden (cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, F. G. Grocott 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Deal, when Mrs. Deal was on a visit to her native city.

MARSHFIELD, MON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Patricia Jones 1, W. E. Thompsett 2, D. G. Clarke 3, Jacqueline Evans 4, C. E. Slade 5, G. Davis 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. E. Morgan 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

MARSTON-MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Stewart (first quarter) 1, D. Gare 2, H. Creed 3, W. J. Tilley (cond.) 4, C. Thomas 5, A. Rapson 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On May 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Hinman (first quarter on ten) 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, H. Aley 4, T. Templeton 5, R. E. Manton 6, H. Clayton 7, F. J. Stimson 8, P. A. Corby (cond.) 9, R. Pollard (first quarter on ten) 10. Rung on the occasion of the rededication of the organ by the Lord Bishop of Leicester on his first visit after his recent illness, and to mark the completion of 10 years as Vicar by the Rev. Canon C. M. S. Clarke.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On May 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Heighton (cond.) 1, A. R. Wright 2, A. J. Smith 3, M. T. Sprackling 4, I. H. Trueman 5, T. P. Edwards 6, Miss P. M. Bourn 7, F. D. Mack 8. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society after failure of a peal attempt.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Glanville 1, Louis G. Hine 2, J. Manley 3, A. Turner (first 'inside') 4, C. C. Turner 5, C. J. Turner (cond.) 6, E. H. Marks 7, T. G. Gush (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wood.

OXFORD.—On May 20th, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. H. Keen 1, D. T. Roaf (first as cond.) 2, Miss E. M. T. Powell (first in method 'inside') 3, A. C. P. Pugh 4, R. A. Jackson (first 'inside') 5, R. A. Hodgson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. A. Jackson.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, F. B. Jeal 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, M. Holmes 8. For Confirmation.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: C. A. Jordan (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, Ruth Hodgson 3, J. Small 4, Jean Morrison 5, T. R. Chadwick (first quarter) 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, G. F. B. Smith 8. For Mayor's Day.

SHARNFORD, LEICS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Richardson (12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown) 2, Rita Stratford 3, M. E. Brown 4, J. Vernon 5, M. Vernon (cond.) 6.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. W. Lack 3, R. Chapman 4, C. Clarke 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Morley Wells, who has left Spaldwick for Warwickshire.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 20th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Dr. H. Craig 2, Mrs. F. Wilton 3, F. Wilton 4, H. Bishop 5, R. G. Townsend 6, T. Townsend 7, G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. A farewell to the Rev. G. Calder, who is leaving for Bristol.

SWINTON, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cooke 1, C. Rothwell 2, Miss G. B. Cooke 3, Joyce Halliday 4, D. Taylor 5, D. Ogden 6, B. Rothwell (cond.) 7, W. Thornley 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Halliday.

WALTON, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wensley 1, W. H. Marsh 2, R. Funnell (cond.) 2, Grenter 4, G. Stitch 5.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fromm (first quarter) 1, D. A. Smith 2, A. Mecham (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. K. Saunders 4, Miss J. M. Clements (cond.) 5, G. Cheshire-Brazier (first quarter) 6. A farewell to A. Mecham on joining the Royal Navy. Also on May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fromm 1, H. C. Weaver 2, D. A. Smith 3, Miss D. K. Saunders 4, Miss J. M. Clements (cond.) 5, T. A. G. Hunt (first quarter) 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. Salmon (cond.) 1, J. Kingsnorth 2, Miss E. Hall (first in two methods) 3, R. Gardiner 4, V. Roberts 5, V. Griffin (first quarter) 6.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Approximately 36 ringers and friends attended the Newark District meeting at East Bridgford on May 19th, when ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise. Tea was taken at the Wharf Cafe, followed by the business meeting at which Mr. F. W. Vernon was elected to the chair.

Barnby-in-the-Willows was confirmed for the July meeting, and Whatton-in-the-Vale was chosen for September.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. F. W. Vernon to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. V. Dent for his arrangements. W. L. E.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District at Bentley

It was a good idea to hold a ringers' meeting the day before Whit Sunday, because 'Whitsuntide is a time of fellowship,' said Canon G. L. Cole, when he welcomed ringers to the Farnham District's meeting at Bentley on May 19th.

A large number enjoyed ringing a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening under the leadership of Mr. R. J. Corke and Mr. D. M. MacPherson.

After the ringers' service conducted by the Rector, with Miss M. Beeken at the organ, an excellent tea was served in the Village Hall by local ladies. A short business meeting followed during which four new members were elected.

Major E. J. Bragg thanked the Rector, the Bentley ringers and ladies who had helped make the meeting a success. M. A. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Lewisham District quarterly meeting, held at St. Mary's, Hayes, was a thoroughly enjoyable event for the 48 members who were present. Fourteen towers in the district were represented.

Ringing, directed by Miss M. Andrews, Ringing Master, preceded the service in church, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Smith. Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) read the lesson. Mr. A. Davidson, St. Mary's organist, led the singing of psalms and hymns.

Tea followed, abundantly provided and tastefully served by the local ringers and their parents; the Rector was at the head of the table.

Seven ringers were elected members of the Association at the business meeting. Mr. J. Dafters, district representative, read an excellent report of proceedings of the Easter committee meeting and of the annual general meeting.

Eynsford was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on July 28th, and St. John's, Deptford, for the combined meeting with the Surrey Association on October 13th. Practice meetings are to be held at Downe on June 23rd and Penge on a date to be arranged. Owing to the incidence of the Association's annual dinner, it is necessary to alter the long established last Saturday in October arrangement for the annual district meeting. This will be held on November 3rd.

The chairman read the Bow Bells Appeal, and it was agreed that each tower be asked to contribute to this cause and towerkeepers pass such contributions to the district secretary.

The meeting received in the traditional manner the news of the passing of Mr. E. Horton, verger of SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, a member of the Association.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Sudbury District Start a Bell Fund

There was a record attendance of well over 40 at a meeting held at the six-bell tower of Felsham on May 26th. This may have been because there has not been a meeting there for over 50 years, but the bells do not go too well, and the collection taken at the service was used to start a bell fund.

The weather was very favourable, and as ringing is on the ground floor visitors were able to sit on the grass in the sun outside the tower between touches, or ring the handbells.

At the business meeting it was decided to cancel plans for the social arranged for June 23rd and, instead, to hold a dinner and social at Lavenham later in the year, probably on October 27th.

Ringing continued after the meeting up till 9 p.m., and the bells at Drinkstone and Rougham were also rung for a short while in the evening. Ringing varied from rounds and call changes to London Surprise.

Saxmundham District

About 40 ringers from all parts of Suffolk attended the meeting of the Saxmundham District at Benhall and Saxmundham on May 19th. Ringing in the afternoon was at Benhall, where the Rector greeted the ringers.

The service at Saxmundham was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Moyle). The business meeting followed tea, at which Mr. A. R. Bridges and Mr. J. M. Bailey were re-elected hon. secretary and Ringing Master respectively. The next meeting will be held on July 7th at Peasenhall and Yoxford.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Before leaving the Council Chamber at Leicester on Whit Tuesday, Mr. Fred Dukes, an Irish representative, gave Mr. Frank Lufkin 5s. as his subscription as a non-resident life member of the Essex Association, in readiness for the Central Council's visit to Chelmsford next year.

We regret to learn that Mr. A. Harman, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has met with an accident, cutting off the tops of two fingers.

The well-known Cheshire ringer, Mr. Peter Laflin, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first peal with a peal at Norbury, Cheshire, rung in the same method and the same composition.

Mr. John Segar, of Retford, Southwell Diocesan Guild's representative on the Central Council, has towed his caravan to the meetings at Newcastle, Bristol and Leicester. Why worry about hotel accommodation, he asks.

Mr. Edward Rudkin, a native of Ridlington, where he rang in the 3-bell tower, has rung his first quarter peal at the age of 70. It was rung at Weston Favell as a farewell to the Rev. R. B. Disney, who is leaving to live in Bedford.

The quarter peal at Rye on May 28th was a farewell to Mr. G. F. B. Smith, a ringer at Rye since 1932 and captain of the band since the war. Thirty past and present ringers at Rye contributed towards a travelling clock, to be presented to him before he sails for South Africa.

Mr. Tom W. Lewis, of Worcester, had a big disappointment when illness prevented him from participating in the peal attempt of Cambridge Surprise Major, arranged for his father's 70th birthday. Stedman Triples was substituted and successfully brought round. His father, Mr. 'Bill' Lewis, has been the popular towerkeeper at St. John's, Worcester, for over 20 years.

An example of Leicester's hospitality comes from Whitwick. After a peal on Whit Monday a ringer ordered two rounds of meat sandwiches in a local public house. On offering to pay he was told they were on the house, as he had been working hard! And good sandwiches they were, too!!

Ladies are now admitted to the belfry of Liverpool Cathedral.

Mr. George Preston, for 69 years a ringer at Christchurch Priory, died on Sunday. He had been unwell for some time and entered hospital three weeks ago.

The librarian of the Central Council acknowledges with grateful thanks the gift by Mr. W. H. Viggers to the library of a bound copy of 'A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain,' by Ronald H. Dove.

Following the peal of Darlaston Bob Triples at Mountsorrel, 'Grandma' Wilmore kindly entertained the band to tea, 'and the Vicar came too'! This was deeply appreciated by all concerned.

During the peal at Kingston-on-Soar, the Rector visited the belfry and tried to hold a conversation with the tenor ringer, whilst his dog made a Stedman whole turn round the ringer of the treble, but fortunately the ringers were not distracted too long from their work.

St. Laurence-in-Thanet (Ramsgate) band have unfortunately lost the services and guidance of their longest serving member, Mr. Albert E. Jarman, who, on the advice of his doctor, has had to give up ringing following a heart attack. 'Bert' Jarman, who is now aged 68, has been a member of the St. Laurence band for the past 48 years, has been captain since 1934 and was most regular in his attendances for Sunday service ringing. His loss to the already depleted band will be greatly felt.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEICESTER

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HANDBOOK COMPLETED — VALUABLE GIFTS TO LIBRARY — NO BADGE OF OFFICE FOR PRESIDENT — A VICE-PRESIDENT — TELEVISION FEATURED — NEW PUBLICATIONS — DROP IN PEALS FOR 1955

THE HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE

THE report, which was signed by Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. C. K. Lewis, stated:—We regret that circumstances have prevented us from putting in hand the printing of the Handbook as yet. The final manuscript will, it is hoped, be presented to the Standing Committee at its forthcoming meeting.

The secretary moved the adoption of the report and said they proposed to obtain an estimate within a week or two. The committee regretted the delay. The idea was first mooted in 1950, and the present sub-committee had only been dealing with it for two years.

The report by seconded by Mr. Lewis and adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

The year 1955 saw a marked increase in demand for the Council's publications. The total sales amounted to £107, an increase of over 30 per cent. on the previous year. This was largely due to the publication of a new edition of 'Preservation and Repair of Bells, etc.' and the issue of the new book on 'Doubles Methods.' I am glad to report a profit of £18 15s. on the year's working.

This year's best seller' has been 'Hints to Beginners'—246 copies, with 'Preservation, etc., of Bells' a close second with 243 copies sold. In the last two months of the year 234 copies of the new 'Doubles Methods' book were sold. 'Village Bells,' which topped the sales lists so many times, has this year 'made fourth's place.'

Among many inquiries I am constantly asked for (1) a new edition of 'Minor Methods,' (2) a new edition of 'Triples Methods' and (3) an illustrated book on how to learn to ring a bell, and acquire an elementary knowledge of the rudiments of change ringing. It would greatly benefit the Exercise if these could be published at the earliest possible moment.

The borrowing of works of reference has again increased and, in this connection, it would greatly help me if borrowers of Library books who have had these for more than 12 months would write me a note confirming that the books are still required.

During the year the Library has received many valuable gifts. From our president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, we received the magnificent donation of 58 foreign books on bells, and also of two English ones: these have been catalogued, and a list printed in 'The Ringing World.' From Mrs. J. Padmore we received 21 books, formerly the property of her grandfather, the late Thomas North, who wrote extensively on bells in the 19th century; a list of these has been published in 'The Ringing World.'

In addition to the above-mentioned we have received, and acknowledge with grateful thanks, the gifts of the following works:—From Mr. E. H. Lewis—(1) 'Experiments with spring bell frames,' MS.; (2) 'Report of experiments carried out at All Saints', Loughborough.' MS.. and two extremely rare and valuable foreign books; (3) 'Magius de Tintinnabulis,' 1689; and (4) 'Biringuccio Pirotechnia.' 1559.

We received a copy of 'The History and Rules of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild': 'Carillon Bibliographies,' from the author, Mr. J. R. Lawson; 'The History of Ringing in Hertfordshire,' from the author, Mr. H. V. Frost; 'Peal Tablets at Eye,' MS., from Mr. C. Rush; from Miss Jenkyn, the note book of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: 'Bob Minor and Bob Major,' 'Cambridge Minor and Major' and 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples,' by I. H. Rowe and M. Broome, from the authors; 'The Irish Bell News,' from Mr. F. E. Dukes; and from Mr. B. Glen copies of 'The Clavis Campanologia' and 'Shipway's Campanologia.'

The report concluded with appreciation of the services of Mrs. J. Steeples (née Patricia J. Ayris) in connection with the sales section of the Library and to the Rev. E. S. Tarrant for housing the library in Launton Rectory.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, said they had received requests for all sorts of publications. During the year they had received a considerable number of gifts and they tendered their best thanks to the president for his magnificent gift of foreign books, a list of which had been published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Leslie Morris seconded the adoption of the report.

The president said he was very fortunate some years ago in being able through Mr. H. B. Walters, to get the library of Mr. Morris, a clergyman in South Wales, who had been collecting books on bells. He felt that as he was getting rather old it would be well to start getting rid of certain things to the destination he wished them to go.

The report was adopted.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The report of the committee, signed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, stated that the Committee's terms of reference were:—

(a) To consider nominations for the position of president and to make a recommendation;

(b) To consider and submit to the Council suitable designs for a badge of office for the president;

(c) To consider the appointment of a vice-president of the Council;

(d) To alter any rules that are necessary.

Briefly, the results of the deliberations of the committee on these matters are:—

(a) The committee recommends the nomination of Mr. Frederick Sharpe for the position of president;

(b) Although it is the committee's opinion that a badge of office for the president is not really necessary, designs for a badge have been considered and two are presented for inspection;

(c) The committee considers that it would be a distinct advantage to have a vice-president of the Council and recommends the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for the position.

(d) Alteration of Rules—see note (b) by secretary.

In addition, the committee recommends that normally the president and vice-president should hold office for six years, but the members of the committee are most strongly against any rule to this effect.

Note by the Secretary: (a) The other members of the committee are:—Standing Committee, R. S. Anderson, A. A. Hughes; Council: P. A. Corby, J. A. Freeman, T. J. Lock.

(b) Alteration of Rules.—If it is agreed that there should be a vice-president, consideration will be given to the amendment of the following rules:—

(i) Rule 6—Life Members.
(ii) Rule 9—Election of officers.
(iii Rule 12—Vesting of property.
(iv) Rule 14—Procedure at meetings.

In addition, if the proposed clause (ii) is added to Rule 11 at the forthcoming meeting (see Item 9 on the agenda), this will need further amendment.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, in moving the adoption of the report, asked that the items should be taken separately. On (b) it was for the Council to decide whether they considered a badge of office was necessary. The committee did not think that it was necessary and the Standing Committee also approved of that decision. There was no reason to consider a design if the Council considered that a badge of office was unnecessary.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee endorsed the view that it would be an advantage to have a vice-president and recommended the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for that office.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded the adoption of the report.

The Council agreed to the nomination of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as president, of the appointment of a vice-president and the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for that office. It regarded a badge of office as unnecessary.

In regard to the period of office, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, in answer to the Rev. St. John Smith, pointed out that the president retired every three years. Mr. A. A. Hughes explained that after a period of six years the president was still open for re-election.

The report was then adopted.

In consequence of this decision the hon. secretary gave notice of motion to amend the Rules of the Council accordingly. This was agreed to.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The report of the committee, signed by Mr. H. J. Sanger, stated:—

In this second year of office your committee have to a great extent consolidated their efforts of last year. You will remember that we set out to gain a good system of contact with the B.B.C. and to encourage this body to consult us whenever possible on matters relative to our art. We are pleased to report that, particularly as far as the Publicity Department is concerned, we have achieved this object. The Editor of our journal reports that this department now communicate with him regularly, and have on several occasions consulted him, chiefly in connection with handbell ringing. We feel that this official recognition of our journal by the publicity department is a major achievement. Again we find that the B.B.C. regularly makes an item in its programme concerning Sunday services, of the bells, and includes the name of the captain of the ringers. Descriptive matter, too, is now much more correct, a point which is most important where the general public are concerned, and all of which adds up to the fact that the B.B.C. are taking much greater care than formerly in the presentation of bells and ringing.

During the year many rings of bells have been on the air prior to divine service, and much of the ringing has been quite pleasant for listeners. Some, however, has not been so good and here we would emphasise the point we made last year, i.e., 'good rounds are much to be preferred to bad change ringing.' Listeners in general, too, are in the main quite oblivious to any particular changes. If asked, they will either say the bells sounded well or were an awful clatter. May we, therefore, stress the need of making your bells sound their very best when on the air.

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Television has featured bells and ringing on a number of occasions. The casting of Gressenhall bells was filmed and televised, the dedication service broadcast and at the opening service later on the ringers and bells were filmed whilst ringing, which film was later televised. The new ring of ten for St. Clement Danes', Strand, was also shown on television and interviews have been recorded.

The Christmas broadcast was quite good and well presented. In a letter we expressed our appreciation of it to the B.B.C.

An idea in connection with the television 'Interval,' which was sent in last year by a member of the Salisbury Guild, and which has been the subject of some correspondence with the B.B.C., has not to date borne much fruit, but the matter is still in hand.

Handbells featured in a number of programmes around the Christmas season in carol services, and the performances were extremely good.

In concluding this report we would mention the old complaint of too little time given to bells prior to divine service. In this respect we have as yet gained no further concession of time; it is, in fact, a very difficult problem. There is, however, one way in which all ringers concerned can help—that is by being most accurate in their timing collaboration with the engineers. It is so easy to lose valuable seconds on the air by bad timing. It should also be borne in mind that incumbents' wishes are respected by the B.B.C., and if tower captains would always see to it that their incumbents are well acquainted with our views on the subject, namely, the desirability of a reasonable period of uninterrupted ringing, much good would probably be done.

Mr. H. J. Sanger moved, and Mr. J. W. Dunwoody seconded, the adoption of the report.

In reply to a question by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. Sanger said a suggestion had been made that a film be made of handbells ringing for television interval and only the hands and bells be shown. The suggestion was being gone into.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The report stated: The committee has now the compositions which are to be published in the new 'Stedman' book, and while regarding this collection as much more comprehensive than the previous one, still considers that there might be a separate collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, as there are so many compositions which should be made available to conductors. Some preliminary work has been done on this collection and the time has come to invite those having interesting compositions in their possession to send them to one of the committee. The book would be about the same size as the 'Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods,' and it is hoped to include every type of composition.

Mr. C. W. Woolley, in moving the adoption of the report, said to do all this work and turn down publication would be very hard. He would like to know if the Council would publish the work.

The Secretary: The Standing Committee recommended that the collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques be published.

Mr. E. W. Critchley seconded.

Mr. P. A. Corby: Has any question of cost been considered? Personally I think it would be extremely valuable.

The President: It would be about the same size as the book on Major compositions.

The report was adopted and on the proposition of Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. B. G. Key. It was decided to print the collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

An examination of our record books reveals the names of 715 persons who, in 65 years of the Council's existence, have been elected to membership. Of this total 320 are known or believed to be deceased. The latter figure is given with reserve because it is likely that some former members have retired and, removed from the scene of their former activity, have died without the news reaching the Council.

At the time of preparing this report about 120 of the biographies are included in our album which is exhibited, a further 100 are complete and are in varying stages of final editing by Mr. Viggers and writing by Mr. Willis. Of the remainder, 20 await only a photograph and a few must be included in our 'unknown' class.

With reference to this unknown class, we have a list containing 40 names of those who became members but who never attended a meeting of the Council. The committee recommends that these names be entered in the album in list form only, with an appropriate note of explanation attached.

In the months preceding our meeting to-day, the birthdays of some past, and of one present, members have been passed. A list of nine names is appended, all of whom are over 90 years of age:—H. W. Brown, November 1st, 1862: J. Ashmole, February 6th, 1863; S. J. Hughes, August 19th, 1864: F. G. May, January 4th, 1875; J. A. Smith, December 17th, 1863: C. Willshire, January 8th, 1866; H. W. Tompkins, April 4th, 1862: E. A. Young, May 22nd, 1865; James Parker, March 17th, 1866.

We feel sure that the Council will wish to extend its greetings to these veterans. The Biographies Committee has had indirect correspondence with Mr. F. G. May, per Mr. Sheppard, of Cape Town, and with Mr. C. Willshire (now living in Montreal) per Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Your Biographies Committee again wishes to offer thanks to the many correspondents without whose help its task would indeed be an almost impossible one. We are particularly grateful to Mr. A. D. Barker, who obtained the loan of photographs of the two Groombridges (senior and junior): to Mr. F. E. Dukes, of the Irish Association, through whose good offices a very worthy photograph of the late Mr. G. Lindoff was obtained: to Mr. F. W. Lack and Mr. Ridgman, of Ely Diocesan Association, who obtained for us a loan of a fine photograph of the late Rev. W. W. C. Covey-Crump: and to Mr. Irvin Slack for his assistance in collecting data regarding North Country members.

Members will have noted throughout this report the emphasis on photographs, which are regarded as an essential part of our records. They are also the most difficult to collect. We therefore append to this paragraph a specimen batch of six from the many which we need. All are names of outstanding past members of the Council, and we would be grateful for help in obtaining their photographs:—John Basden, Middlesex County Association (died 1911): C. W. P. Clifton, Lincoln Diocesan Guild (1926): R. A. Daniell, Royal Cumberland Youths (1935): R. G. Knowles, Worcestershire and Districts Association (1942): T. Lockwood. Honorary (1911); T. Walmsley, Chester Diocesan Guild (1933).

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, in moving the adoption of the report, said that two of those of 90 and over had died—Mr. J. Ashmole and Mr. S. J. Hughes.

Mr. W. H. Viggers seconded, and mentioned that the record book was on view.

Mr. W. Rogers, in congratulating the committee on making an excellent job, said that in the record of Mr. John Carter there was no reference to composition.

The president wished Mr. A. C. Hazelden a happy 80th birthday on the following Thursday.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report stated: The Committee again regret a falling off in peals, both on tower- and handbells during the year 1955.

There was a grand total of 2,237, with 2,126 on tower bells and 111 on handbells. The analysis shows as follows:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
Maximus	17	—	17
Cinques	38	—	38
Royal	81	6	87
Caters	55	3	58
Major	827	32	859
Triples	226	18	244
Minor	662	29	691
Doubles	220	23	243

Once again the Leicester Diocesan Guild appears at the head of the list, with the Lincoln Guild next, followed by the Oxford Guild. The first six places are:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
Leicester	143	25	168
Lincoln	117	6	123
Oxford Diocesan ..	116	—	116
Kent	107	2	109
Yorkshire	92	14	106
Norwich	94	3	97

Certain Guilds and Associations have fallen this year and must look to their laurels. No peals were recorded by the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, National Police Guild or the Scottish Association. Two peals not completed till 1956 (the early hours thereof) are not included in this analysis. A moot point, maybe, but a peal is never rung until it is completed, as many of us know.

There were two outstanding performances on tower bells:—

(a) A peal in 53 Surprise Major methods by the Yorkshire Association;

(b) A peal in 72 Doubles methods by the Middlesex Diocesan Guild.

On handbells the Minor record 'went by the board' with the Yorkshire Association raising the number to 109 after 'practice peals' in 72 and 57 methods, surpassing the one, also rung in 1955, of 106 methods by the Lincoln Guild.

With the alteration of rules last year, one might have expected a spate of 'unorthodox' peals, but with the exception of a few additional Bob Triples, plus Grandsire Royal and Major, with the inclusion of Grandsire Minor in a peal, the temptation appears to have been resisted.

The committee trust that the decline in the number of peals rung does not mean a corresponding reduction in Sunday service ringing, as that is our essential duty.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

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STRONG PUBLIC INTEREST IN BELLS

LITERARY AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The year 1955 was marked by no great national celebration or prodigious ringing enterprise such as brought bells and ringers so vividly before the public in 1954. In one or two centres of activity the Press recorded some reaction against what was called excessive ringing. Your committee would commend such manifestations to the consideration of all ringers, and would venture to suggest that these monitory rumblings, although not the prelude to any great storm, should by no means be ignored.

In general, the appeal of the bells remains strong and the articles and news items that have appeared show that public interest is fully maintained. 'The Sunday Times' of August 7th, and 'The Western Gazette' of October 28th gave us well-written articles on bell customs and their appeal to the people of this country, and in May 'The Yorkshire Evening Post' described a visit to the belfry at Armley. The South African National Magazine, 'Outspan,' for July 29th, provided a well-illustrated and lively account of the activities at St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, and the accompanying photographs were very striking.

From the East there came in September the story of the installation of a ring of five bells in the little Church of St. Martha, near the 38th Parallel in Korea—work that has been carried out under the supervision of Sapper Peter Minchin, of Swindon. An autumn number of 'The Illustrated Carpenter and Builder' published photographs of the church and of the bells being hung in their frame.

A moving reminder of the bonds uniting our Commonwealth comes from the leading article in the 'Cornish Evening Tidings' of August 17th, where the suggestion is made that the sons of the West Country now scattered over the world should provide a memorial ring of bells for St. Michael's, Plymouth.

Articles in three trade journals came to the notice of the committee. In the 'Brush Group Publication' Mr. J. W. Gibson gave a light-hearted account of a ringer's troubles, while, in contrast, the (Irish) 'Chamber of Commerce Journal' in a lengthy and detailed article on bell founding provided an interesting reminder of the Fountain Head Bell Foundry of Matthew O'Byrne, Dublin. A second article on the founding of bells appeared in 'Jenolite News,' and this excellent thesis may, for its authority, clarity and general interest perhaps rank as the outstanding article of the year. This essay will be found reproduced in 'The Ringing World' of August 5th

Ringers featured in the Press during 1955 have been nicely divided between 'ancient' and 'modern.' No small amount of attention has been given to youth, and it will doubtless be noted with pleasure that this publicity has not been devoted to the exaltation of the youthful prodigy but to the much more desirable revelation of team work and communal activity among the children and young people.

Considerable activity is reported from schools up and down the country, and there are indications of a growing number of handbell groups in primary and secondary schools. In August 'The South Yorkshire and Rotherham Gazette' printed an excellent photograph of the Rotherham High School girls looking very business-like at their ropes, and in the following month 'The Surrey Times' gave us a pleasant picture of 70-year-old Mr. W. A. Goldstone surrounded by a group of his charming young pupils. In March 'The Folkestone and Hythe Gazette' visited Cheriton and found young ringers playing a prominent part in the belfry of St. Martin's Church.

In ringing circles youth is linked with age to a remarkable degree, and it is therefore pleasing to find that the Press has once again shown us some of the vigour and enterprise of the older brethren. In June 'The Birmingham Gazette' portrayed Mr. Albert Walker assisting the Rector of Birmingham to ring the new bell at St. Martin's Church, and in 'The Birmingham Weekly Post' of September 2nd Vivien Bird wrote at some length on the churches and bells of Bredon, Worcestershire. The article was well illustrated and included pictures of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and Mr. Stedman Devereux. Towards the end of the year 'The Kent Messenger' published a photograph of the 88-year-old Mr. E. Ruck, the only surviving founder-member of the Kent County Association.

Two photographs of bell rehanging appeared in the Press in January. 'The Surrey Times' pictured the bells in St. Nicholas' Church, Cranleigh, together with members of the Charman family. An excellent picture in 'The Birmingham Mail' provided an interesting demonstration of the man-handling of one of the bells in its approach to the tower of Handsworth Parish Church, Birmingham. A new treble for this ring of eight was the gift of Alderman A. Paddon Smith.

THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

With this issue the charge for postage of copies of 'The Ringing World,' in common with other periodicals, will be 2d. instead of 1½d. This will cost the Editorial Committee another £250 for 1956. Postal subscribers are asked to meet their share of the cost by remitting 1s. 3d. either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editorial Offices, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey.

An encouraging manifestation of the vitality of the Exercise is provided by the periodicals and publications devoted specifically to the art of ringing. In addition to 'The Ringing World' it is pleasing to note the continued publication of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District, that enterprising little monthly 'The Ringing Towers,' which works so gallantly to link the scattered ringing centres of Australia, and the very comprehensive 'Irish Bell News.' The year has witnessed also the publication of a new American magazine, 'Overtones,' produced as the organ of The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The president of the Guild is Mrs. Arthur Shurcliff, daughter of the late Dr. Nicholls, and the magazine reveals that since she formed the Guild in 1937 the movement has grown into an extensive organisation for the teaching and practice of tune ringing in all its stages. The size of the Guild and the scope of its work are indeed astonishing.

Ringing books and pamphlets of the year present both the historical and practical approaches to the art. Mr. J. W. Clarke has published Part IV. of 'Cheshire Bells,' and Mr. Ernest Morris' monumental work 'Towers and Bells of Britain' provides an exhaustive survey of its subject. It is encouraging to find Mr. Wilson's 'Notes for Beginners' reaching a fifth edition, while for the young conductor it may be pointed out that C. Chambers' 'Calling Grandsire Triples into Rounds' offers an unusual approach to an interesting technique. Two booklets of considerable interest have been produced by local effort and for local church funds. The first, Mr. H. V. Frost's 'Ringing in Hertfordshire,' should have received attention in the last report, and for the omission your committee tenders apologies. The booklet is attractively produced, with an excellent cover, and contains besides a careful survey of Hertfordshire ringing, much matter of general interest. The second little work 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' issued by the Beddington Band, is a most attractive booklet, which, in the care and selection of its material, may well serve as a model for any pamphlet designed for the general public.

During the year the Central Council has published its fifth edition of 'The Preservation and Repair of Bells'; and the long-awaited and very welcome 'Collection of Doubles Methods' appeared in November. Messrs. Viggers and Hodgson continue to produce the 'Ringer's Note Book and Diary,' and we are informed that the current issue is sold out.

This report cannot close without reference to the volume of poems entitled 'By Wandering Tempest,' the work of Mr. A. J. Lancefield, well known in Kentish ringing circles. The book contains a number of poems on bells and their nostalgic appeal, written in a distinctive style and with considerable power. Lovers of verse may find this collection a pleasant companion to the more technical books on their shelves.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes, and carried.

(To be continued)

NORTH STONEHAM BELLS

An appeal is made to the friends of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, Hants, to help in the restoration of their bells. Seven of the bells are to be recast, viz.: Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and tenor, and all these except No. 6 rehung on ball bearings. The tenor is to be increased in weight to about 10¼ cwt., the work to be carried out by John Taylor and Co.

North Stoneham became famous during the time that George Williams was in command, when ringers from all over the county used to travel there regularly for practice in methods which were seldom rung anywhere nearer than Guildford. Peals were also rung there regularly.

Towards the cost the ringers have raised a very substantial sum, but £400 is still needed. Mr. R. A. Reed (captain), of 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants, appeals to the host of ringers—many of them now famous—who have rung peals there, or have any fond memories of the light ten, to send donations to him, which will be officially acknowledged.

The bells were rung for the last time before removal on June 3rd, and in the afternoon an attempt was made for the 250th peal on the bells.

A RECRUITING VISIT

At the request of the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Bishop, M.A.) a party of ringers from Rotherham Parish Church visited Harthill with a view to creating interest in bell ringing amongst the Anglican Young People's Association. An inspection of the bells had been made the previous week, ropes attended to and the ringing chamber cleaned up.

From 7 till 8 p.m. the tower bells were rung to Grandsire Triples and Plain and Little Bob Major, after which they were lowered in peal. Some 15 to 20 young people who watched the proceedings and also listened outside were thrilled at the sound of the bells being rung in full peal.

The whole gathering then adjourned to the nearby church room, where, while refreshments were being served, they were able to hear a tape recording of the ringing just done, and learn with interest that the recording was being sent to Australia. A short introductory talk and demonstrations of change ringing were given on handbells, and the evening's activities concluded with a selection of tunes on handbells.

As a result of the visit over a dozen recruits have volunteered to attend the belfry and church room each week for instruction, and it is hoped to be able to report some progress in the not too distant future. N. C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Prestwich on April 28th and was attended by members and friends from all parts of the county.

The day's proceedings started with ringing at Hulme (8), Miles Platting (8), Worsley (10), Manchester Cathedral (10), Manchester Town Hall (12)—this provided quite a tour for car parties.

The annual service was held at the Church of St. Mary, Prestwich, and was conducted by the president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. The Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Liverpool, gave the address, and the Rev. P. T. Robbins read the lesson. Tea was partaken of in the Prestwich Co-operative Society dining hall.

After tea the annual meeting commenced under the president's guidance. No apologies were received. The minutes of the last annual general meeting were read and there were no matters out of the minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The president asked the scrutineer to declare the result of the ballot for vice-president. Mr. Blakey declared the result as follows:—N. M. Newby, E. R. Martin, P. H. Derbyshire. Whereupon Mr. N. M. Newby was declared by the president as the vice-president for the ensuing two years. Mr. Newby expressed his appreciation. The president said that there was only one nomination for general secretary, namely, Mr. F. Dunkerley, and declared him duly elected. Mr. Dunkerley thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

The general secretary read the committee's and the ringing secretary's reports, which were accepted. Mr. Peter Crook, treasurer, read the balance sheet and auditors' certificate. After several questions had been asked and dealt with, the balance sheet and auditors' certificate were duly accepted. The total assets of the Association stand at £519 0s. 6d.

FROM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

One of the chief items was the general secretary's scheme for the simplification of the Association's accounts, in particular the collecting of subscriptions direct from tower leaders to the general secretary. The arrears figure for 1955 was 116 as against 265 members in 1954. The general secretary in his report for 1954 said that the value of the 265 members' arrears would cover 80 per cent. of the cost of printing the annual report, so one can see that much leeway has been made in 1955. Three amendments and one additional rule were adopted.

Losses by death were as follows:—Life ringing members: T. W. Hammond (Liverpool), A. T. Houldsworth (Newton Abbot); ringing members: F. Youles (St. Annes-on-Sea), W. Lawrenson (Poulton-le-Fylde), L. Reynolds (Prestwich), R. B. Smith (Sefton), M. Stables (Kirkby-in-Furness), C. H. C. Haines (Penwortham).

The Association extended a hearty welcome to the 102 new members who joined during the year. The total number of members resident in the county is 1,091.

Tribute was paid to the following members with long records of faithful service to the Association:—J. March, 61 years; C. Sharples, 60 years; P. H. Derbyshire, 59 years; H. Barlow, 58 years; T. Metcalfe, 55 years; H. Entwistle, 51 years; P. Crook (sen.), W. Fowler, H. France and J. Littlefair all with 50 years' membership.

On the ringing side, 89 peals were recorded for the year, and of this total 27 were Surprise. This showed a definite increase in Surprise ringing and reflected in a great measure the work of Mr. W. J. Ridyard, of Southport, in his determination to put the L.A.C.R. on the Surprise ringing map.

It was noted with pleasure that a new ring of eight had been provided at East Crompton in the Rochdale Branch.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the day a success. F. D.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—May I, through this journal, say 'Thank you, Leicester,' for the splendid hospitality which we have enjoyed this Whitsuntide?

The facilities provided and the generosity extended to us could hardly be surpassed. The social evening and dance was a most enjoyable function, thanks in no small degree to the presence of so many young members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Once again the Leicester Guild has maintained its high tradition of good bells, well-kept belfries, good ringing and generous hospitality.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

FROME TENOR

Dear Sir,—We in Frome would like to know where the information quoted in the new 'Dove,' that our tenor weighs 27 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb., comes from, as we ourselves have no record of it ever having been weighed. It was reputed to weigh 36 cwt. with cannons, but was estimated by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who rehung the bells in 1937, to weigh 31 cwt. Its diameter is 55½ in., height to crown 39¼ in., circumference at inscription band 92 in., thickness at soundbow 3 9/16 in., note C sharp, date 1662, John Lott founder, and it has been slightly flattened some time by means of a pointed tool.

If the figure given is a calculation an accuracy of .03 per cent. seems a bit optimistic; if the bells have been weighed it is odd that this has been so completely forgotten locally.—Yours sincerely,

EUNICE B. OVEREND,
Hon. Sec., St. John's Ringers.

Frome, Somerset.

A REPLY TO MR. WARWICK

Dear Sir,—I was very distressed to read Mr. Warwick's letter, particularly from my point of view, in that he suggests that my only letter to 'The Ringing World' was not worth the paper it was written on because I did not hear the alleged peal.

The time lag between my letter and his reply should have given him plenty of time to read my letter properly, which made no actual reference to the peal's merits in any way. All I suggested was that the standard of striking in any peal is that which is allowed by the conductor, and I quoted two cases of opposite values of standards, one at Leicester and one at Salford Priors, both of which I heard. The conductor of the first allowed a very poorly-struck peal. The conductor of the second stopped a good peal because it became ragged towards the end. I made no suggestion at all as to which class Mr. Warwick's peals fall—your readers will judge for themselves, but I have no reason to doubt anything that Mr. Cheney heard, providing he is a responsible person, as he must be if he is welcome to ring at Wigston at any time.

Furthermore, if a conductor claims his peals through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' surely any comment should also be sent through the same channels, whether it be praiseworthy or not. It is not underhanded in any way—rather to the contrary.

I remember reading a comment from Mr. Warwick some years ago, when several 'silent' peals were being claimed. He suggested that such peals should have a witness. He was probably right, but I do not remember anyone writing and saying his letter was not worth the paper it was written on because he had not heard the peals.

I wish him a very successful secretaryship, in helping to solve the loss of members in his Guild.—Yours faithfully, A. J. MOORE.

Uppingham.

THE PEAL AT FOLKINGHAM

Dear Sir,—I don't wish to take up too much valuable space in your columns, but would like to answer Mr. J. H. Musson's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 25th regarding the peal at Folkingham on April 2nd. I am sorry he has got somewhat hot under the collar over the matter, but am afraid I cannot retract from my opinion of rounds coming up six times only in the peal. I am not quite so dull of hearing or unable to count up to seven, as Mr. Musson would have one believe.

Anyway, if the rest of the band who rang in the peal are of the same opinion as the conductor, well, let them claim it by all means. As for the rest of Mr. Musson's remarks about myself, well, of course, they are exaggerated, unfounded and totally insignificant as to the real point in question. However, if the same band care to come again at any time we shall be glad to see them, and hope we shall not be at sixes and sevens over the validity of a 'peal of Minor.'—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. C. T. H. Bradley's letter questioning the authenticity of a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Folkingham on April 2nd. I rang the treble and in my opinion it was a perfect peal.

No doubt Mr. Bradley did hear only six 720's from the near vicinity of the church, as stated, but I suggest that he forgot that he was actually in the ringing chamber for the first of the seven 720's. He did, in fact, lock the belfry door, conceal the key in a crevice in the wall and fail to return at the end of the peal to release the ringers.

It was fortunate that another ringer happened to be in the church, otherwise we may not have been extricated from our prison for some considerable time.—Yours faithfully,

Sleaford Lincs. D. HENRY METTAM.

HANBOROUGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Church of SS. Peter and Paul had a ring of five which were extremely hard going but of superb tone.

A local band, with wonderful perseverance, mastered these bells under many difficulties and change ringing was again accomplished for Sunday services. Interest revived, the ringers wished for bells which would entice more ringers, so rehanging of bells was contemplated and ambition soared higher to the desire for a new treble. Since February, 1954, the ringers themselves have raised the sum of £255 and a further £20 has been received in grants. £200 is still needed for their project and three generous people have loaned this sum free of interest for four years.

The new treble bell was dedicated by the Rev. Canon Spafford, Rector of Hanborough, on March 20th.

The peal, rung on April 23rd, in which four Hanborough ringers took part, expresses their pride in the restoration of the bells.—Yours truly, LOTTIE PIMM.

Eynsham, Oxon.

THE STALWARTS OF OLD

Dear Sir,—I would like to give my experience of ringing a peal with the late John Souter, of Diss. The method was Double Norwich, and I was reminded by the conductor, the late F. R. Borrett, that if I rang well and pleased John Souter I might consider myself able to ring. If, on the other hand, I failed to do so, I should never be a ringer. The peal was duly rung and John made no comments. I rang with him several times after this, and so I took it all was well.—Yours truly,

GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

Lowestoft, Suffolk.

MEMORIAL TO HAROLD J. POOLE

Following the 8 a.m. Holy Communion service in Leicester Cathedral on Whit Sunday the Provost (the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong) conducted a service in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral and dedicated a memorial plaque to Mr. Harold J. Poole. The service was attended by all the members of the Cathedral company.

The plaque, which is in oak, reads:

To the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
HAROLD JOSEPH POOLE
X 1902 — 1955 X
Ringing Master 1937—1955
and Lay Canon of this
Cathedral Church

* * *

This tablet was given by his wife and family in thankfulness for his life and work for the ringers of this tower

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In every work that he began in the service of the House of God—he did it with all his heart.
2 Chronicles, 31, v. 21.

The ringing chamber, recently painted, and the table adorned with spring flowers, presented a most attractive appearance. On the walls are three peal tablets — Bristol Surprise Maximus, 12 Surprise Maximus peals and the memorial peal to Harold J. Poole.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The first annual meeting of the Guild took place on May 12th at Abbots Langley. Ringing at the Church of St. Lawrence preceded Evensong, conducted by the Vicar. Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. F. S. Poole, with the help of other members' ladies. At the business meeting the secretary reported on progress since the inaugural meeting a year ago. The Guild now has a membership of 26, two being student members; it was hoped that other interested members of the profession would be encouraged to join. Only one peal had been rung for the Guild in the year, two other arranged attempts failing because of insufficient numbers. During the year two boards commemorating the two doctors' peals rung before the formation of the Guild had been dedicated—at Abbots Langley and Great Baddow. The annual dinner was at the Crown Hotel, Garston, and much enjoyed.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, viz: President, F. S. Poole; Master, R. E. Price; secretary-treasurer, D. L. Gullick. It was agreed that the next annual meeting be at Stevenage and that a winter meeting be held in London.

ARCHDEACON'S PROTEST AT RECORDED BELLS

Opposing the use of electrically-recorded church bells in the Parish Church of Chesterton, Staffs, at a Consistory Court at Lichfield Cathedral on May 26th, the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. W. A. Parker) said the sound was 'very disturbing—particularly if worn or cracked records are used.'

In granting the petition, the Chancellor (Mr. C. H. Gage) said he was generally opposed to recorded bells, as imitations were quite out of place in church worship. He stipulated, however, that the bells should be reproduced for only 20 minutes before morning and evening service on Sundays; the present bell in the church must be used for all other purposes; the apparatus must be kept under lock and key and not used for reproducing any other sound than that of bells.

The petitioners had said that to install ordinary bells would be impossible because of mining subsidence.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWIN TIMBRELL

The death took place at Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston, on May 26th, of Mr. Edwin Timbrell, the Lancashire composer. He was 85 and had been a patient for the past 15 months, but not always confined to bed. His ringing was learned at the Parish Church of Chipping, where there was a good Minor band in 1890, two brothers being also members of the band. It was as a composer that he became well known at the turn of the century; the records show that the late T. T. Gofton called one of Timbrell's peals of Superlative in 1901.

The funeral took place at Chipping on May 29th, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. K. Nye, who spoke very highly of Mr. Timbrell. The Lancashire Association was represented by Mr. L. Walmsley, branch secretary, and Mr. E. R. Martin, Preston. A memorial peal is being arranged as early as convenient.

AN APPRECIATION

Edwin Timbrell was the last of the three ringing brothers who rang handbells together as far back as 1898. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1892 and became well known as a peal composer in the early part of the present century. The popular method in those days was Treble Bob and he produced many first-class compositions, especially one-parts. He broke the deadlock in long peal composition, superseding Thomas Day's 16,608 by a five-part 16,800. This he later extended to 17,120. At the age of 81 he produced a new peal of Treble Bob Major, which was rung to Bristol and Treble Bob.

He was a contemporary of the late Arthur Craven and also Arthur Knights, who paid him a very high compliment. Arthur had been trying as he said for years to produce a 14 course peal with 5.6 the extent in 5.6. Timbrell gave one to Arthur's son, Ben, who posted it to his father. His reply was typical. 'Timbrell,' he said, 'there's a man I want to meet, but before I do meet him I will say that he is no fool.' Arthur Knights conducted the composition at Eckington in June, 1933.

The village of Chipping, where the Timbrells lived, is among the Pennine Hills, 5½ miles north of Longridge, and before the days of buses this meant walking to Longridge Railway Station if they wanted a Major peal. Edwin had rung between 30 and 40 peals, mostly Treble Bob Major, but he kept no records and was not as careful as he should have been in tabulating his peals. Of a very shy and retiring nature, he never liked the limelight, but he was a true friend and loved ringing when he was younger. Thus passes one of the old brigade of composers, and happily his compositions are preserved. May he rest in peace.

E. R. MARTIN.

MR. JACK WALTER

Members of the Canterbury District will learn with regret of the sudden death of Mr. Jack Walter, which occurred on May 22nd at his home in Whitstable. He had been ringing the Saturday previous. On Sunday he complained of feeling unwell and lapsed into unconsciousness, in which condition he remained until his passing.

Mr. Walter, who was 69, originally lived at Wickhambreaux. It was here he learnt his ringing, and remained a member of that band until his removal to Whitstable. On November 15th, 1902, he was, together with eight of his fellow-villagers, made a member of the Kent County Association, and he remained a member for life. Of that eight, his brother, Mr. S. Walter, is now the last active ringer. Jack joined the Canterbury Cathedral band in 1936, and he remained one of its most regular members. Quiet, unassuming, he was, nevertheless, a most popular member at both the Cathedral and Whitstable. He was well known throughout East Kent, and his little blue Austin Seven was always seen at district meetings, which he attended with unfailing regularity.

In the presence of many friends, the funeral took place at All Saints', Whitstable, among them being ringers from Canterbury, Sturry and Wickhambreaux, together with the local ringers. Previous to the service the bells were rung half-muffled. During the evening the bells of Canterbury Cathedral were also rung to his memory. Much sympathy will be expressed to his widow and two daughters.

MR. G. F. WILLIAMS

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. George Forbes Williams, of Cottingham, for many years captain and secretary of Holy Trinity tower, Hull. He was 74.

Mr. Williams was born in Ireland, but spent his childhood in Essex, where he learned to ring. He came to Hull and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1907 and succeeded the late Mr. Charles Jackson as leader at Holy Trinity. For some years he was president of the Beverley and District Society, retiring a few years ago on account of ill-health. An extremely competent conductor, his place will be most difficult to fill. For the Yorkshire Association he rang 69 peals, conducting 45, and would have rung a great many more had his spare time been not so limited.

The service at Hull Crematorium was attended by a large congregation, including many of his ringing friends from Beverley, Hull, Patrington, Sutton and other towers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the coffin by R. Ducker 1–2, J. Parr 3–4, C. Barker 5–6, L. Rodmell 7–8. Mr. A. E. Sellars, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association and president of the Beverley and District Society, was present to represent both bodies. Others present included Messrs. A. B. Cook, F. W. Dale and G. Braithwaite, all very old friends.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled at Holy Trinity on the Wednesday evening.

Mr. Williams leaves a widow, son and daughter to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

H. S. M.

MR. G. A. WOODCOCK

A faithful ringer whose family name appears in the parish registers of Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire, as long ago as 1680, died on April 20th, in the person of Mr. George A. Woodcock. He was 72.

A chorister for over 60 years and a bell-ringer over 50 years, he came of a family whose building firm is renowned locally for its craftsmanship. His loving care of the church fabric made him a devoted servant of the church; he was parish clerk for ten years prior to the First World War and was a prime mover in having electric lighting installed in 1932. His firm was responsible for all repairs to the tower and spire undertaken in recent years and he personally installed the new floor under the bells at the restoration in 1949, working closely with the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A member of the Parochial Council since its inception, his annual survey of the church was always useful to the Council.

Canon D. W. Lee (Vicar) said at his funeral that God should be thanked for such men whose Christian witness, broad outlook and artistic appreciation were an example to all. His memorial would be the many public buildings and private houses he had constructed locally and the excellent state of the church fabric.

On the evening of the funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half muffled on the bells he had rung quite recently, by Miss J. Hemming (first quarter) 1, John H. Jones 2, James W. Jones 3, Basil Tisor 4, James Corbett (cond.) 5, A. James Collins 6.

REDEDICATION

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET

Whit Saturday will long be remembered in the Parish of Broadwindsor, for on this day the restored ring of six bells was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne. Prior to the service the streets of the village had been decorated, and on an open space near the church numerous stalls had been erected for the sale of local handicrafts and products, the receipts being in aid of the Bell Fund.

At the service the church was packed to capacity and the service was relayed to those outside. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung by the local ringers and after the service the bells were thrown open to the visiting ringers, who made good use of the time at their disposal.

During the past few months it has been broadcast on the B.B.C. and widely published in the papers that Broadwindsor may possess the oldest church bell still capable of being rung. Of the three pre-Reformation vintage, the fifth bell bears markings that it was cast in the 13th century. This may or may not be correct, though it is accepted generally that Broadwindsor can claim to be the only parish to possess three bells that date back to at least 100 years before the Reformation.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have equipped the bells with new fittings, with cast iron headstocks instead of the older type of timber ones and the bearings are of the ball bearing type. Mr. John P. Fidler represented the founders, and those who had had previous experience with these bells expressed their admiration on the vastly improved 'go.' The details of the bells are as under:—

Treble.—'Daniel Ewans and Azariah Elswood. Bilbie 1806.' Six cwt.

Second.—Henry Slade and Thomas Studley. Bilbie 1790.' Six and a half cwt.

Third.—'Sancta Maria ora pro nobis.' (Pre-Reformation.) Eight cwt.

Fourth.—'Est michi collatum ihc istud nomen amatum.' (Pre-Reformation.) Nine cwt.

Fifth.—'S.C.T.A. x G.A.B.R.I.E.L. x O.R.A. x P.R.O. x N.O.B.I.S.' (Pre-Reformation.) Eleven cwt.

Tenor.—'Carmen Francisi Sonet in Aure Dei. 1897.' Fourteen and a half cwt.

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By NOLAN GOLDEN

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Rung at Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, April 11th, 1956.

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BIRTH

POOLE.—On Wednesday, May 23rd, 1956, at Linsdale, 96, Wycombe Road, Marlow, to Patricia and Dennis Poole, the gift of a daughter, Valerie Sylvia, a sister for Bernard. 8428

ENGAGEMENTS

BLUNDELL—FAULKNER. — The engagement is announced between Clifford, son of Mrs. L. G. M. Blundell, 2, Jesus Hospital, Bray, Berks, and Angela, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. C. Faulkner, 36, Coleridge Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 8429

SARGENT—SAXTON.—The engagement is announced between John Philip Hugh, elder son of the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Sargent, of Wingerworth Rectory, Chesterfield, and Pauline Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Saxton, of 7, Priory Road, Chichester. 8040

HANDBELLS WANTED

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PUBLICATIONS

MR. SCOTT B. PARRY, of the United States, is pleased to announce that his book 'The History and Art of Handbell Ringing' is to be published in America this summer. Anxious to make the book available to his many friends in England, Mr. Parry is asking that all persons interested in owning a copy make this known on a postcard addressed to him at the following address:—

32, Whitechapel Road,
London, E.1, England.

In this way you will aid the publisher in determining the extent of their edition, and you will be notified when the book is available. (Be sure to include your address.) The book treats all aspects of handbell ringing—its history, its spread to America, the foundry process and a history of different founders, change ringing on handbells, ringing techniques, arranging music for bells, and many others. Numerous pictures and diagrams. Copies to sell for £1 to £1 5s. 8356

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5, in Forresters' Arms. Method for practice: Single Norwich.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8383

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. Chinnery, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett, Essex. 8384

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting at Castle Hedingham (6) on June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. 8337

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Ashton-under-the-Hill, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Saturday, June 9th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8392

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley, June 9th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Northaw, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea, Two Brewers, 4.15 p.m.—T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 8379

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore (8) on June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 8336

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Putney, Saturday, June 9th, 3–4.30. Service 4.30. Business 5 in vestry. Tea, own arrangements. Barnes 7–8.30. Practice meeting, Thursday, June 28th, Clapham Common, 7.15–9.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8407

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Edgware Tube Station near to church in Station Road. Stanmore bells available in evening.—T. J. Lock. 8364

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Heydon, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Horrocks, The Earle Arms, Heydon. 8327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Winslow, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 8367

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTER. —Ringing afternoon, Saturday, June 9th, on the newly-rehung six, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea to Mr. F. Parry, The Village, Redmarley. 8366

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8), June p.m., Curd's Tea Rooms. 8374

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. 8344

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Kilmersdon, Sunday, June 10th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 6, South View, Babington, near Frome. 8365

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, June 13th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 8422

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Stoke, June 16th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8430

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Meeting at Merriott, Saturday, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 8418

BEDS and HERTS ASSOCIATIONS — Summer Festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Cathedral Service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Redbourn (6) 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Sandridge (6) 10.30-11.30; Welwyn (8) 11-12; Hatfield (10) 10.15-12.15; North Mymms (8) 12-1 p.m.; Harpenden (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10) 2-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (8) after tea, also St. Peter's and the Cathedral. Names for tea essential, by previous Wednesday, to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 8399

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Berkswell (6) June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by Hampton-in-Arden, 6 p.m. Names for tea, if possible, to J. L. Garner Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8436

DURHAM COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringing day, Saturday, June 16th. Towers: Durham, St. Nicholas' (6) 2-3 p.m.; Chester-le-Street (8) 3-4 p.m. Tea 4-4.30 p.m. Houghton-le-Spring (8) 5 p.m. onwards. Service at Houghton-le-Spring 6.30. Ringing also at St. Nicholas' 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 12th, please, to: Secretary, D.C.S.C.R., Union Society, Durham. 8398

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, South Normanton, Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8424

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION —Ely District.—Practice meeting at Over on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock in Sunday School Hall near church. Service 6 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8393

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by June 14th to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8440

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held jointly with the Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch) at St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs. on Saturday, June 16th, 1956. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 13th. to Mr. P. H. Derbyshire. 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, Lancs. Please try to attend this meeting and help to get the North-West District working again.—Frances M. Hibbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8417

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 8414

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, St. Mark's, Worsley, 3 p.m., June 16th. Joint with Ladies' Guild. Business after tea. Names to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley.—R. Benson. 8437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Whitefield on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. — J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8426

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Wymeswold (6). June 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Mrs. Downs' Cafe. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss C. Cowley, 166, Ashby Road, Loughborough. 8427

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, June 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 13th certain, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 16th. All ringers welcome. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury. 8369

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Finchampstead on June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Notify Mr. R. Elliott, 35, Kingsley Road, Eversley, Hants, by June 12th.—B. C. Castle. 8420

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greetham (6), Saturday, June 16th. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—E. E. Gibson. 8390

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cosgrove, on June 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, near Wolverton.—W. A. Yates, Branch Sec. 8391

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Winterbourne Earls (5), June 16th, 6 to 8.30 p.m. Silver Star bus 5.30, 6 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec. 8425

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), June 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by June 13th.—K. C. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill, Hon. Div. Sec. 8433

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8435

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bewdley, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea not later than Friday, June 15th. to Mr. T. F. W. Harris, Chedworth, Park Lane, Bewdley.—Bernard C. Ashford. Sec. 8416

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Bingley on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday, June 14th, Miss M. Barker, Acland Hall, The Training College, Bingley. Special business: Election of District officers. Subscriptions now due and 1955 annual reports available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8401

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Wirksworth. June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafés nearby. Trent bus No. 37. Special methods: Ashtead Surprise Major, Court Bob Triples. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8415

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Practice meeting, Downe, Saturday, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, 18th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8419

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Mary (6), Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names before June 18th to Mr. W. L. Ketteringham, Church Lane, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 8433

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service at St. Mary's, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15, and 6 to 6.45; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 20th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 8421

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby Abbey (10), Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 21st to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. New reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8424

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six-bell contest, Longwood, June 30th. For teas, please notify by June 25th A. Townend, 7, Quarmby Road, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8412

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual festival, Sketty, Swansea, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8406

THE LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd. to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 14th. Application for lunch tickets (price 5s. 6d.), not later than Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8355

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

On May 26th 40 members crowded into the little tea shop at Wadhurst, Sussex, which was the only cafe left in the town after the recent air accident. However, the weather was kind to the unfortunate few who waited outside for vacant seats

For many it was their first experience of the augmented eight, and everyone agreed they were a pleasure to handle and to hear. The Ringing Master (Mr. L. Giles), officiating in his own tower for a change, was hard put to satisfy a variety of demands, and the bells were kept going to methods ranging from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

The service was taken by the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp, and the Vicar and his wife later joined the ringers at tea.

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WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes 1, Mrs. D. North 2, S. N. Bristow 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, D. T. North 5, F. W. Slocombe 6, W. Stevens 7, C. Webber 8. Rung for the Diocesan Youth Festival service.

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INSTRUCTION OR DESTRUCTION?

APART from the discussion on the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' the Leicester meeting will be remembered for the 'spotlight' brought to bear on 'Instruction,' the most important item in our Exercise, yet one approached in a very haphazard manner. Good instructors are few and far between; they experience little trouble in keeping their pupils and retaining their interest, but the majority of those who set out to impart their knowledge do so in rather a 'hit or miss' method; they not only waste their own time but also that of their pupils merely because they do not know how to tackle the task. No doubt they were taught in a similar manner and cannot be blamed. It does not follow that the best of ringers make the best instructors, but they can help once the initial training is over. In any scheme of instruction the good ringers would come in at a later stage. In a correctly planned 'Course of Instruction' instructors of several types (specialists in their respective spheres) would be needed, but for the time being we can ignore them.

In the main a beginner's introduction seems to take one pattern: he or she is introduced to the art by being taken to see 'how it is done.' He then expresses a wish to have a try; someone takes the pupil in hand—it might be a friend or it might be the captain of the ringers. If the tutor has been well taught, and in turn can teach, the chances are that the pupil will become a 'good handler,' but if the tutor was taught in an indifferent manner and cannot teach, then the chances are the pupil will not receive good instruction and will become a 'poor handler.'

The number of clergy who have been heard to say that they cannot understand why youngsters who have had some elementary training just lose interest and drop out is legion. In the majority of instances 'The Instructor' (whoever he be) is usually the cause, simply because he is unable to teach and make the introduction to our art interesting. This loss of budding ringers is a serious matter; true not every pupil will stay the course, but a good number of those who pack up could be retained.

We pride ourselves on our organisation of Diocesan and County Guilds, with the Central Council at the head, yet there is no organised system of instruction. The intake of new blood upon which the whole future of the Exercise depends seems to be treated in a most casual way, yet with a little care and thought a more positive way could be devised. True, in many guild reports the names of 'instructors' appear, yet how many have been made use of, or if they are engaged how many have a definite 'training programme'?

Surely it is not impossible to develop a system of training which pays particular attention to the initial stages. The first requirement appears to be 'Instruction for Instructors,' who in turn could advise in their particular area. In the normal set up of any band of ringers we have the captain or ringing master, the tower secretary and treasurer and the towerkeeper. Why not an instructor as well who would be responsible for the initial training of the beginner? The appointment of a tower instructor may not be easy, but possibly a study group might be formed in a branch area where the potential instructors could attend and benefit from the experiences of those who take a pride in their ability to handle a bell correctly. By this means something like standard system of training could be developed.

On the control of a bell, the tutor need only adopt a simple formula, 'Explanation, Demonstration, Imitation and Correction,' paying particular attention to 'Correction,' for if a faulty style is nipped in the bud, little or no trouble will be experienced, but without 'Correction' bad styles develop and a bad habit of long standing is well nigh impossible to eradicate. I have been surprised at the number of leaders of bands of ringers who, in the main, have the right idea in maintaining interest, but just lack the knowledge of instructing. They take their pupils to other towers and mix with other youngsters on a similar bent, yet even though keen to learn, they are handicapped for want of the right advice at the right time. I have met quite a number of such cases where practically each pupil had the same awkward style; they had been taught by the same 'tutor' who, possessing the same faults, had passed them on and could see no faults, yet they were obvious to others.

It may be that the term 'Instructor' or 'Tutor' is out of date, so why not introduce that well-known character, 'The Coach'? I think I am correct when I say that those who wish to excel in any kind of sport place themselves in the hands of a good coach and are guided by the advice given, and also benefit from criticism of the coach without taking umbrage. Is it too much to suggest that in addition to a 'Ringing Master' who controls the ringing at a branch meeting there is also a 'Coach' appointed who could take in hand novices, a feature that should make the newcomer feel that his journey has been worth while? How many times does one see a bewildered visitor in a tower?

The present method of starting off the beginner seems to be controlled by custom, and old customs die hard, yet I see no reason why a new approach cannot be promulgated.

J. P. F.

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Rung on Mayor's Day to celebrate the 26th consecutive election of Alderman Gordon T. Paine, M.B.E., J.P., and a churchwarden, to the office of Mayor of Lydd.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Treble*	WALTER IZZARD	5
*JUNE GLADMAN	2	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	ROBERT PIRON	7
*ARTHUR J. SMITH	4	ERIC SHARP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Mr. J. W. Sinfield has now 'circled the tower.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	2	PHILIP H. J. HUDSON	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	7
*MRS. P. H. J. HUDSON	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by GEOFFREY F. GARNETT.
* First peal of major. First peal of Major as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part with all 6-7's at back stroke.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Treble*	HENRY HUBBALL	5
HAROLD J. SHUCK	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
*P. GEORGE GOLDER	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
*ERIC WOODHALL	4	THOMAS GREENHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. T. Greenhall has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.
Quarterly peal for the Association.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Treble*	HARRY SHORT	5
*E. ALAN RAWLINSON	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
†MARION S. CAPEY	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	‡FREDERICK L. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor in the method.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

*COLIN ROTHWELL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	†BRIAN ROTHWELLL	6
ALBERT W. STONE	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
PETER WATSON	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Average age of band 18¼ years.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 27, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	5
CHARLES CLEGG	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	3	*LEONARD WALSH	7
*GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years in the ministry by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Cunliffe, M.A. (Oxon).

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EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	PHILIP BARNES	5
*JOHN HALL	2	*ALAN CARVETH	6
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	JACK BRAY	7
HARRY HALL	4	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First in the method.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	MICHAEL CROWDER	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	*ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First in the method.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 108 lb. in F.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	J. FRED MILNER	6
PHYLLIS M. POOLE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells.
In honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent to the city.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Treble*	S/LDR. GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
*JOHN S. BARNES	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method, and 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., May 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7
DAVID BEACHAM	4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	†F. BRIAN COOKSON	5
*SUSAN JACKSON	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
*J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents each of Reverse Canterbury, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire, 600 of Old and 240 of Stedman. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD	*Treble*	CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3
*DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	VERNON GREEN	4
		CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Thurs., May 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 each of Stedman, St. Columb and Fortune, and 360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, Kennington and All Saints'. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	5
FRANK A. BARRETT	3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in 15 methods for all.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

FRED RIX	*Treble*	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	4
TONY OWEN	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
HAROLD HUXLEY	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
In honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*MERVYN FROMM	*Treble*	W. LESLIE WELLER	4
RICHARD J. WILSON	2	JUNE M. CLEMENTS	5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Conducted jointly by JUNE M. CLEMENTS and GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Single Oxford.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
JACK BRAY	2	FRANK LORD	5
EVELYN WRIGHT	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
In memoriam F. W. Stokes.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and 16 240's by Morris, each extent called differently.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT	*Treble*	ROBERT BARRATT	4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	2	†GEORGE FORRESTER	5
HARRY W. HOWARD	3	*DEREK BRISCALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to mark the christening of Sheila Kathleen Lawrence, the first grandchild of the ringer of the fourth.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

VALERIE PHILLIPS .. .. *Treble*	JUNE M. CLEMENTS 4
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 2	W. LESLIE WELLER 5
*JOHN E. YOUNG 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
* First peal 'inside.'

CRICKLADE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.

WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. *Treble*	*DR. C. GUY ROWORTH .. 3
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 2	RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. 4

PETER MINCHIN .. .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. J. Clark (curate), on leaving for Bristol, and as a compliment to Archdeacon H. Lovell Clarke, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

DOWNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

An extent each of London, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARY R. ANDREWS .. .. *Treble*	BRIAN BLADON 4
MARY FULLER 2	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 5
JOHN L. MORRIS 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, seven of Grandsire and seven of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS K. J. TOOZE .. .. *Treble*	†GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4
†LESLIE W. MOSES 2	*JOHN G. DAVIS 5
*MISS B. RUSSELL 3	*CLIVE HANNEY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in two methods.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW .. .. *Treble*	JOHN G. AMES 4
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 2	HORACE BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, who has been a ringer at Fleet for 59 years.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
and
THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL RINGERS.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of All Saints', 12 extents of Plain Bob, 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

GEOFFREY P. GREEN .. .. *Treble*	PETER T. HURCOMBE 4
CLIVE WIXEY 2	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER 5
MICHAEL D. LING 3	SIDNEY J. PUGH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL D. LING.
First peal as conductor

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE R. HINER .. .. *Treble*	DAVID ARMSTRONG 4
DENNIS HOLLAND 2	HARRY MORTEMORE 5
STEPHEN WRIGHT 3	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Elijah Pammenter, ringer at the above tower, and also Arthur Firth, sometime member of the Rawmarsh company.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT W. LEAVETT .. *Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PETER J. EVES 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal at first attempt, and first Tollesbury ringer to ring a peal. First peal on the bells since 1938.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Grandsire, and 12 120's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HENRY PRATT .. .. *Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN 3
JOHN WARNER 2	ALAN SYDER 4

TERRY EARLE .. .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung to honour Robert de Massey, a local man born and bred in Black Notley, being ordained in Chelmsford Cathedral this day.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT E. BECK 4
*ADRIAN P. BECK (12) .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	DAVID HOARE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Believed to be the youngest member of the Association to accomplish this.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Kent T.B. Minor, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. *Treble*	CHARLES F. TOVELL 4
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	LESLIE HOUGHTON 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

WALTER AYRE .. .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
MADELEINE CHAPPLE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The conductor's 325th different tenor 'turned in' to a peal.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., May 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

JACK PILGRIM .. .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL SOLLEY 4	
JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 2		ARTHUR LING 5	
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3		PETER KINDRED .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor by all.
Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with no bobs, and 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G.

*JOHN S. RYE .. .. .. *Treble*		†BEVAN W. WILLGRESS .. 4	
JOHN SCHOFIELD 2		‡ALLEN TWYMAN 5	
*DONALD E. COBB 3		IAN H. ORAM .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN SCHOFIELD.
* First peal † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen by a band from R.A.F., Locking, Somerset.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON .. .. *Treble*		C. JACK GIBSON 4	
*MRS. J. W. BLYTHE 2		REGINALD J. DARCH 5	
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 3		JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* 25th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Gibson.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. *Treble*		ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 4	
CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL .. 2		DAVID HEIGHTON 5	
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 3		PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
A compliment to Rev. F. Vyvyan Jones on the completion of 21 years as Rector of St. Michael's.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 27, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2		*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6	
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 3—4		MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7—8	

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* 300th peal.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 27, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes*
IN THE SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2		THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 3—4	
		WALTER AYRE .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Minor, and on handbells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
IN THE SCHOOL HOUSE, RADLEY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 1—2		WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5—6	
MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 3—4		ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 7—8	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.



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ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hicks (first quarter) 1, F. Stedman Poole 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, Madeleine Chapple 4, J. Earley 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6. A farewell to James Earley on the eve of his joining the Royal Air Force.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, June A. Grieveson 2, D. H. Paine 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his engagement to Miss Pamela Shearlock. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. S. Eaton (first in method) 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. A birthday compliment to Derek H. Paine.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. C. P. Pugh 1, D. J. Roaf 2, J. F. W. Read 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, P. R. Sanders 5, R. A. Hodgson 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles by all. Members of Oxford University Society.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marsh 1, Mrs. R. Joyce Pearson 2, W. Rimmer 3, J. Lunham 4, E. Ashcroft 5, R. Larkey 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung in honour of the christening of Christopher Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson (ringers of the 2nd and 7th).

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): P. Jackson (first quarter) 1, F. Brooks 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, R. Allum 4, G. Keal 5, W. Holloway 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): E. J. Whiting 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Rosemary Whitehead, chorister at this church, and Raymond Macdonald Hutchinson.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on May 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter tenor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Jonathan Derek) to Betty, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Kearn (first quarter) 1, W. King (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Ede 3, D. Attwater 4, B. A. Cracknell (first in method and as cond.) 5, R. Kearn 6. For morning service.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—At the Redemptorist Church of our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, D. Wright 3, D. Hollis 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. Hales 6, P. J. Hutchings (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Wyatt 8. Rung for evening service as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Jennings 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, G. T. Jennings 4, J. Jeffery 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, W. Slaughter (cond.) 7, J. Laker 8. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Slark (first in method) 1, W. Rawlings 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Sims (first in method) 4, F. Hurrell 5, G. Hurrell (first in method) 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Corpus Christi.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Madeline Wright 1, Christine Dainty (first 'inside') 2, G. P. Cairns 3, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 4, W. N. Hewitt 5, K. Arthur 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On May 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Welham 1, Miss M. Mills 2, J. Butler 3, M. Mills 4, E. B. Smith 5, D. West 6, S. Leach (first of Major) 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): B. Allen 1, S. J. Pugh (first in five methods 2, F. E. T. Tranter 3, M. Ling 4, R. G. Corby 5, C. Wixey 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. Spicer 3, F. R. Nichols 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung for morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HEREFORD.—On June 1st, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Yates 1, W. A. Kitson (cond.) 2, R. J. Moxley (first 'inside') 3, S. J. Bowyer 4, H. Johnson 5, W. Adams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Pritchard, chorister for over 50 years and verger.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (two covers): A. Crabtree 1, J. P. Partington 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, A. Smith 4, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 5, G. S. Mills 6, H. Partington 7, W. Chadwick 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. First Bob Minor 2 and 3. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Ashcroft, verger and former ringer.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. B. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. H. Kimber 1, F. Targett 2, T. Kimber 3, V. Savage 4, N. Coombs 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel White (first quarter) 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, A. Clutton 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, C. M. Smith 7, A. White 8. Rung on the heavy eight for Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Parish 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsom 3, W. Papworth 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson (first of Doubles) 2, Miss L. Allen (cond.) 3, Miss M. Allen 4, M. J. Dyer 5. Rung for the third anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II.'s coronation.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Spicer 1, Miss L. Allen (first of Major) 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, R. F. Baker 6, H. S. Peacock 7, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 8. Rung before service on Industrial Sunday.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. A. Castle (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, L. Hall 4, A. J. Rance 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. Hicks 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arnold Davis, organist of St. Nicholas' for 43 years.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. J. Stevens 1, D. Sweet 2, Miss P. M. Stevens 3, A. Callow 4, C. J. Stevens 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Graney 1, D. J. Goodman 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. Scaplehorn 6.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Whiting 1, Lucy Allen 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, J. W. Allen 4, C. Clarke 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Chapman, for 23 years Vicar's warden at this church.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Miles 1, W. H. Yates 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5. Rung for the institution of the Rev. W. J. Waker.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, E. Edwards 2, Rev. A. Webb 3, C. Bickerstaff (first quarter) 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Thornett 6. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Thornett (tenor) and Mrs. Thornett.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: J. J. P. Ellams 1, D. Hodgson (cond.) 2, C. J. B. Taylor 3, P. R. Sanders 4, D. H. Niblett 5, R. A. Hodgson 6. First quarter in the method by all.

OXFORD.—On May 27th, at New College, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. N. Niblett 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell 2, J. F. W. Read 3, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 4, V. Green 5, C. J. B. Taylor 6, R. B. Meadows 7, J. J. P. Ellams 8, W. H. Jackson 9, R. A. Hodgson 10. First on ten for 3, 5 and 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 27th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, Ruth Morgan 2, S. Wright 3, G. S. Bush 4, J. W. Haw 5, W. Barker 6, L. Hadman 7, H. Goakes 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Morgan.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. F. Andrews (first quarter) 1, S. H. Ashton 2, B. W. Lake 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. The first quarter by an all-local band. Rung for Trinity Sunday.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): A. E. Woods 1, Mrs. D. Wright 2, E. C. Chant 3, J. B. Powelsand 4, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: E. Wakeling 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsom 3, J. Parish 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For evening service.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Finch 1, W. Kerrison 2, Mrs. J. W. Blythe 3, C. J. Gibson 4, E. J. Thurlow 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss C. E. Payne and Mr. J. P. Crawley.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Old Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and 60 Stedman): Miss J. Secker 1, M. Cubitt 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. First in 11 methods by all except conductor. By the Sunday service band.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Winterbourne (first in method) 1, C. Coles 2, N. Chamberlain (first in method) 3, W. F. Judge 4, H. Gearing (first as cond.) 5, H. Costar 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, Miss Jill Tombs 2, D. N. Layton (cond.) 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, J. N. Lindon 7, R. Smith 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. S. Smith, who has now completed 50 years' service in the choir at this church.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On June 2nd, at Christ Church, 1,239 Stedman Caters: Bro. F. G. Leaker (St. Keyna Lodge) 1, Bro. F. W. Perrens (Arts and Crafts) 2, W. Bro. A. D. Barker (St. Clement Danes, cond.) 3, Bro. F. Wilson (Gordano) 4, Bro. P. J. Staniforth (Highcross) 5, W. Bro. F. Hansford (Brotherly Love) 6, Bro. E. Naylor (Beacon Court) 7, Bro. R. G. Townsend (Victoria) 8, Bro. W. B. Kynaston (Royal Sussex) 9, Bro. W. H. Coles (Hillingdon) 10. Rung on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Wiltshire Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore (first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. E. Holman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: L. Hawkins 1, Miss J. Kemp 2, N. Knee (cond.) 3, H. Tudgay 4, I. Titt (first 'inside') 5, P. Raynon 6, T. E. Mallard 7, A. Bull 8. First quarter for 2, 6 and 8. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Marlow.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. F. Wright 1, G. R. Hiner 2, F. Brunt 3, P. Langley 4, G. Cutts (first quarter) 5, J. Bunker 6, J. Cutts 7, H. Mortemore (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss C. Edmondson, a member of the local band, and Mr. K. Robinson.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, R. J. Carlton 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss B. Philpot 1, Miss O. Boulden 2, C. T. Hillis 3, R. J. Carlton 4, J. R. Cooper 5, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): B. Glanvill 1, K. Dawe 2, T. Gooding 3, J. Briggs 4, G. Betts 5, J. Gooding 6, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Sellick 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss June Gooding.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual cup contest for the Society's silver cup was held at Clowne on June 2nd. Six teams, representing the following towers, took part:—Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Handsworth, Bolsover, Old Whittington and Warsop. The ringing was of a high standard throughout and the two judges, Mr. J. Thorley and Mr. W. Robinson, had a difficult task to find the winner. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, which was much enjoyed by 70 members and friends.

After the business meeting it was announced that Warsop had won the cup, with Bolsover a close second. In conclusion a very interesting account of the meeting of the Central Council at Leicester was given by Mr. Norman Chaddock, who is the Society's representative.

CASUALTIES IN NORTH HERTS

On May 26th the Northern District of the Herts County Association met at Walkern. At the moment Walkern is without a priest, so there was no service, but an excellent tea was enjoyed before the business meeting.

The next meeting will be at Barkway, not Pirton, and the special method is Winchendon Place Bob. Before that there will be the joint meeting with the Bedfordshire Association on June 16th at St. Albans.

Sympathetic concern was expressed when the members heard of Dr. Gullick's broken collar-bone, due to a ringing accident. Before the bells had been rung down 'The Ringing World' representative doubled the District's casualties by skidding in Walkern ford. J. S.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Well over 40 members, representing 16 towers, attended the Society's monthly meeting at Guiseley on May 26th. A very pleasant summer-like day enabled the overflow from the belfry to take full advantage of the well-kept churchyard. During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

A very bountiful tea had been provided by the local company in the Church Hall. This was followed by handbell ringing and the business meeting.

Replying to the vote of thanks, the Rector (the Rev. F. Wrangham-Hardy) said how pleased he was to hear of the continued prosperity of the Society. He extended an invitation to those present to visit the Rectory grounds before returning to the tower. Mr. Walsh also replied on behalf of the churchwardens and local company. He drew attention to the fact that St. Oswald's belonged to that select number of towers in Yorkshire in which more than 100 peals had been rung.

Returning to the tower, via the Rectory grounds, modern Guiseley was left far behind. A Roman well, used in time past for baptism by immersion; the remains of a moat—now a fish pond; the house itself, a fine example of original Tudor building—all were glimpses of what had been.

Ringing again in the tower, one thought afresh of those hundred or so peals and the people who had rung in them; for they, too, were part of the past, and the bells a bridge joining past, present and future together.

The next meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on June 30th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Crusader Meeting at Fyfield

The South-Western Division held a crusader meeting at Fyfield on May 12th. In spite of the fact that this is rather a difficult tower to reach by public transport, about 40 members enjoyed ringing on this pleasant light six.

After a service conducted by the Rector of Fyfield, tea was served in the Church Hall and copies of the Association report were distributed. Ringing, ranging from rounds and call changes to London Surprise Minor, continued until about eight o'clock.

It was encouraging to see several very young learners, one of whom rang on an open bell for the first time, and one little lass who was still 'back stroke only.' Thanks are due to Mr. Blatch for arranging the use of the bells and also for organising the tea, and to the Rector for conducting the service and for the original address which he gave. J. E. H.

HUGHENDEN RINGERS' WEDDING

In a church beautifully decorated and in the presence of a large congregation, Miss D. Coker and Mr. A. E. Cox were married at Hughenden on May 19th. The Vicar officiated and the service was choral. Both bride and bridegroom are active members of the tower, with a number of peals in various methods to their credit. The bridegroom is also the Branch Ringing Master.

On the Tuesday before the wedding they were presented with a clock, suitably inscribed, from the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers.

The bells were rung before and after the service. A peal attempt after the reception was unsuccessful.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. P. M. Town, of Linton, Kent, 'Ringing World' representative for the Maidstone District, is to be commended for his enterprise. He has a most attractive poster calling attention to 'The Ringing World' which is being displayed in every tower in the district. Good luck, Maidstone, in your efforts.

We are asked to state that Mr. Jack Welch rang 18,144 Bob Major at Bennington, not a mere 12,000, as given in 'R.W.' of May 25th.

A Masonic band, arranged by Bro. W. B. Kynaston, rang for the service in Christ Church, Swindon, on June 2nd, to mark the centenary of the Wiltshire Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

We appreciate the act of Mr. M. N. Mann, of Lincoln. In paying for his extra postage he sent 10s. for himself and 'seven others who will probably forget.' Others have also sent a little extra in case the committee should be left with a deficit.

Standing in the peal of Superlative Surprise at Lavenham on Saturday, May 19th, Stedman Symonds has now started his second century of peals on Lavenham bells. The late Arthur Symonds completed 113 consecutive peals on these bells.

Now 77 years of age, Mr. J. Thornett rang the tenor to a quarter peal at Middle Littleton, Worcs, on June 2nd, in honour of his golden wedding anniversary. On the same day of the week 50 years ago he rang the same bell for his wedding.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. T. Elson, now nearly 90 years of age, is in St. Pancras (U.C.H.) Hospital, St. Pancras Way, N.W.1, and has had a leg amputated. He is remarkably cheerful and would be pleased to see any ringing chums. Visiting hours: Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 3.30; Wednesday, 2 to 3; other days, 7.30 to 8.

While a new ring has been installed at St. Giles', Cripplegate, the repairs from bomb damage are far from complete, and the church is still in the hands of the builders. It is probable that the dedication of the bells will coincide with the rededication of the church.

We are informed that the spire of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East has to be rebuilt, and until the masonry has hardened the bells cannot be rung.

Tuesday, May 22nd, saw the revival of an old custom at Romsey, Hants, when the Abbey bells were rung during the mayor-making ceremony. The new Mayor is Councillor H. G. Mackrell, an Abbey choirman.

Today is the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by the Birmingham ringers. There are three survivors of the band—Messrs. Albert Walker, J. F. Smallwood and F. W. Perrens.

Trinity Sunday was a great day at Pirton, Herts, when the local band rang their first quarter. They desire to express their gratitude to their instructor, Mr. Frank Croft, for his patience in teaching them.

Mr. D. J. Lewis and Mr. E. Phillips started ringing when the bells were hung at Cadoxton in September, 1898. They have been Sunday service ringers ever since, and both took part in the first peal on the bells in March, 1914. On May 26th they both rang in the 50th peal on the bells.

Mr. G. M. Atkins, on holiday in Guernsey, had the pleasure of ringing at St. Michael-da-Vale, the only ringable bells in the island. He informs us that St. Peter Port bells were rung up till the occupation when a bomb in the harbour damaged the tower. St. Joseph's R.C. have eight bells plus two semitones which are only chimable.

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RECORDS COMMITTEE WANT COMPOSITIONS—NEW PUBLICATIONS BY METHODS COMMITTEE—BUSY YEAR FOR TOWERS & BELFRIES COMMITTEE — HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS & BEGINNERS

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee beg to report the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1955:

Jan.
1. 5184 Macclesfield Sur. Maj. (Chester).
3. 5056 Nechells Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
6. 5152 Olton Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
13. 5024 Bedfordshire Sur. Maj. (Bedfordshire).
13. 5088 Witton Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
15. 5056 Yardley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
20. 5152 Icknield Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
27. 5024 Calthorpe Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
29. 5040 St. Faith Little Bob Maj. (Norwich).
31. 5056 Hatfield Sur. Maj. (Yorkshire).

Feb.
3. 5152 Deritend Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
7. 5024 Digbeth Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
19. 5056 Humberstone Del. Maj. (Leicester).
21. 5152 Portland Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

Mar.
3. 5056 Sudbury Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
5. 5056 Feering Sur. Maj. (Essex).
9. 5152 Bearwood Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
12. 5280 Perivale Alliance Bob Maj. (Lancashire).
14. 5088 Kingsbury Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
23. 5056 Aldridge Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
28. 5056 Umberslade Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

April
21. 5152 Greet Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
23. 5056 Evenlode Sur. Maj. (Oxford).
28. 5152 Jaffray Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
30. 5024 Hanslope Sur. Maj. (Peterborough).

May
5. 5152 Weathercroak Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
14. 5040 London Exercise Royal (Winchester & Portsmouth).
16. 5120 Ladywood Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

June
16. 5024 Quesiett Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
23. 5056 Bournville Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
24. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (53 methods) (Yorkshire).

July
14. 5120 Queensland Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Aug.
18. 5024 Kenninghall Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
18. 5152 Xanthus Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

Sept.
3. 5088 Scothorne Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
10. 5376 Caerleon Sur. Maj. (Llandaff & Monmouth).
11. 5088 Walesby Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
17. 5152 Dunholme Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
21. 5152 Woodstock Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
22. 5024 Walbrook Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Oct.
8. 5088 Sleaford Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
12. 5088 Arnesby Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
19. 5056 Bruntingthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
20. 5040 Bristol Alliance Maj. (Leicester).

Nov.
2. 5152 Countesthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
5. 5088 Canterbury Imp. Bob Maj. (Oxford).
9. 5184 Donisthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
10. 5056 Catesby Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
15. 5040 Hawkhurst Bob Triples (Oxford).
16. 5040 Tunstead Little Imp. Bob Maj. (Norwich).
17. 5152 Valbourne Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
26. 5024 Heydour Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).

Dec.
8. 5152 Jesmond Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
17. 5184 Xavier Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
31. 5152 Edmondthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).

HANDBELLS

July
13. 5040 College Triples (Southwell).

In spite of repeated requests for compositions of new methods, one conductor only has sent these along to the Committee; for these we are very grateful, but there are still about 100 outstanding.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report and Mrs. L. K. Marshall seconded.

Mr. P. Johnson said the Yorkshire Association could produce any composition rung for the Association which the Committee desired.

Mr. W. F. Moreton: Is it not the duty of the conductor when any new method is rung to send it to the Records Committee?

The President: It should be sent to the Records Committee.

The report was adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The report stated: We have little to report this year. After a longer delay than was expected, the book of Doubles Methods was published last autumn and appears to have been generally welcomed. We believe it is filling a long-felt need.

Work has proceeded on revising the Minor and Triple Methods books, but the progress has been slower than hoped for. We trust we shall be able to report that the work has been finished on both these books at the next session of the Council.

Moving the adoption of the report, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said they had now had a formal request from the Council to consider the revision of Triples and Minor methods, and if the Council asked them to expedite the matter it would be done.

In reply to questions, Mr. Felstead said they would include Spliced Minor, but they did not contemplate putting in irregular methods.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said the number of irregular methods was not very large. If people did not know what they were called they would get in a mess. The same applied to Triples. There were quite a number of Triples methods that had never been published. Mr. Trollope put some in 'The Ringing World' which he believed were quite well worth ringing. The Triples collection was very poor. These new methods could be put in a tabulated form, as he believed that place notation was now well understood.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had access to the late Rev. A. T. Beeson's collection. There were practically as many irregular as there were regular methods. A lot of the methods had two names. As regards Triples and Mr. Speed's suggestion, they were in the midst of producing by formula all the six lead Triples methods that had treble and triple changes. As most of them knew, his first love was Spliced Minor, and that would be included.

Mr. John Fidler said it was his privilege to try and sort out Mr. Beeson's collection.

Mr. G. E. Feirn asked if the Minor Book contained the Alliance methods.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The report stated: The year has been somewhat uneventful since few additions have been made to the collection, which has now reached a total of 315. It is felt that there are still quite a number awaiting discovery, and the Committee makes no apology for renewing the request for co-operation from members of the Exercise. Only by such co-operation can the task be completed.

The Collection has been arranged in two volumes, the first covering the period ending 1799 and the second 1800 to 1825. Where possible, details of interest such as style of lettering and ornament and the general condition of the board have been noted in the record. The bindings are of the 'spring clip' type so that pages can be added at any time and in the correct position chronologically without disturbance to existing leaves.

Title pages are in course of preparation and it is hoped that both volumes will be available for inspection at the Council meeting.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, in moving the adoption of the report, said they wanted to emphasise that they did not consider the work finished. If any boards were discovered, would particulars be sent to him. The volumes were in loose-leaf form so that additions could be made at any time.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded and the report was adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the past year members of the Committee have dealt with 42 enquiries, chiefly concerning the rehanging of bells and the provision of new frames and gear. Inspections and reports were made regarding the restoration of bells in 29 towers; in ten instances advice was given by correspondence, and in the remaining three advice was sought on problems of sound control. The work of each member is appended.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has made inspections and given advice in three Cheshire towers; in two his advice was taken and bells are to be rehung, but in the third, much against his advice, the incumbent afterwards called in a 'local craftsman' to carry out the 'restoration'—the result is not known.

Mr. F. E. Collins inspected and advised on restoration work in seven towers. In two the work has now been completed and in the others his advice is being taken and restorations are pending. The seven towers are situated in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Sussex.

Mr. J. Freeman has been called in for advice in one Lincolnshire tower. Here it was desired to ascertain whether it was safe to ring the bells, and his recommendations were followed.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has inspected one tower in Hertfordshire and has given advice on the problems of reducing tower oscillation; he has also been consulted regarding the rehanging of a ring in Warwickshire.

Mr. W. Osborne has been consulted in 11 instances. In eight of these he made inspections and reports and in six cases faculties have been granted for restorations on the lines advised by him. In two other instances he has given advice by correspondence; and in the remaining tower he advised on problems of sound control. He reports great interest among Church Councils to put bells in ringing order, and maintain them in good condition. Nine towers dealt with by Mr. Osborne were in Somerset and one each in Dorset and Wiltshire. One involved the rehanging of a mediæval ring of three.

Mr. F. Sharpe dealt with 16 enquiries. They were situated in Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Yorkshire. Inspections and reports were made in eight towers, and in each instance the work is either in hand or pending; in six cases, chiefly with Docesan Advisory Committee secretaries, advice was given by correspondence, and in the remaining two advice was sought on

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sound control. He has given many lectures to Diocesan Authorities and Church Authorities, and he has had correspondence with the Principal of the Royal Academy of Music on the subject of bell tones and tuning. In one instance he advised against a proposal to weld a mediæval bell.

Mr. E. A. Young's advice has been sought regarding the restoration of two rings in the City of London. He dealt with enquiries regarding these by correspondence, and the Convener has also had correspondence with him on matters concerning bell and tower restoration.

The new edition of the Council's handbook on 'Preservation and Repair of Bells, etc.' has proved to be one of the library's 'best sellers' during the year.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, said the report of the Committee was very condensed. If the reports were written out they would amount to many hundreds of sheets, and members of the Committee had done a great deal of work. They had had much to sort out between Parochial Councils and Diocesan Advisory Committees as to the manner in which bells should be rehung. Mr. Clarke had had a difficult case in which the advice he gave was not accepted. Instead of a bell-hanger a local craftsman was called in, but they did not know the result yet.

Mr. J. W. Clarke seconded.

The president said there was one case mentioned of a tower in Hertfordshire where the bells were hung in a wooden tower built up inside a Norman tower. He was able to convince the architect, although terrified at the time, that he could anchor the frame to the stone walls.

Mr. Clarke said he had given advice when it had been asked for, and it had not always been accepted. He went into a great many towers in the research work he was doing. 'One of the worst troubles was birds getting into the tower, and the other was that incumbents thought that the bell room was a place where no one should go, and if it was suggested that money should be spent on the bell room hands were raised in horror.' There was a great deal of neglect of bell rooms, and one of the reasons was the statement that bells should receive attention once in ten years. He had done his best to get incumbents and churchwardens to give attention to bell rooms, but it was a hard job.

Mr. N. Chaddock asked if the bells were rung regularly in these towers.

Mr. Clarke: With most of them they are a stoney band.

The report was adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES

The following amendment of Rule II, of which notice was given last year, was submitted to the Council.

(ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of
  (a) Past and present holders of the office of president, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. librarian of the Council.
  (b) Honorary auditors and conveners of committees, ex-officio.
  (c) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed). The 12 retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

The committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

(iii) At the annual meeting next after each Triennial Election members of any committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such a committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.

The hon. secretary said at the standing committee it was agreed to amend (iii) to read 'have the right to attend and speak on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.'

Mr. P. Corby moved as an amendment to clause (c) that 'The 12 retiring members to be the first names to be proposed' be deleted. Mrs. Staniforth seconded and this was agreed to.

The other alteration to rules, including the recommendation of the standing committee, were agreed to.

HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS AND BEGINNERS

Miss M. R. Cross moved: That the Central Council publication 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' be revised in the light of recent advances and experiments in teaching technique, and that such revision should contain not only sections intended primarily for instructors on the teaching of handling a bell, instruction in ringing rounds and method ringing in its early stages, but also a section on these matters which can easily be understood by beginners.

Miss Cross said last year they sold 246 copies of 'Hints to Instructors,' and there were at present 287 copies in stock. If they did not do anything about reprinting they would have no books in 1958. There had been experiments in new teaching technique in various parts of the country, and further, the book should be enlarged to include rounds and early stages of change ringing. The book was not suitable for beginners: she thought that a book for beginners should be written.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded the motion.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: After what happened in Leicester Cathedral belfry a night or two ago can we know what is a beginner? [Laughter.]

Mr. F. Sharpe said he was constantly being asked for a book for beginners. The book they had was primarily for instructors. Twice young people had sent the book back, saying: 'We don't think it is suitable for beginners.' He thought the book should contain a section for beginners, giving them a definition of the rudiments of change ringing and the technical terms used.

Mr. Wilfrid Wilson said he lost on every copy of his book. If such a section was included he would be pleased to stop producing his. He was sure there was a market. In two or three years he had sold between 2,000 and 3,000.

Mr. Walter Ayre: Do we want a book for instructors or beginners? As we go round we all see faults in handling. He suggested that a film strip be made on the handling of a bell.

Mr. Clarke: I think it is an excellent suggestion. The only snag is getting a projector to show the film. I know schools have them. Whether we can get the loan of a projector I do not know. I feel that a film strip is the real answer.

The president said there were photographs but they were static, taken by Mr. Jenkyn. The photographs were of old Mr. Hibbert. The book arose from a matter he brought up, and Mr. Jenkyn, Mr. Dyke and Mr. Hibbert were responsible for its production.

Mr. John Fidler: As one gets about the country one feels that it is the instructors who want instructing because there were very few who could impart their knowledge.

Mr. N. Chaddock said he agreed entirely with the motion and suggested that ideas for beginners be invited to be published in 'The Ringing World.' He thought the film strip was a good idea. As to projectors, the more they got in touch with education authorities the better. Many of their instructors today were in the teaching profession.

Mr. W. F. Moreton said they wanted a book to teach instructors how to teach, and secondly a book to teach beginners. He did not agree with the advantages of a film strip. These pictures could be put in a book. He thought a proper film would be very useful. He did not think a projector would be so difficult to obtain as some people imagined.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead suggested that Miss Cross and Mr. Speed should work out something on the lines suggested by the motion.

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Felstead's suggestion and said he would like to recommend to beginners 'Village Bells.'

The hon. secretary said the standing committee supported the resolution and suggested that Miss Cross and Mr. Speed be asked to draw up what they consider to be required.

Mr. F. E. Perrens suggested that Mr. Wilson be added to this sub-committee.

The Council unanimously agreed that Mr. W. Wilson, Miss Cross, Mr. Speed and Mr. Dyke be appointed a committee to produce a book on the lines suggested, including hints for beginners.

(To be continued)

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OXFORD.—On June 3rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: D. J. Roaf 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. H. Niblett 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, R. B. Meadows 6, R. A. Hodgson 7, P. R. Sanders 8. First in the method for all except 3 and 6. Also on June 3rd, at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin: 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. Niblett 1, F. A. Barrett 2, C. T. B. Taylor 3, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 4, W. H. Jackson 5, J. H. Smart 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EARLY RINGING — IS IT WISE?

Sir,—One notes, in the current issue of 'R.W.,' that an hotelier has complained to his local Chamber of Trade about church bells being rung at 6.30 a.m. on certain occasions, and wonders whether this ringing was worth the hostility it has undoubtedly engendered in his mind and that of his guests, not to mention those others who may have suffered in silence. The remarks addressed, apparently, to the hotelier regarding noises at 10.30 p.m. appear quite ill timed and irrelevant; one might just as well comment on the din created by, say, the local salvage department's dustbins.

This practice of ringing at unearthly hours of the morning appears to be not uncommon in certain parts of the country and leads one to the conclusion that those who indulge in it have a great capacity for self delusion. Whilst Mr. Average Man is usually not hostile to the sound of bells it is almost always only 'when distance lends enchantment' (or the louvres are blocked up well) and at a time when he is out and about and expecting to hear them that this happy state of affairs prevails. To inflict them upon him when he, quite rightly, does not desire them is, to my mind, likely to have unpleasant repercussions, in spite of high falutin' words about the 'challenge of the bells to an indifferent world.' That world could be a very bitter enemy if the challenge is overdone, for at no other time have we ringers been so dependent upon public goodwill and, in the case of the above mentioned hotelier, by what right can we jeopardise another person's livelihood?

I very well recall arriving in Amsterdam en route to London and realising, with horror, that the hotel chosen, hurriedly I admit, was immediately opposite the Westertoren carillon, the chimes of which, at each quarter, are almost the length of a short 'touch' and 'carry on' for 24 hours each day. Fond as I am of bells, and particularly of the Amstedam carillons, I thought that this was a little too much but, as things turned out, a back room and the soporific effects of excellent Dutch gin, in quantity, relegated the sound of the chimes to insignificant proportions; but I have not stayed there since, lest I be given a front room and the gin be not so good. What must be the effect upon a person not fond of bells? And could not this case be paralleled in places where early ringing takes place?

By all means let us see that our bells are rung but at a time reasonable and acceptable to our unseen audience, upon whom so much depends, for to force ourselves upon them when not required, be the day Christmas, Easter, Whitsun or what you will, is not enthusiasm for ringing but sheer, dangerous and anti-social thoughlessness.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS & PROPOSED FORMATION OF GUILD

Dear Sir,—Arrangements are now complete in connection with the above. Headquarters will be at Christ Church Parochial Buildings, Crewe, across the way from the church, where cups of tea will be laid on. Take a bus from the station to the market square, which is town centre, and two minutes from the church, which can be seen. Time: I would appreciate meeting as near between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Peals have been arranged—and bands—at Christ Church, Crewe (10), Nantwich (8), and Acton, Nantwich (6). Arrangements can also be made for ringing at Sandbach (8), Holmes Chapel (6) and Goostrey (6), so that everyone might have a ring. All railwaymen are welcome, and bring any ideas with you—and happy meeting.

SYDNEY FOSKETT.
W. FRANK STENSON.

SUGGESTED NEW DUTY FOR CONDUCTORS

Sir,—The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee, and the subsequent discussion thereon at the Central Council, makes dismal reading and throws a lurid light on the amazing manners of the vast majority of ringers. It has been calculated that there are 40,000 ringers in the country. Of these, one-eighth take 'The Ringing World'; the rest go to make up the army of cadgers and scroungers who are content to cull their information second-hand rather than pay the price of three cigarettes per week for it. Is there any reason why 'The Ringing World' should continue to print their names?

I suggest and pass it on to the appropriate committee, that conductors when sending reports of peals or quarters for publication should omit the names of those whom he *knows* do not take 'The Ringing World.' All the essentials would still be there for record purposes, the only difference would be blanks instead of certain names. It would place a heavy onus on conductors, but it could be done.

It will be said that these are hard words: they are so purposely, and it is time a little straight talk was had on this matter. If it shames a few shirkers into taking the journal it will have served its purpose. We do not want to see the journal priced out of existence—that would be a calamity—Yours faithfully,

Ipswich. CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

THE EXTRA POSTAGE

By Monday morning 143 postal readers out of over 2,000 had kindly remitted the extra 1s. 3d. postage for their 'Ringing World' for this year. Remittances can be sent either to the Editor, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, or Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Receipts are not given.

BELLRINGERS' GUIDE

Dear Sir,—I should like to say a very sincere 'Thank you' to Mr. R. H. Dove for his second edition of 'The Ringers' Bible.' When one considers the terrific amount of work which must go into a directory of this kind, Mr. Dove is to be congratulated on the lack of errors.

I was pleased to see that the compiler has got to grips with the tricky business of county towns and city boundaries, and also that he has broken away from Crockford and tried to keep place names as they are in local usage. In the first edition some of our favourite 'double-barrelled' villages turned up in the most peculiar places.

Finally, Mr. Dove also gives us an after-sales service usually only reserved for expensive things like care and refrigerators, for in yesterday's post, lo and behold, an amendment list!—Yours sincerely, MICHAEL HORSEMAN.

Nailsea.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, was the first by the treble ringer as a grandfather! It was rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Patricia Anne Chamberlain (nee Cartwright) on May 2nd in Nairobi, Kenya. Pat Cartwright was, before her marriage, an active member of the Sunday service band at Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Whilst on a ringing outing on Whit Monday, a well-known S.E. Dorset ringer lost his cap (and almost his head). The cap was last seen floating serenely down the River Dart at a point six miles upstream from Buckfast. Other members of the party sent 'the cap round' for new headgear as an expression of gratitude for arranging a most enjoyable outing.

MAINTAINING STANDARDS AND THE CASUAL VISITOR

Dear Sir,—I would be glad if you would allow me space in your columns to comment on Mr. Rouse's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 15th.

He comes very near to hitting the nail on the head when he remarks on the shortage of ringers at some towers, including our Cathedrals, but seems to miss the point that, in such cases, hospitality is but a virtue made of necessity. It does seem that in cases where the bells are fully manned and perhaps where the ringers have to travel some distance to ring, they would, with justification, resent yielding a place to the casual visitor, especially where, as in the Metropolis, a visitor may be a frequent occurrence rather than the rarity he is elsewhere.

Further, it does seem desirable that tradition and high standards should be given some respect, and that there should still be some towers where to ring is a real privilege not to be had just for the asking.

Lastly, no one with self-respect need be **abject** in asking to ring anywhere, but **humility** would not be out of place when the standards expected are high.—Yours sincerely,

P. H. WHITAKER,

Spondon, Derbys.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Nolan Golden's peal of Cambridge Royal is easily recognisable as being the old ten courses often used for Cambridge Maximus, i.e., 2W, 2M, 2H repeated, with 3M and 3W added to give the 14 courses for a peal of Royal. I have a copy of a peal on this plan by J. Carter, and I believe I am correct in stating that it was rung at St. Clement Danes', conducted by W. Pye, and the figures published in an old Middlesex Association report about 1912.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Would that Leslie D. Mills' letter in your issue of May 25th be published every month. Do the majority to-day realise what pure change ringing is?

In how many peals of Minor on a really good six do those participating hear the rhythm of ten bells going? True Minor is not rung without hearing this. Speed kills the effect. I am always proud of footnote 'believed to be the **slowest** peal on the bells.' Any band can 'get through' a fast peal, but it takes a good band to ring a slow one.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING & AFTER

Dear Sir,—At the general meeting of the Diocesan Association of Ringers at Norwich, the president referred to ringers who rang for service and then didn't stay as hypocrites. I have an invalid wife whom I have to look after as I cannot get a woman to do the work. We have a decent band of ringers at Beccles now, and I have spent many hours helping to get them along. As my wife cannot eat solid food, I have to cook every day, so I ring for Sunday service and go home to cook. I go to one service on a Sunday, either 8 o'clock or Evensong. Are we hypocrites, I wonder?—Yours, etc.,

C. BAILEY.

Beccles.

Note.—We feel certain that the president would be the last person to classify Mr. Bailey as a hypocrite. It is when no attempt is made to join in the worship of the congregation that Sunday service ringing becomes hypocritical.—Ed.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Two New Peal Records

THE annual general meeting of the Association took place at York on Saturday, May 12th—the first time the county city has provided the venue for 36 years, the last occasion being on January 31st, 1920. The fine ring of 12 at the Minster was available during the afternoon, and the recently-restored ring of six at the York Institute of Architectural Study in the evening. Ringers were present from each of the four Districts, and the fine weather added a lustre to the event.

Following Evensong in the Minster, an excellent tea was enjoyed at the Festival Restaurant, from which an adjournment was made to the Institute of Architectural Study, where the business meeting was held, presided over by Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. F. Palmer, W. Barton, J. Ambler, F. A. Staveley and L. M. Woodhead.

A vote of thanks to the Dean of York and Minster authorities, the authorities of the York Institute of Architectural Study for the use of the bells, and in the latter case the provision of a room for the meeting, was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, who included also the Minster choir, and complimented them on the perfection of their singing. Mr. A. E. Sellers seconded and this was carried with applause. A similar vote of thanks to the York Minster Society for their excellent arrangements was moved by the general secretary, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried unanimously. Mr. H. Walker replied.

The president presented the Association's 80th annual report, which stated that there had been a decrease in membership mainly due to the carelessness of many members in regard to the payment of their subscriptions. The balance sheet showed that 625 current subscriptions had been paid which, with 68 new subscriptions, made a total membership of 693. This was 69 fewer than last year.

With regret, the death of Mr. Clement Glenn was recorded. He was a former general secretary and had rung 375 peals for the Association. 'He was a most able peal conductor, and no one had a better knowledge of abstruse compositions in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, in which he specialised.' The death of Mr. Robert B. Smith, a member of the general committee of the Eastern District, was also recorded with regret.

The peal secretary's report stated that 106 peals had been rung at 54 different churches and four handbell centres. First peals had been rung by 34 members, and eight members had rung their first peal as conductor. The record for the most Major methods ever rung to a peal was now held by the Association, by virtue of the peal rung at Conisbrough in 53 Spliced Surprise Major methods. In the realm of Minor on handbells a peal in 109 methods, the most methods rung to a peal, was rung on November 3rd. The peal secretary, Mr. W. Eric Critchley, had both rung and conducted the most peals during the year with totals of 32 and 18 respectively. Mr. H. Scott was second with 27 peals. Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris rang his 100th consecutive Surprise peal for the Association, and this was quite likely the first time this had been achieved by a member of the Association.

The accounts showed a loss on the year of £15 18s. 3d. There was a balance on the Capital Account of £258 9s. 8d., and on the Yearly Account of £54 19s. 3d. From the Bell Repair Fund grants of £5 each had been made to Marsden, Sherburn and York Institute of Architectural Study. This account had a balance of £57 5s. 7d..

The report and balance sheet were adopted on the proposition of Mr. S. H. Steel, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris was re-elected general secretary, and Mr. W. E. Critchley peal secretary.

After discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Ripon on September 15th, if the necessary arrangements could be made. Having regard to the geographical difficulties associated with the Northern District it was urged upon members to make a special effort to support the meeting.

The president announced that the Snowdon Dinner would be held in York on October 20th, and the Archbishop of York (Dr. H. M. Ramsay) had kindly accepted an invitation to attend. The dinner is becoming more and more popular, and again the committee and organisers looked to the loyal support of members to ensure its success.

Peter Windley (St. Martin's), Leslie Leach (St. Marie's, Sheffield), Miss Jennifer Holmes and Miss Pamela Robinson (Otley), Christine Cutts (Whiston) and Rosemary Hick (Leeds) were elected members.

Some considerable discussion ensued on the cost of producing the annual report, and eventually Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded, a resolution that the General Committee appoint a sub-committee to examine the whole position and report to the January general meeting. This was carried.

This concluded the business and members were able to enjoy further ringing at the Institute until 9 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

South Norfolk Branch Gain 12

Twelve new members, including a new band from Starston and the Rector (the Rev. J. F. Gratton-Guiness), were elected at the South Norfolk Branch's meeting at Redenhall on May 12th. Forty-one ringers attended, representing 26 parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Matters referred to the Standing Committee included a request from one member that the annual meeting of the Association should be called on a date which did not clash with the F.A. Cup Final.

The Association's president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston), who presided, congratulated Mr. William Flatt on attending his first meeting as Ringing Master of the branch, and for making arrangements for the service, which was conducted by Canon Pickering (Rector).

Western Branch

Thirty-five members representing 15 towers attended the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch held at Sculthorpe on May 26th. Various methods, and rounds for the not so experienced ringers, were conducted by the Ringing Master, Mr. C. V. Ebberson.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Gunn), assisted by the president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston), and an excellent tea provided by the wives of the local band.

At the business meeting a short report of the Central Council's meeting was read and discussed. The president spoke of the future of 'The Ringing World,' and appealed to all members to increase the circulation by becoming postal subscribers.

An invitation to hold the next interim meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the bells at Gaywood on July 21st was accepted, and the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Wells on August 25th.

SALISBURY GUILD HAVE A SENSE OF OPTIMISM

The Annual Festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on May 12th drew a large attendance of ringers to Sherborne, all parts of the Diocese being represented.

The Master (Canon G. Carew Cox) presided at the annual meeting held in the Digby Memorial Church Hall, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (vice-president), Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. S. Slatford (hon. assistant secretary).

The chairman opened the proceedings with prayer. Apologies were received from Lord Shaftesbury, the Rev. R. A. Wells, Canon Markby, Miss Eloic, Messrs. L. A. Wilson, G. H. Harding, Alan Macdonald and F. Peicey.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, in his report, stated that there had been a slight increase in membership to 1,082. During the year 26 peals had been rung. In the Branch hon. secretaries' reports there seemed to be a sense of optimism, and showed a steady and general improvement all round.

The officers were unanimously re-elected, viz: President, the Earl of Shaftesbury; Master, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. S. Slatford; hon. auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews. Mr. F. Precey not wishing to stand, the Central Council representatives elected were the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. W. C. West, G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £226 16s. 6d., which included £100 invested, and was considered satisfactory, as was the report. The hon. secretary and treasurer was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Guild.

In his vote of thanks the Master mentioned Canon S. B. Wingfield Digby for the services in the Abbey and all the incumbents who allowed the use of their bells, and the hon. secretary, North Dorset Branch, who in his first year as hon. secretary went to such trouble to ensure the success of the Festival.

Grants of money were made to: Broadwindsor £5 5s.; Bow Bells £2 2s.

A letter of congratulation had been sent to Mr. L. A. Wilson, and it was asked that one be sent to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, past master, both in connection with their 80th birthdays. The chairman then closed the meeting with prayer.

The service was held in the Abbey. The address by the Vicar, the hearty rendering of the hymns and Grandsire Triples on handbells were most inspiring. Some American tourists expressed themselves as most privileged to be able to join in such a service never before experienced by them.

The last item in the proceedings was a meat tea, when 150 ringers and their friends enjoyed the fare supplied by Rothwells, caterers, who had on a previous occasion supplied the wants of hungry ringers and knew just what to do.

DEATH OF MRS. A. J. HUGHES

The sympathy of many ringing friends will be extended to Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, in the passing of his wife on June 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had been married for nearly 50 years. She was always a good friend to the Exercise and had been hostess to many famous ringers in past years. The widower shares his bereavement with his two daughters and son and seven grand-children.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Whitsun Tour

THE University of London Society held their Whitsun tour in Essex this year with their headquarters at the Green Man, Harlow. Most of the party assembled on Friday evening, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Harlow, and here one of the female members, not to be outdone, gave an exhibition of tenor ringing.

A fine morning greeted us on Saturday, and after having queued to use the only bathroom in the inn, an advance party journeyed to the first tower of the day at Newport. Here the frame was loose in the tower, and it was without regret that we soon left this rough-going six. However, by this time our main transport for the tour had arrived in the form of a hired Bedford 'Dormobile.' This vehicle formed ideal transport for the tour and at one period it carried 14 somewhat squashed passengers.

Journeying on to Thaxted, the lovely town and bells were much admired, and it was here that a splinter group, who preferred to use public transport rather than wait for the 'Dormobile,' eventually caught up with the main party. Great Bardfield was next on the list, and then lunch was taken at Finchingfield to the accompaniment of jet aircraft screaming overhead. The font at Finchingfield stands in the midst of the circle of ropes, but, nevertheless, the pleasant eight were enjoyable to ring. Again at Wethersfield visibility was somewhat reduced by a wooden post in the centre of the belfry, and it was here that Senator Clouston measured a ½in. movement in the frame.

At Sible Hedingham a course of London came round, but on the other hand Double Norwich did not go very well. The last tower of the day was at Bocking, where we had the pleasure of ringing with some of the local ringers including the immediate past master of our Society.

Some early risers attended Communion at Harlow on Sunday, and after breakfast the party rang for service on the ten at Bishop's Stortford. Stedman would not go here, but the best memory of Stortford will be the difficulty that was experienced in finding a seat at the service after ringing. The majority of the party spent Sunday afternoon in looking over the treasures at Audley End House, but, nevertheless, the handbell friends gave a demonstration in the grounds to the amusement of some onlookers. Evening ringing was at Saffron Walden, and after the journey back to headquarters a demonstration of tune ringing on handbells by John and Renée Armstrong was much enjoyed.

On Monday morning, after going to the wrong church at Stansted Mountfitchet, our time for ringing on this anti-clockwise octave was somewhat reduced, but nevertheless we arrived at Great Easton on time. Then on to Great Dunmow, where the fine octave was much admired and a course of Lincolnshire came round in fine style. The day's organised ringing finished at Fyfield, where the ringing chamber is lit with fluorescent lights, and it was there that the traditional touch of Original Minor was rung. After saying goodbye to some of the party, 'Geoff's Goons' in the 'Dormobile' travelled on to ring with the Essex Association at Great Waltham, and after tea the 12 at Chelmsford Cathedral provided a fine conclusion to a most enjoyable tour in the beautiful countryside of Essex.

The Society thank, in addition to the organiser, Richard Stephens, all the incumbents and local ringers

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Louis MacNeice's feature, 'Bow Bells,' to be broadcast on the B.B.C. Home Service next Sunday, is likely to make a strong appeal to ringers.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK H. DEXTER

There will be regret much further afield than Leicester at the passing of Fred Dexter, or, as he was affectionately known, 'The Sergeant-Major.' He had not been well for some time, but the end came suddenly on June 6th. Although he had not done any ringing for several years his interest never waned and many who visited him could testify that his ability was not impaired, and attribute to his help and guidance their great progress made as ringers.

He was mainly responsible for putting Leicester on the pedestal it has enjoyed for many years, and it was he who made the late Harold Poole the great ringer and conductor he was. Fred was a great composer and conductor and undoubtedly an authority on Stedman.

In the belfry he was a martinet and had no patience with indifferent striking. He expected and generally succeeded in extracting the maximum of effort. Outside the belfry he enjoyed the convivial relaxation which usually followed a peal and was generous to a fault.

He was a widower, and the loss of his wife a few years ago was a blow from which he never fully recovered. He leaves a son, Harold Dexter, who was at Cambridge University and has recently been appointed organist and musical director at Southwark Cathedral.

The funeral was on June 9th.

MR. GEORGE PRESTON

The death occurred in Christchurch Hospital on June 3rd, at the age of 86, of Mr. George Preston, one of the oldest and best-known ringers in the south of England.

Born within the sound of the bells of Christchurch Priory, he joined the band in 1887, the eight bells then in the tower having just been rehung on a new frame. It fell to him to introduce change ringing, and soon he became the acknowledged leader of the band. As a young man he took part in several tours with the leading ringers of the time, but records of these and of his early peals were lost when his house was flooded in 1916.

Although he was always ready to arrange a peal for a special occasion, or to make one of a band for a peal attempt, it is not as a peal ringer that he will be remembered. His main interest was in service ringing, which nothing would cause him to neglect. In recent years his increasing infirmity had made the climbing of a hundred steps to the ringing chamber on Sundays almost a superhuman effort.

Few can have taught more ringers than he did. Perhaps among his proudest moments were when, shortly after the ring had been increased to ten, he called a peal of Caters on the bells, and again, when they were augmented to 12, a peal of Cinques—in each case the ringers were regular service ringers, and most of them his pupils.

In 1937, to celebrate his jubilee as a ringer, he received a presentation from a large number of friends, and, ten years later, when his 60th anniversary was celebrated, he received the personal congratulations of the then Bishop of Winchester. His ambition to be a ringer at the Priory for 70 years was not granted, but his period of service fell short of this by only a few months.

As a boy, George Preston had an accident, which resulted in a broken spine and left him permanently injured. Yet he was usually found at the heavy end of the circle and was an all-round sportsman. In his younger days he played football for his town, he was a keen oarsman and yachtsman, and no mean performer with gun and rod

The funeral service, held in the Priory Church and attended by a large and representative congregation, was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Price. He emphasised the great service Mr. Preston had given to the Church and the example he had shown by his devotion to duty, especially in the face of growing disability.

The interment took place in Christchurch Cemetery beside his wife, who had died 15 years earlier.

MR. C. H. WEBB

When Mr. Charles Henry Webb passed away on April 26th, at the age of 71, the Exercise lost one of its staunchest supporters. Harry Webb was known to thousands in the Midlands, not just amongst his friends in the Coventry and Leicester Guilds, but also to the public in this area and to ringers throughout the country. His straight stance and waxed 'sergeant-major's' moustache, and his absolute intolerance of anything not of the best, assured him the respect of his contemporaries and the awe of the youngsters. Harry was a stonemason by trade and examples of his excellent work hang in many ringing chambers in the country.

Harry had an absolute passion for bells. His ringing days started at Croft in Leicestershire, with the Midland Counties Association, and though he moved subsequently to Rugby and then Coventry, his heart turned always towards the towers in the neighbourhood of Croft. His first peal was Grandsire Triples in July, 1919, and most of his subsequent ringing was on eight. He rang several peals on ten and one peal of Stedman Cinques. Harry's thirst for bells though could not be satisfied by tower bells alone, and as a handbell ringer he was known far and wide. In this way he came into contact with the public on many occasions, particularly at Christmas time, when for many years he led the tune ringing team from Allesley, Coventry, round the local hostelries and hospitals. From the former he would collect for charity with great success, and at the hospitals and old folks' homes his reward was in the happiness he brought to his listeners.

Despite his austere moustache he had a kindly twinkle when he got four bells in his hands, and many an 'evening out' has been enlivened by his complicated and energetic rendering of many well loved tunes. 'Soldier's Joy' and 'Grandfather's Clock' probably rank as his own favourites, and on tower bells it was no secret that his favourite methods were Superlative Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters.

Harry had not enjoyed very good health for some years, his recurring heart trouble causing him several long, tedious spells in bed. He was the patriarch of a large family, extending to four generations—he had several great-grandchildren—and he was quite satisfied to have had his 'three score years and ten.'

HIS PEALS

His first peal, Grandsire Triples, conducted by Ernest Morris, was rung at Stoney Stanton in July, 1919. His last was Plain Bob Royal 'in hand' in June, 1950, at Newfield Road, Coventry. This was his first peal on ten 'in hand.' A few weeks before that he rang his first peal of Bob Major 'in hand' at the same address. The list is as follows:—

Tower bells.—Doubles: Grandsire 8 (cond. 1), Stedman 1, two methods 1, four methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 12. Kent 3, Oxford 1, Kent and Oxford 1, Cambridge 1, four methods 1.

Triples: Grandsire 17, Stedman 18.

Major: Plain Bob 19, Kent 4, Oxford 2, Little Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Spliced Treble Bob 3, Double Norwich 6, Shilton 1, New Cambridge 1, Cambridge 8, Superlative 4, Bristol 1, London 1.

Caters: Stedman 4.

Royal: Cambridge 7, Melton 1.

Cinques: Stedman 1.

'In hand'.—Grandsire Doubles 3 (3), Plain Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Royal 1.

Total: 136 (4) D. A. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

Fine weather favoured the Kent Branch for their meeting at Ashford on May 26th. The service was taken by the Vicar (Canon N. M. G. Sharp).

Some 40 ringers and friends then sat down to a very satisfying tea, which had been prepared by members of the Mothers' Union, in the Parish Room. After tea Mrs. Mitchell (vice-president) accorded the usual votes of thanks and then asked the gentlemen to leave, so that the ladies could hold their business meeting.

Mrs. Mitchell then asked the secretary (Miss Jill Haffenden), who is to be married in July, to accept a set of six glass goblets as a wedding gift from members of the Kent Branch. Accepting the present, Miss Haffenden thanked the members most sincerely for the gift and good wishes that went with it. Several new members were elected. It was decided, subject to permission, to hold the next meeting at Walmer on either August 11th or 18th. In future the collection at the service will be donated to church expenses.

The ladies then joined the gentlemen in the belfry where ringing, from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major, continued until 8 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch

A very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on May 26th, with over 50 ringers present. The bells were kept going with a minimum of time between touches. The striking throughout was of a very high order, the rounds by the learners being perfect (and most of them are still at school).

Visitors included Alfred Barnes, of Manchester, who has almost reached 90 years of age. His ringing is still very good, and so is his memory. He said that if he lived until next April he would have completed 70 years' ringing. It is 50 years since he rang his first peal of Stedman at Walkden. Another visitor was the ringing secretary, Mr. Stephen Ll. Parry. There are some very enthusiastic ringers in the District—a band had rung two peals and then came to the meeting to finish off the day, one or two having a handful of blisters.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. He gave all a very warm welcome. P. C.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch Branch at Lymington

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Lymington on June 2nd, attended by 25 members. Mr. S. Clarke, of Harlow, Essex, was a welcome visitor.

Prior to the meeting the hon. secretary of the District presented the recently-married chairman and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniells) with a case of fish knives and forks to mark the occasion and to express the District ringers' good wishes for a long life of happiness. Mr. J. E. Daniells suitably replied, and on behalf of himself and his wife expressed their pleasure at receiving such a pleasant surprise.

Two new ringing members—Mr. J. Coleman (Fordingbridge) and Mr. Charles Pring—were elected at the ensuing business meeting. The next quarterly meeting will be at Bournemouth on September 1st. Ringing in all methods took place during the afternoon and evening on the octaves at Lymington and Lyndhurst.

The outing in North Cornwall on May 5th, during which 11 towers were visited [see R.W., June 1st], was arranged by Mr. Alan Carveth, of Truro. Our correspondent tenders his apologies for the error.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

SHELLARD—BALLARD.—The engagement is announced between John George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Shellard, of Sulgrave, Northants, and Edith Joyce Ballard, of Plumpton End, Paulerspury, Northants. 8442

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. DARMON is now 39, St. Mary's Avenue, Northwood, Middlesex. 8475

The new address of Mr. and Mrs. Eric SUTTON and Michael is now 15, Springfield Road, Swindon, Wilts. 8466

FOR SALE

BELLS FOR SALE from church recently closed. Six by Warner (1871) hung dead in wooden frame. Ellacombe chiming apparatus in good tune, with cast cannons; tenor reputed to be 9 cwt. Lowering and transport to be provided. Inspection and offers invited.—Vicar, Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells, Breconshire. 4843

HANDBELLS WANTED

Enthusiastic band of beginners require set of handbells, 28 or more, for furtherance of the Exercise in Central Africa. First local ring of tower bells expected soon, and we want to be ready. — Rev. P. G. L. Cole, Parish Office, Harker Hall, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia. 8480

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. SCOTT B. PARRY thanks all who have applied for a copy of his book, 'The History and Art of Handbell Ringing.' They will be forwarded as soon as possible. 8487

BELLRINGERS' GUIDE TO CHURCH BELLS (DOVE). — Order now from W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. Price 6s. 6d. or full cloth 9s. 6d. (postage 6d.). Interleaved 12s. (post 9d.). 8481

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MISCELLANEOUS

Will Brian Heppenstall, of Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, please contact John Martin, 25, Ashley Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, who has mislaid his address. 8450

The North Weald ringers will *not* be at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, June 19th (Epping Upland, instead). 8470

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12. post free (minimum change). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Meeting at Merriott, Saturday, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 8418

BEDS and HERTS ASSOCIATIONS — Summer Festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Cathedral Service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Redbourn (6) 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Sandridge (6) 10.30-11.30; Welwyn (8) 11-12; Hatfield (10) 10.15-12.15; North Mymms (8) 12-1 p.m.; Harpenden (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10) 2-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (8) after tea, also St. Peter's and the Cathedral. Sandridge open 2–3 p.m. 8399

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION —Ely District.—Practice meeting at Over on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock in Sunday School Hall near church. Service 6 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8393

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8440

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held jointly with the Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch) at St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs, on Saturday, June 16th, 1956. Bells 3 p.m. Please try to attend this meeting and help to get the North-West District working again.—Frances M. Hibbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8417

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 8414

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Haxey on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available during afternoon. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Epworth, followed by business meeting and ringing at Epworth.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 8483

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 16th, Harmondsworth, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Harlington, 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at nearby café.—F. A. Finch. 8464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 16th. All ringers welcome. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury. 8369

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Winterbourne Earls (5), June 16th, 7 p.m. onwards. Silver Star bus 6.35, 6 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec. 8425

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge), Market Cafe. Please send names to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Brante House, Hutton, Tadcaster.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8460

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), June 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8433

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bewdley, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8435

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice, Bletchingley, 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 20th. 8462

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Bleadon, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) 6 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 8485

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise, before June 19th, Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—C. K. Lewis. 8479

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Wirksworth, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafés nearby. Trent bus No. 37. Special methods: Ashtead Surprise Major, Court Bob Triples. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8415

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, June 23rd, 3 p.m., at Gainford. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. N.B.—Names for tea to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington, by June 20th.—E. P. Rock. 8478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Marshfield, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 19th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 8474

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chipping Campden, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 19th, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8472

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, June 23rd, Down Ampney (5), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business at Meysey Hampton 5 p.m. Bells (6) and service afterwards.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 8448

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Weybridge, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Oatlands Park bells after tea. Names for tea by June 20th to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 8447

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Wistanstow, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8455

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Practice meeting, Downe, Saturday, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, 18th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8419

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5. Business 6 p.m. Lovely six bells here.—J. Thornley, Sec. 8458

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, June 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. till 7 p.m., with a break at 5 p.m.—S. H. Symonds. 8441

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Tour, June 23rd: Fenny Drayton (5), 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.; Witherley (5), 4 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Sheepy Magna (6), 6 to 7 p.m.; Congerstone (5), 7 to 8 p.m.—F. Measures, Dis. Sec. 8456

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Mary (6), Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names before June 18th to Mr. W. L. Ketteringham, Church Lane, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 8433

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), June 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 8465

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting follow. Names by June 20th, please, to Mrs. Squires, Dale Cottage, Milton Abbas, Blandford, Dorset. —Hayne, Sec. 8449

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by June 20th, Mr. I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. Other towers available: St. Giles' and Witchampton. 8473

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service at St. Mary's, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15, and 6 to 6.45; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 20th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 8421

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, June 23rd, Chiddingly (6). Look up Cambridge Minor. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8476

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Lockerley on June 23rd. Arrangements as usual. Tytherley after tea. Names by June 19th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 8471

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby Abbey (10), Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 21st to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. New reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8424

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, June 26th. Saturday, June 30th, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 8484

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each), Abbey Hall, 5 p.m. Names by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six-bell contest, Longwood, June 30th. For teas, please notify by June 25th A. Townend, 7, Quarmby Road, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8412

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. per head). Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, June 20th, to Mr. H. Harrison, Home Farm House, Ringwould, Deal. 8477

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beddington (10), June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 27th, to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey. 8468

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Hexham Abbey on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8452

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Aldrington, near Hove, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Names for tea, please, by June 27th, to Miss D. Gough, 3, Brittany Road, Hove, 3.—Kathleen M. Yeo.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ewerby (10) on June 30th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Summer outing, Saturday, June 30th, Cotswold district. Bus, collecting ringers numerous points, departing from Woodstock 1.15 p.m. Are you interested? Yes! then please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, not later than June 24th. 8469

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual festival, Sketty, Swansea, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8406

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL, June 30th. St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham from 4 p.m. Service at Egham 4.30 p.m. Tea, Egham Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Egham, Wraysbury and Old Windsor from 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 27th, to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, Surrey. 8444

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Town Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 8454

THE LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Coffinswell's New Band

The Mid-Devon Branch held an enthusiastic meeting at Coffinswell, near Newton Abbot, on June 2nd, the main object being to assist a new band of ringers which has been formed there. The bells were rung continuously throughout the afternoon, several of the new recruits being given ample opportunity to ring, whilst at other intervals members rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

After an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, which was kindly provided by the parishioners, the Rector and churchwardens extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and thanked them for all the assistance which they had already given. Mr. J. E. Lilley (Branch chairman) and the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president) spoke in reply, and thanked the parishioners for their kind hospitality. Mr. Gale was appointed captain of the tower, and it was resolved to hold practices on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock, the Mid-Devon Branch consenting to send instructors on each occasion.

A. L. B.

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5 3 6 2 4			—	R N R
4 2 6 3 5			—	R X R
6 4 2 3 5			—	R R R R R R R
2 6 4 3 5			—	(N) N N X N N N
4 3 2 6 5			—	R X R
3 2 4 6 5			—	R N R
5 4 2 6 3			—	R X R
2 5 4 6 3			—	R X R
4 2 5 6 3			—	R X R
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'THE RINGING WORLD'

THE Committee makes no apology for taking up this valuable space for the purpose of clarifying the position concerning this journal. It is felt that interested readers will desire to have full information as to how we stand. Last year, mainly owing to the increase in the price of the paper to 6d., we were able to show a credit balance of about £800. This sum was supplemented by about £250 in donations from peal and quarter peal ringers. Naturally the Committee felt that the corner had been turned, and plans were under consideration for the improvement of the paper. It is realised that the better we can make it, the greater the number of readers who may be induced to take it. Our hopes have been dimmed, however, by the sudden rise in printing costs and, so far as we are able to estimate, the whole of the profits made in 1955 will be swallowed up to meet them. So much for our good intentions! We are now back again to where we started, and we have to look for new sources of revenue. That is the bald position.

We stated at the Central Council meeting that a simple way out was to get a larger circulation, which would enable the costs to be spread over more copies, so making the production cost per copy less. It is realised that the paper is read by a much greater number of people than the number of copies sold. This is probably because so many towers only take one copy (generally paid for by church authorities), which is shared by all the ringers associated with such towers. Then there are cases where ringers who have bought the journal pass it on to others after they have read it. That, of course, is better than throwing it away, but it might lessen our chances of selling copies to those who are sufficiently interested as to want to read it. We have had various 'drives,' and district representatives have been appointed (the Committee sincerely appreciates their good work), but still the desired increase in circulation does not come — indeed, such advances that have been made have been cancelled out by death and other causes. If the paper is to survive, we *must* have a bigger circulation. We propose to increase the charges for advertisements, but the yield from this source will not be sufficient by itself.

We feel that there has not yet been a sufficient realisation by the Exercise of its responsibilities concerning its own paper. The Committee will work hard and continuously, but it is not equipped with magical powers, and cannot perform the duties which fall to every individual who wants to see the paper survive. It is up to every reader to take up *at once* the task of securing new readers, and with a big push all round we should soon be out of trouble, and get back to the work of *improving* the paper, not just merely keeping it alive.

Those who read the Committee's report will have noted that although there recently was a dispute in the printing trade, the paper appeared regularly and on time. Had it been usually produced in London, it would have ceased to appear. We are not too sure whether, if this had happened, that it would have been an entirely bad thing—it would certainly have brought about a realisation that the paper is essential to the life of the Exercise. Isn't it a fact that we take it too much for granted that 'The Ringing World' will always be available when we want it?

We appeal to all ringers and all district representatives to make a strong effort to enrol new readers, to stimulate interest in the paper by bringing it up continuously for discussion at meetings, and we hope that those generous-minded souls (bless them!) will continue to send their donations along, to be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.' This appeal is addressed to every responsible member of the Exercise, and we now ask you to back up your Committee by *personal* effort. J. F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SOUTHWARK.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	7
*JILL R. PARSONS	2	T. MARK WHITE	8
*JOYCE A. PARSONS	3	JOHN HILL	9
DAVID E. PARSONS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	10
RONALD F. DISERENS	5	*PHILIP A. F. CHALK	11
JOHN N. DISERENS	6	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	WILLIAM H. COLES	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	BERT GOGLE	8
JAMES W. HAW	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
ALAN E. HARTLEY	5	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt.

RAYMOND F. SMITH	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	GWEN I. RUSBY	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	8
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
JOHN FREEMAN	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	6
*BARRIE HENDRY	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
*DAVID W. JAMES	3	GEORGE CARE	8
JOHN KING	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	9
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5	†BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Kent Royal.
Rung for the third anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt.

*THOMAS BEAUMONT	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	6
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
†JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	8
*PETER F. BORER	4	†RONALD E. NORRIS	9
HARRY SPRINGATE	5	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung for the restoration of Rochester Cathedral, and the eve of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., June 9, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 40¼ cwt.

*CYRIL RUSBY	*Treble*	DENNIS CHAPMAN	6
FREDERICK J. JACKSON	2	DENNIS HOLLAND	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD	3	†JOHN S. SEAGER	8
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	BARRY HOLLAND	9
NORMAN CHADDOCK	5	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.
Rung in connection with the Rev. Brian Green's combined churches Mission, held in Sheffield from June 2nd to 14th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK VICKERS	*Treble*	REGINALD H. HOWSON	5
A. NUNNELEY WOOD	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	3	GEORGE E. GREEN	7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	4	JOHN A. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 JOHN O' GAUNT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Arranged from Middleton's by SHIRLEY BURTON.
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Kirklington with 8th place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE F. ROOME	*Treble*	DAVID W. JAMES	5
*ALAN J. FROST	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	6
ERIC NOBLES	3	BERNARD E. FROST	7
BARRIE HENDRY	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.
Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1' *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

J. WILLIAM CLARKE	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5376 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E flat.

*BRIAN T. HALE	*Treble*	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	5
*EUNICE A. HILEY	2	*CLIFFORD J. BEADLE	6
*DAVID G. WRIGHT	3	†DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	7
EILEEN M. TURNER	4	†E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. A. Wheeler, on leaving the parish. Also on the third anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	STEPHEN L. PARRY	5
GEOFFREY MILLS	2	HAROLD HAMER	6
PHILLIP HUDSON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
ORRELL DAVIES	4	BRIAN N. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. John Hodgkinson and Miss Joan Worsley at this church this day, and also as a welcome to the Rev. David Moseley, the new curate.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MARION J. SKINNER	*Treble*	GLADYS MANCHIP	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	ELSIE K. HART	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	KATHLEEN M. LOCK	7
ANNE B. SPEED	4	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
* 200th peal.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. SPICER	5
*FRANCES M. WELCH	2	JOHN WELCH	6
OLIVE M. JOHNSON	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
†PATRICIA DOORN	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

DEREK RILEY	*Treble*	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	6
C. RONALD SMITH	3	HARRY TURNER	7
LIONEL S. WOODS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

RHODA HEMMINGS	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
A. YORK-BRAMBLE	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
First peal of Grandsire Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.
Rung on the third anniversary of the coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*DR. GUY ROWORTH	*Treble*	RICHARD LUTON	5
MRS. PAULINE WILTON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	6
HARRY AUSTIN	3	ERIC SUTTON	7
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	4	*THOMAS R. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 3, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE TRIPLES
Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*JOHN T. TILSTON	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
*PHILIP J. EVANS	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to the memory of James Swindley.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
RICHARD WILSON	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
ERIC T. LEE	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
Rung for the ordination at St. Paul's Cathedral of Mr. J. D. Wilkenson, son of the Rector of Heene.

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SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Joan K. Brown	*Treble*	William Thornley	5
Ernest Morris	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
Ernest J. Jelley	3	John M. Jelley	7
Brian G. Warwick	4	Brian S. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Stedman away from tenor.
In memoriam Frederick H. Dexter.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence.
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
With 120 course ends. Tenor 10 cwt.

*George W. Ridgway	*Treble*	*Derek P. Jones	5
Ernest Morris	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*John W. Rawson	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. Thurmott. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the Rev. A. J. Day's induction to the benefice of Measham.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 FINCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	Alick Cutler	6
Mary Lawrence	3	Alfred J. House	7
John R. Mayne	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
The first peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Judith R. Cox	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Albert E. Beaney	6
John L. Morris	3	George J. Butcher	7
Frank E. Walker	4	Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 MANCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*James W. Grounds	*Treble*	Derek Ogden	5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	2	Peter Coxall	6
Ronald Kenrick	3	Jack Ashcroft	7
Roger Leigh	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* 250th peal for the Lancashire Association. First peal in the method by the band, for the Association and on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Edwin Timbrell.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Illtyd,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Thomas W. Petty	*Treble*	Edmund J. Morris	5
Joseph Lovett	2	Trevor M. Roderick	6
Alfred Hannington	3	Robert E. Coles	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Gwyn I. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

FINCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR.
=34-16-56-38-14-38-36-58
8ths place lead-end, 4th place bob.
f.c.e.'s: 32546, 46253, 46325, 54263, 34562 and 62345.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Benjamin Barker	*Treble*	Walter Steen	5
Francis R. Lowe	2	Alfred Mould	6
Albert E. Thompson	3	Wm. Lancaster	7
*Ernest H. Johnson	4	Walter Shaw	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred Mould.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. E. Barker, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30¼ cwt.

Howard Scott	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Gwen I. Rusby	2	Gordon Benfield	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Frederick A. Jaine	*Treble*	Philip G. Morgan	5
*Dennis F. Jaine	2	†Charles G. Jones	6
*Bryan A. Ellsmore	3	Leslie Evans	7
Josephine Green	4	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

*Maurice J. Dodd	*Treble*	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	*Harold P. Reed	6
*Frank W. Lewis	3	*Reginald A. Reed	7
*Donald H. Niblett	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Frederick W. Burnett	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor	5
*Marion J. Parker	2	William T. Beeson	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Alfred T. Greenwood	4	C. Ernest Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* First peal of London 'inside.'

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Rosemary Halfacre	*Treble*	Frank Henbest	5
Walter Hunt	2	Alfred K. Street	6
A. Alan Brown	3	Harold Smith	7
Mrs. Harold Smith	4	Edward G. Burrows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Smith.
* First attempt for a peal, aged 14½ years.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet D. Cudby, of the local band, and Mr. John M. Sharpe.

SIX BELL PEALS

CLIVE, SALOP.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE.. ..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES J. COPP	*Treble*	MARK W. LEWIS	4
SIMON L. BARLEY	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	5
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	RONALD C. MILNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIMON L. BARLEY.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. H. A. Dunn, B.A. (formerly of Bicknoller, Somerset), who was inducted Vicar of North Muskham an May 22nd, 1956.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

JUNE HIND	*Treble*	†KENNETH FAULKNER ..	4
*KENNETH DUROW	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	3	WILFRED RILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.
Rung for Empire Day.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	EDWARD LOWMAN	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
100th peal on the bells.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of William Latemore, jun., who had been organ blower at this church for over 25 years.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*MRS. G. WAREHAM	*Treble*	GEORGE WAREHAM	4
*MISS A. LEWIS	2	DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON	5
*ROGER ABBOT	3	*ALLEN BRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON (16).
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*LEONARD THOMPSON ..	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY BALDOCK	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	†JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in seven methods. † 200th peal.
Rung on the 41st wedding anniversary of the ringer of the third, and for the wedding of Miss June Woodcock, a chorister at this church, which took place prior to the ringing of the peal.



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EGERTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. James's Society, Egerton.)
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*PAMELA A. J. CARTER	*Treble*	*PETER F. T. SMITH	4
*E. PATRICIA LEWIS	2	†KATHERINE J. STISTED	5
*PATRICIA A. TURK	3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.
* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First seven-method peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell and a mark of esteem to the ringer of the fifth, who is leaving the district. All are members of the local company.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST E. BRAY	*Treble*	F. CECIL MOGFORD	4
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
GEORGE PRESCOTT	3	WILLIAM A. V. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. V. PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of College, one extent of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPHINE GREEN	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
*MOLLIE TILBURY	2	CHARLES G. JONES	5
JAMES WARD	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* 25th peal.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Lightfoot, Surflect, York, Bourne, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	†AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
*WALTER AYRE	3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 375th peal for this Association. † 200th peal.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

*H. DONALD BRYANT	*Treble*	†D. WALFORD DAVIES	4
JOHN HALE	2	THOMAS E. HIDDINS	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Benjamin Davies, father of the ringer of the fourth.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOUGLAS RUCKLIDGE	*Treble*	*JOHN POTTS	4
*ALAN THORNTON	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD M. BRADLEY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (five callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

CYNTHIA B. HALL	*Treble*	ALFRED E. G. OWEN	4
JOHN COLLEY	2	*RICHARD F. DAVIES	5
ROBERT NICHOLLS	3	THOMAS H. ONIONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.
* 25th peal.
Rung for the official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4
MONICA HOWARD	2	C. MICHAEL STEPHENS	5
*AUDREY BUTLER	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* 25th peal. Rung on Coronation Day, after meeting short for Major.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., June 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	LESLIE C. SMITH	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
Rung to celebrate the gift of a second daughter (Mary Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hillis.

HANDBELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT ST. THOMAS' CLUB, STATION ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor size 17 in A.

PETER J. MORTON	1—2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	3—4
		PAUL J. RIGBY	5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL G. MORTON.
First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

PAMELA A. MARTIN	1—2	WALTER AYRE	3—4
		DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5—6

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 55 methods: (1) Barham, Oswald, Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe and Peveril Delight, and Mendip, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob; (2) Hull and Bourne Surprise, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, and Nelson Treble Bob; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor size 13 in E.

HOWARD SCOTT	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	3—4
		W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5—6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Believed to be the most Treble Bob methods rung to a peal 'in hand.'

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. A. Manning 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, E. Walklate (first quarter, aged 12) 3, B. R. Manning 4, A. Whitting (first quarter) 5, B. Bradley 6. For morning service. Also the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Mosedale 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, E. Walklate 3, Miss J. G. Draper 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. All members of the local team (average age 16 years).

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1, H. M. White 2, H. Bird 3, F. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clarke (cond.) 7, D. Collins 8. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, for 56 years a member of the band, and secretary for many years.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's, 720 Cambridge): M. J. Edwards 1, K. Everett 2, G. M. Rouse 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. Also the same day, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 1, H. Stebbings 2, M. J. Edwards 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, G. M. Rouse 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on June 10th, 1,440 London Surprise: E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, G. M. Rouse 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Marchant (first on eight) 1, D. Miller 2, J. Hobbs 3, W. Stevens 4, J. Walton 5, C. Clarke 6, R. Short (first of Triples as cond.) 7, M. Stone 8.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, G. Atkinson 2, D. Gilbert 3, M. Bideau 4, N. Smith 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6, P. Schofield 7. With 5 and 7 covering. Rung during the annual church walk.

QUARTER PEALS

COWLEY, OXON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bennett (first quarter) 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bennett 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Holloway 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris 6. A 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to J. Sutton.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Leale (first of Major 'in hand') 1–2, K. Arthur 3–4, B. Buswell 5–6, J. A. Ainsworth (first of Major 'in hand', cond.) 7–8.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd-Bob): J. A. Ainsworth 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, G. S. Deas 3, C. McGuiness 4, F. G. Bloomfield 5, K. W. Cheeseman 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, R. Telford 8. For the induction of the Rev. T. H. Corden, M.A., as Rector.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Price (first quarter) 1, E. J. Manley 2, J. Salway 3, A. Turner 4, C. J. Turner 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, T. Gush 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Strong 1, Miss M. Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, H. Knight 4, C. Kortright 5, M. Horseman (first on 8 as cond.) 6, J. Gilbert 7, D. Yeo 8. First of Major by 1 and 2.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At all Saints' Church, on May 31st, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ann Chantler 1, C. M. Dring 2, J. T. Mannering 3, J. C. Wallis 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, M. A. Reynolds 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (extents of Single Court and Single Oxford): A. Cansdale 1, Eva Appleby 2, F. G. Oliver 3, W. J. Brunt 4, K. Prime 5, B. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Keith Prime, who is leaving the district after doing his National Service.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (4 six-scores Plain Bob and 6¼ of Grandsire): R. Yelling 1, Miss B. Carter (first 'inside') 2, A. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Hoare 4, F. Carter 5, R. Thatcher 6. Rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Redwood 1, J. Turner 2, Miss J. Gray 3, R. Marlow 4, Miss S. Percey 5, L. Cobb 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. Turner 8. First in method for 1 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Preston, of Christchurch.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): R. Wilmore 1, K. Thompson 2, E. Morris 3, B. S. Payne 4, G. Lowe 5, G. M. Brewin (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Stone (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, M. Bishop 3, G. M. Brewin 4, R. A. Brewin 5, P. Plowright 6. For Matins.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, H. Meek 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. G. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Dunkley, a former ringer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, A. J. Hatten 2, B. A. Cornell 3, H. V. Frost 4, L. Hansell 5, A. Day 6, W. J. Arnold 7, J. Ewer 8, W. Little 9, R. F. Ewer 10, G. W. Debenham 11, W. Nicoll 12. First of Stedman Cinques for 8 and 9. Rung to commemorate the completion of 50 years' service by H. E. C. Goodenough as a ringer at the Cathedral.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, R. Eggleton 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Woodruff (cond.) 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. For Confirmation service.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, W. Townsend 2, H. Jones 3, H. France (first of Triples) 4, G. W. Holland 5, C. Gough 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, F. Gibbard (first of Triples) 8. First of Triples on the bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Society of Roving Ringers thank the Ancient Society of College Youths for relinquishing their attempt on Southwark Cathedral bells on June 9th to enable the R.R. to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. This was Mrs. Joyce Parsons' first peal since her wedding and it made her eligible to join the elite band who have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

The peal rung at Repton for the Patronal Festival of St. Wystan was also a 28th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, of Overseal.

With the ringing of 5,040 College Triples at Chester on June 3rd, Mr. H. O. Baker has completed peals in the 11 pure Triples methods with two hunts. He has also rung peals of Stedman and Erin Triples.

In the 'Mills' peal, the band was made up as follows: Father, daughter, son on the front three; mother, father, son on the back three; Marian and Donald being 16 and Michael 14. This is presumably the first 'Mills' peal to be rung.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes that there has been a previous peal at Ewhurst, Sussex, on December 10th, 1916. 'I confirm the recent peal at Cadoxton as the 50th on the bells, but I made the last peal at Burton Latimer the 51st since augmentation, not the 50th.'

Several peals have been arranged in which each ringer has hailed from a different county, but it is unusual for this to occur purely by coincidence. Such a case was the peal at Norton, Glos, in which the counties represented were Bedfordshire, Devon, Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Essex, Cornwall, Derbyshire and Middlesex. To complete the story, the composer was from Suffolk!

Youth met age when Yeovil ringers visited Minehead for their annual outing. Michael Turner, aged 11, of Hardington, rang with Mr. J. Pugsley, the Minehead veteran, who is 73 years his senior.

Ringing has been resumed at Wonersh, Surrey, at usual times. The cracked gudgeon has been repaired.

The peal at Cromer was the first on the bells for over 20 years. The conductor, Mr. Walter C. Medler, was also the conductor of the first peal on the bells rung 32 years ago.

The headstocks of the 14 bells at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, are now at Taylor's Bell Foundry at Loughborough, having new ball-bearing fittings fitted to them. Consequently ringing will be off for some months. Intending visitors to Eire please note.

In the Cambridge University Guild peal at Longstanton on May 19th ('R.W.'. p. 339) Mr. T. R. Dennis acted as umpire. The intention was to ring a silent peal, and it would have been so but for words which escaped one member of the band towards the end of the second part.

We have had most encouraging news concerning Mr. W. T. Elson, following the mid-thigh amputation of his left leg. He now gets about the ward at London University Hospital in a wheeled chair and is planning what he will do when he comes out of Roehampton Hospital, after learning to get about on one leg.

After a lapse of several years the bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Ditchingham, Norfolk, ring out again. A band of ringers, including learners, has been formed and keen interest is shown by certain members from Ellingham and Earsham, who come regularly to every practice (Wednesdays) to help with Plain Bob.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEICESTER

(Continued from page 378)

TWO MOTIONS DEFEATED — BELLS IN ROUNDS IN A PEAL — TWIN BOBS MARKED X — NEXT COUNCIL MEETING — APPRECIATION OF PRESIDENT — HAPPY SOCIAL CONCLUSION

BELLS IN ROUNDS

The next motion debated was

1. That no peal of Doubles or Minor shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than

(i) at the beginning and end of the peal;
(ii) at the beginning of each extent;
(iii) when round-blocks of two or more extents are used, at the appropriate places in the round-blocks.

2. That no peal on higher numbers of bells shall be recognised in which for any reason the bells strike in rounds other than at the beginning and end of the peal.

Proposing the motion, Mr. E. A. Barnett said there were two reasons why he put it on the agenda. One was that they had not a lot to discuss that day, and secondly that 15 or 16 months ago somebody in the Ely district rang a peal in which, one gathered, rounds came up in the middle, and the conductor quite rightly said that the Central Council had never made provision when such an event occurred. This was not a matter of life or death, or a matter in which he would lose any sleep.

He was a little surprised to find three letters in 'The Ringing World' deploring the fact that they proposed to reject peals in which rounds came up in the middle. He could recall three times in which rounds occurred when he had been ringing and on each occasion they stopped immediately. He really believed that most of the Exercise would stop if rounds came up.

He noticed that two of the letters were concerned with peals in which rounds came up in the middle, and he could not help feeling that the writers had a vested interest in the matter. A further point was that two of the people came from East Anglia. He wondered if there was a different standard of peal ringing morality in East Anglia.

Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconding, said when he started to ring it was stressed on him that rounds had a special significance, and if rounds came up that was the end. He persisted in this belief for five or six years and then he read the book of Decisions. He read there that a peal should begin and end with rounds, and later that one could have a trip and if it was corrected immediately it was all right.

Mr. Peter Border said as most members knew he knew a good deal about ringing in East Anglia, and he could assure the Council that ringing in East Anglia was no worse than in any other part of the country, and it was better than in some.

The matter referred to was a peal at Iggleton and the information submitted to 'The Ringing World' was third-hand at the very least. He wanted to make it clear that rounds did not occur at any place. When the trip occurred there was a mix-up, but it was not rounds. The bells 3 4 5 came down in a heap. He told the ringer what to do. The next change he was nearly right and the following one he was right. 'I had no doubt about the validity of the peal at the time.'

As to rounds in the middle of a peal, he thought they should know what was meant by rounds—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. If they came into rounds as the result of a trip they would come down in a haphazard fashion and not in perfect rounds.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith moved the rejection of the motion and the closure of the debate. It was childish in the extreme. If they got 1 2 3 4 at back stroke and 5, 6 7 8 at hand stroke, would that be rounds?

Mr. P. Johnson, supporting the rejection, said if the Council were to tie themselves down to the motion they would bring themselves into the derision of the whole of the Exercise.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: I deplore that such a thing should be brought up before the Council.

Mr. John Freeman said as ringers they should be practical. He had rung in a peal in which rounds occurred. There was a mistake and it was recorded as a peal. It happened to have been rung in the south of England. It had been suggested that if the bells were fired and the conductor shouted 'Keep them going,' and the position was righted, it should be called a peal. He did not think they should pass that out of hand. He suggested that they move on to the next item on the agenda.

The Council decided to pass on to the next item, the chairman remarking that he felt that the discussion had been of some value.

TWIN BOBS MARKED 'X'

A motion was submitted by Mr. J. Segar: 'That this Council disapproves of the twin bob mark "X" being used to indicate one bob only in compositions printed in "The Ringing World".'

Mr. Segar said when he was young nobody thought of twin bobs except in Stedman. The more recent use of twin bobs was in the Major methods, especially London. Calls could be made in London at Middle, In, Fifths, Wrong and Home, and it was under In and Fifths that they found the twin bob. The legitimate use was under 5th and 4ths.

'I would like to introduce a few young students of more advanced methods who will be the peal secretaries of the future, and I am pleased to say that some of them write to me. If I am asked what is a twin bob, I ought to give a straightforward answer. If the student friend approaches with "The Ringing World" in his pocket, I would say: "Let me look at the figures, then I will tell you what the cross indicates."

'The amount of notice Mr. Barnett told me would be required for this motion took me back to a composition of the Double Norwich type. It is a transposition of the Double Norwich type. In this there is 1, 4, 5 and 6, and no one is taught to distinguish the difference. A "X" at 5 shortens the course. We have got two bobs at 5, as distinguished by the even bob mark. The double bob mark appears to be used for one bob only.

'It would be unfortunate for any young student if he turns to another page—a peal in a second place method—where the X occurs in the befores. In this composition the figure 3 is sufficient for three befores and 2 for two befores. The student was definitely confused when he saw a twin bob meaning one bob.'

Mr. P. A. Corby seconded the motion.

Mr. Peter Border: Does Mr. Segar deplore the use of twin bobs in various treble bob methods?

Mr. P. Johnson said the X which Mr. Segar referred to was much older than the speaker. In 'Clavis' the X was in all the bobs before, and the idea of the X indicating two bobs was in the minds of people who were specialising in Stedman Triples. 'I can see little or no use for it. A straight dash means one bob, and if you get people who don't know that and put an X in blind ignorance, their ignorance is not our fault. There is no doubt the X comes from Stedman Triples.'

Mr. C. H. Woolley: If this X causes any contention then I would be all for abolishing it. I don't know. In my profession X can mean anything you like.

The motion was lost.

THE NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary said an invitation had been received from the Oxford Diocesan Guild to visit Oxford in 1957, and an invitation had also been received to visit Essex.

Mr. P. A. Corby asked if it was intended to revert to the pre-war arrangement, to visit London every third year.

The president replied that each three years the standing committee considered very carefully whether it would be possible to go back to London. In their opinion the time had not arrived when they could find suitable accommodation.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said he would have no difficulty about getting a hall—the difficulty was in getting accommodation for headquarters like they had in Leicester and other provincial towns.

After discussion the Council decided to go to Essex for their 1957 meeting.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

At the close of the meeting Mr. H. W. Rogers said he felt that the discussion on 'The Ringing World' was left in a very untidy state. They must make it very clear to ringers throughout the country that the circulation must be increased. He begged to move:

Following the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee, to the effect that under present circumstances and circulation a deficit is likely to be encountered in 1957, the Council urges:

(1) That all ringers, and particularly Association officers and peal ringers, endeavour to increase circulation by encouraging many more ringers to purchase regularly copies of 'The Ringing World.'

(2) That all peal ringers should be asked to send voluntary subscriptions with peal reports.

Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded and the resolution was carried.

THE ATTENDANCE

The hon. secretary reported: 33 Associations fully represented—76 members; 17 Associations partly represented—40 members, 25 absent; 5 Associations not represented—8 absent; life members—5 present, 2 absent; hon. members—14 present, 4 absent. Total: 135 present, 39 absent.

This was the second largest attendance in the history of the Council.

THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. R. S. Anderson said for two or three Council meetings he had had the very pleasant duty of proposing a vote of thanks to the president. During the day the thought frequently occurred to him that this was the last Council meeting at which Mr. Lewis would preside. For many years he had graced the Council by the dignity, authority and wisdom with which he had presided.

'I ask you to rise and show by acclamation our appreciation of his services from the chair.' The meeting received the proposition with great cordiality.

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The president, in thanking Mr. Anderson and the members for their tribute, said it was next year before he finally vacated the chair, and he would then take the opportunity of saying a little more.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS

The president said that his son-in law, the late Wilfred Hooton, was very anxious that something should be said about four-bell towers. In all associations there were four-bell towers, but they were never put in the list of towers. He thought it would be worth while because one of his best pupils came from a three-bell tower—Mr. Ted Gobey, of Ilkeston. If they had any four-bell towers in their areas he asked them not to neglect them.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president asked the Council to pass a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Leicester for the use of the Council Chamber. They would also like to thank the Lord Bishop of Leicester for his welcome, and the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for his welcome on behalf of the Leicester Guild, which was very much appreciated. They also wished to thank the Provost of Leicester, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong, for officiating at the service that morning, at which some 70 members were present. They also thanked the Leicester Entertainment Committee for the splendid local arrangements, and Mr. Shirley Burton for arranging the peal attempts, and all local incumbents and steeplekeepers for allowing them to ring on the bells, and in having the bells ready. [Applause.]

Mr. T. Dunwoody proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. E. A. Barnett for the way he had carried out his work as secretary, which was carried with acclamation.

CIVIC RECEPTION

The meeting was followed by a civic reception, held in the town, by the Lord Mayor (Ald. Samuel Cooper). The Lord Mayor in his welcome said that before he came to Leicester he used to pull a bell in a four-bell tower, but he never aspired. He hoped they would take away with them happy memories of their visit.

The president thanked the Lord Mayor and the officials of the Corporation for permitting the Council meeting to be held in the Council Chamber. It was much nicer than the Old Moot Hall where they met when they last visited Leicester in 1911.

In the evening a social and dance was given by the president and members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild in the Bell Hotel. It was a very happy gathering and made a pleasing conclusion to an excellent weekend.

ADDENDUM

The report of the Methods Committee (see page 377) was adopted after further discussion, during which Mr. Eric Nobles asked where Plain Bob with a Grandsire Single was rung were they to call it April Day or Plain Bob?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead replied that the Council had accepted for a long time that the Bob did not alter the method and the answer was that it was Plain Bob and not April Day.

The hon. secretary said he did not think there would be much harm done if Plain Bob with a Grandsire Single was called April Day.

A LEICESTER MEMORY

I'll tell you a bell ringing story
Of a lad that won honour and fame.
Wi' Shirley at bell ringing practice;
Pat Cannon, that were 'is name.

He was one of this 'ere Central Council,
And Pat's work when ringing begun
Was to take 'old of end of bell rope
And pull it like fury and fun.

One day 'im and Hilda were ringing
The bells at Cathedral with band.
When Pat tried to set it at finish
He found that 'is bell wouldn't stand.

By gum there weren't half a commotion.
Ringers was filled wi' alarm
As rope flopped round about belfry
And Pat got a coil round each arm.

Of course, towerkeeper 'ad to be sent for.
He came, and said: 'What's to do?'
Ringers said: 'Pat's bust a bell stay,
And in his Sunday clothes too!'

Pat said: 'Right's right, young fellow,
I think it's a shame on you all,
For someone to go and blame me
When I'm not the one's done it at all.

'I'd only just got 'old of bell rope
And pulled it so gently and mild,
And to blame me for all the commotion,
It doesn't seem right to this child.

'You see, someone's been 'ere before me,
And clouted it 'and stroke and back.
It only needs touching to break it,
The thing's 'ad a terrible crack.'

But nobody believed what old Pat said,
They knew he'd given it a bang.
And so for the rest of the meeting
His ringing suffered a clang.

But when the meeting was over
And ringers 'ad gone, 'cept a few,
Old Pat went away very thankful
That 'e still 'ad 'is raisins to chew.

K. W. H. F.

MISS STELLA WICKENS MARRIED

Handbell ringers from Aldrington greeted the bride at the church porch, which was decorated with bell ropes and handbells, when the marriage took place on April 28th at St. Peter's, Twickenham, of Miss Stella Wickens to Mr. Kenneth Charles Knight. Both bride and bridegroom are members of St. Peter's band, of which the bride's father is captain.

The Rector (the Rev. B. W. Hazledine) officiated at the choral service, assisted by the Rev. N. Miller (Vicar of Titchfield, Hants). The tower bells were rung as the happy couple left the church, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles.

The reception in Twickenham Village Hall was attended by 50 guests, and the honeymoon spent at Wellingore, Lincs, where the bride's uncle is vicar.

OUNDLE SCHOOL QUATERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The foundation of Oundle, one of the great public schools of England, occurred in 1556, and May 26th was a day of great celebration when the School was graciously honoured by a visit from H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

The chief event to mark the 400th anniversary of the foundation was a service in the morning in the old Parish Church of St. Peter, and this was followed later in the day by the dedication of new stained-glass windows in the chapel of Oundle School. Her Majesty attended both these events.

Ringing was organised by Mr. Paul Taylor, head of the famous Loughborough firm of bell founders, who is himself an old boy of the School. He was anxious to collect a band of old members of the School, but as far as could be ascertained there are only five who have taken up the Exercise, and only three—Paul Taylor, Douglas Birkinshaw and R. D. Wilson—were available. The local band and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild gladly made up a band of eight.

Her Majesty was due to arrive at 11.15 a.m., but a start was made at 8.30 a.m., when touches in various methods were rung until approximately 10 a.m., when the band rang an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples which came round in good order at 10.55. After a very short interval, the bells were kept going in rounds, Queen's, and firing until the arrival of Her Majesty's car at 11.15. At this juncture the most important member of the organisation was one of the boys stationed on the roof of the church to give the signal when to stop, and so well was the timing managed that the final fire occurred just as the Queen Mother alighted from her car.

The quarter peal was: Mrs. Clarke 1, D. C. Birkinshaw 2, P. L. Taylor 3, G. W. Jeffs 4, L. Witten 5, R. D. Wilson 6, E. Whitmore (cond.) 7, A. B. Clarke 8.

From the many appreciative remarks made to the writer afterwards about the ringing it was fully evident what the lay public notice about ringing is whether it is well struck or not. This particular quarter peal was quite well struck, and although those who heard it would not know whether it was Grandsire Triples or Cambridge Major, they appreciated what many described as 'the evenness' of the ringing.

D. C. B.

SUFFOLK CHURCH BELLS FOR SALE

The Rector and Parochial Church Council of Stanton, near Bury St. Edmunds, have received the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, subject to the decision of the Chancellor of the Diocese, to sell the four bells from the disused Church of St. John the Baptist, to help pay for the rebuilding of the tower at All Saints' Church, Stanton, which fell down during a storm in 1906.

The bells to be disposed of are a 9 cwt. tenor by John Darbie, 1680, a damaged 5¼ cwt. bell, a 7 cwt. bell (believed to be 14th century), and the treble, also by John Darbie, 1680, weighing 5 cwt.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A GIFT TO HIS TOWER

Dear Sir,—I was gratified and deeply moved to note that the late C. Arthur Manning, of Alcester and Market Harborough, had in his will left £200 to the Parochial Church Council of Market Harborough upon trust for the maintenance and repair of the church bells, and his bell ringing books and papers for the use of the bellringers. This is an example that might be followed with advantage by many ringers, for we know so well—to our regret—that in the past many prominent and eminent ringers have passed on, and all their records perished with them. It has so often happened that, where no son or other near relatives interested in the art have followed, these records have been destroyed and books dispersed and lost. It seems a great pity that where a ringer has gathered together either books of historic value, peal records, compositions and other odds and ends he has cherished over the years, these should simply be scrapped because there is no one interested enough to preserve them.

I have here at St. Margaret's, Leicester, some 'scrap books' that formerly belonged to the late Sir A. P. Heywood, which for years were lost or misplaced, but eventually found and handed to me by his son, Sir Percival Heywood, Bart. I also have the diaries and other papers of W. H. Fussell and some oddments that belonged to the late James Pagett, of Derby. I was able to 'rescue' two old ringing books that belonged to the old Leicester Scholars, written by John Martin, and others about 1750 onwards. These passed through many adventures, but I have had one of them restored and rebound. In themselves they may not be of great value, but as historic memoirs they are irreplaceable.

Present day ringers who have such records, either of their own personal researches or others of early date handed on to them, should make provision to see that they are not destroyed at their passing on, but leave them to their local Society or Guild or the Central Council Library or elsewhere, where they will be preserved and kept as historic memoirs.

This act of Arthur Manning affected me deeply, probably because I knew him well and had rung with him many times and taken part in several peals which he conducted. It is gratifying that his memory will thus be kept in the belfry he loved so well.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

FROME TENOR

Dear Sir,—The information quoted in the new 'Dove' concerning the weight of the above was derived from the records of the late J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who recorded the weights and diameters of upwards of 2,000 tenors.

He clearly records 27.2.22 in this instance, but as this was an isolated case where the weight was not shown to the nearest quarter hundredweight, and as a 55¼ inch diameter bell must weigh nearer 31 cwt, I now have the uneasy feeling that what I took to be a note of the weight in cwts. qrs. lbs. may have been nothing more than the note of the date of Jim Shepherd's visit to Frome!

If my suspicion is correct, then I can only offer my apologies to Frome—any implication that their tenor has shrunk was quite unintentional, and would suggest that owners of the new 'Dove' might like to alter the weight to 31 cwt. for accuracy.

At the same time I would assure them that this was the only time I altered a weight from J. H. S.'s notes so there need be no fear of other similar mistakes arising.—Yours truly.

R. H. DOVE.

CHICHESTER BELL TOWER IN FILMS

Dear Sir,—Correspondents who have commented on bells in recent films may be interested to know that an entertaining account of the Cathedral bell tower at Chichester, written for the annual report of the Friends of the Cathedral by the Archdeacon, concludes as follows:

'Friends who are keen film-goers will soon have two opportunities of seeing the belfry of Chichester Cathedral, if only for a few fleeting seconds. At the beginning of the year the British Lion Film Corporation descended upon us and transformed the belfry into Baynards Castle for the film 'Richard III.' More recently, the Metro Goldwyn Mayer Company arrived and disguised the belfry as Liege Cathedral for the film 'Quentin Durward.' The cathedral funds benefited from the contributions of the two film companies. The Prebendal School benefited from the autograph of Sir Laurence Olivier.'—Yours faithfully, E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

THE EXTRA POSTAGE

Over 300 of our postal subscribers have paid the extra 1s. 3d. postage for their 'Ringing World' until the end of the year. Many have thoughtfully sent a little extra in case there should be a deficit, and this kindness is much appreciated. Remittances can be sent either to the Editor, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, or to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Receipts are not given.

CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTION

Dear Sir,—In my humble view, the Central Council candidate should be a sincere and good churchman and one who works hard to keep his church bells rung regularly for Sunday services. However, it seems that some ringers think that the average ringer is out of his depth listening to the debates at the Council's sessions.

Peals and peal ringers are a minority in the Exercise and mean very little to the outside listeners. Therefore, if the Central Council is only for the peal and method construction experts, as some would have us think, then it is a waste of money paid out annually, by the rank and file, the majority of whom are regular service ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Irthlingborough. ARTHUR BIGLEY.

BOW BELLS & SUBSCRIBERS' PRIVILEGE

Dear Sir,—I'm sorry that my letter should have been misread by people who prefer to read in between the lines rather than along them. The question was asked for two reasons only.

(1) Because in a back number of the 'R.W.' it was stated that a member of the pre-war band at Bow removed the tenor clapper to prevent visiting ringers from ringing it.

(2) Because at our annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, a member said that it wouldn't matter how much we gave to the Bow Bells fund, we wouldn't be allowed to ring them anyway.

Incidentally, Mr. Whittaker may be interested to know that not one member of our Association objected to a grant. The only point that we had to debate was how much we could afford to give.—Yours sincerely,

KENNETH G. SPAVINS.

Woburn, Beds.

P.S.—My letter was *not* intended to reflect on the hospitality of the London ringers.—K. G. S.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—In his letter withdrawing his 'peal' of February 4th, Mr. B. G. Warwick made certain allegations about me which, although I am reluctant to take up more of your space, cannot go unchallenged. He also failed to give the full details concerning the withdrawal of this 'peal.'

I confirm that I have not visited St. Thomas' tower recently, but not by reason of any ulterior motive as implied. I ring at the tower of the church which I have attended for the past 20 years and which, it so happens, is not the church nearest to my home. For some years now my spare time has been so fully occupied that I have not attended my own tower so frequently as I would have wished, even though I regularly attend the services. Surely my duty to my own tower comes before tower-hopping.

I did not contact the conductor re this peal as I expected he would have sufficient gumption not to publish it—it is not unheard of for rough peals to go unpublished and unrecorded. A letter to you, Mr. Editor, who had published the peal in good faith, was obviously called for. Whether the Guild's reputation was damaged by my action is a moot point. Personally, I should have thought it was enhanced by the fact that it possesses at least one member who is not prepared to condone such peals!

It is alleged that all I said in my letter was 'not quite true.' It most certainly was true. The question of this 'peal' was brought up at a committee meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild which I was requested to attend on April 30th. Six members of the band were present (whether this was to outweigh me by numbers is a matter for conjecture) and the remaining member of the 'inside' band, who was prevented from attending by his duties as a verger, sent a letter containing abusive remarks about me. At first the only admission was that the tenor did get down to 7th's place: the firing was denied. After nearly an hour's discussion it was admitted by members of the band that the tenor had got down below 5th's place. I wonder how much longer would have been required for the firing to have been admitted too! However, the members of the band withdrew for a short time and, upon their return, the conductor announced that he would withdraw the peal 'not because it was not a true peal but because of bad striking.' None of this was mentioned by B. G. W. who wastes half a page of 'The Ringing World' to withdraw the peal because of the bad name I have given the Guild, which just doesn't make sense!

I am accused of taking Mr. F. H. Dexter's name in vain. B. G. W. seems to have forgotten that it was F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part which he was supposed to be calling.

If the withdrawal of this 'peal' is such a trouble to the band I suggest that they ring it again, in the same positions, within the next six to eight weeks, and that it be umpired by an independent party, the time and date to be published in 'The Ringing World' in advance.—Yours faithfully,

F. S. CHENEY.

South Wigston, Leicester.

AN UNWILLING DEFAULTER

Dear Sir,—In the report as to membership which I gave at the recent Council meeting, I stated that the subscription for the East Derby and Notts Association had not been paid. I am informed by the secretary of that Association that this had been sent to me shortly after Easter, but the letter had evidently gone astray.

Although my statement was technically correct, therefore, the Association was an unwilling defaulter.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bellringers.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting at Kettering

Since the early days of the Change Ringing Associations in the county of Northampton, Whit Monday has been the traditional day for the annual general meeting. Its observance was continued when the Diocesan Guild was formed in 1924, and although its pattern changed this link with the past was still favoured.

Now, however, Whit Monday is not a Bank Holiday for many industries in the county, and the ties of employment again prevented quite a number from attending the last one at Kettering on May 21st. To comply with local requests the service was combined with Evensong in the Parish Church at 6.30 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. H. G. L. Roberts, found that time to be most convenient. For a variety of reasons the number attending was less than usual, but the service was no less appreciated, and some hearty singing, led by Mr. S. Loasby at the organ, was enjoyed.

Tea and business were arranged in the Corn Market Hall by Mr. P. Chapman, the catering being in the hands of a committee of local ladies, whose efforts were much appreciated.

The Master, Mr. B. P. Morris, presided, and with him was the Kettering Branch president, Canon G. F. Turner, and Miss J. Luck, Branch secretary. The annual report as printed was adopted, together with the statement.

The general secretary's report stated that the total membership seemed to be unaltered, gains and losses having more or less cancelled each other out. Ten non-resident life members were elected. The obituary list contained ten names and included Mr. M. Hobbs, well known for his work in connection with Doubles methods. Fifty-three peals were recorded, including one rung in December, 1954, omitted from the last report.

As a further step towards stabilising finances the Guild committee had decided not to recommend an increase in subscriptions but that a charge be made for the annual reports.

The Master's report mentioned that most of the branches were in a satisfactory condition. There were one or two branches where opportunities for advancement were not so great as others, and he appealed to members of neighbouring branches to support outings of struggling districts. An encouraging feature was the formation of the Kettering Grammar School Society of Change Ringers. The local education committee had shown some interest, inasmuch that it had approached the general secretary for information with a view to including ringing in its education syllabus. Although this might not seem practicable, it was done in good faith, and was worthy of any help and advice they could offer.

The financial statement showed a balance of £61 6s. 4d. in the general account and £556 19s. 4d. in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The reports and statements of accounts were adopted.

There were no nominations for a change of officers and all were re-elected, as were the four representatives to the Central Council. Four grants, each of £20, were made from the Bell Restoration Fund to local restoration work, as well as a grant of one guinea to the Bow Bells appeal.

The rehung ring of ten at Kettering was available from mid-day and received favourable comment. Towers in the Branch were also open at various times and were much in demand.

Later in the year, at the summer festival at Oundle on September 1st, members will again have the opportunity to decide for or against changing the day of the annual meeting. No doubt the experience of May 21st will influence many in their opinion, but careful thought is of course still necessary.

CHESTER GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, presented at its annual meeting at Crewe on May 26th, welcomes its new president, the Rt. Rev. Gerald A. Ellison, D.D., Bishop of Chester, as the first ringing president it has had in its history. The Bishop demonstrates his practical interest in ringing as he goes about the diocese, for whenever possible he goes into the tower and enjoys a touch with the local band. The report expresses the hope that ringers throughout the diocese will be determined to support him in a practical manner as he faces the great tasks which confront him in the diocese.

Reference is also made to the duty of ringers to see that the bells are rung for service and that the ringing is the best which can be produced, and comments: 'No band is so good that it cannot be better, and no band, if it is to continue, can neglect the training of new ringers.'

Last year the Guild rang 87 peals, in which 121 resident members took part together with 40 non-resident members. There were 11 first pealers and 26 conductors.

Throughout the diocese the social side of the Art is not neglected, and the report contains references to ringers' outings, social evenings, dances, etc., which maintain their popularity and serve to bring non-ringers into contact with the Exercise.

At the meeting, which adopted the report, decisions were taken to raise the subscription by sixpence with effect from January 1st, 1957, and also to double the maximum grant payable from the Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund.

After some debate it was decided to hold the Annual Festival in 1957 on the second Saturday in May at Northwich, as it was felt that Trinity weekend was unsuitable on account of Trinity ordinations, particularly as it was desired that the president should be given the opportunity to be present.

It was decided that subscriptions to the Bow Restoration Appeal be sent through the Guild general secretary, and that the closing date for such subscriptions should be September 30th.

A report on the Central Council meeting at Leicester was presented by Mr. C. K. Lewis, in the unavoidable absence of the representative member, Mr. R. G. Corby.

The meeting reaffirmed its confidence in its officers by re-electing them for a further year, with very sincere appreciation of the time and trouble they expend on the Guild's affairs.

The annual meeting was preceded by tea and service in Christ Church, Crewe, at which the Rev. F. Gentry officiated and the Rev. A. Hockley, of Coppenhall, preached. He took the Trinity ordination as his starting point, and developed it to point out that whilst the priesthood had its part to play the laity, and ringers especially, had their part in the Church's tasks. He emphasised that if complaints were made of the quality of the clergy, as they often were, they should not forget that they were chosen from the laity. He asked that ringers should make a point of putting first things first in order that their fellows with whom they worked and played might be able to see a true picture of a Christian. He asked: 'Is your hobby related to the total life of the Church, and if not, why not?'

C. K. L.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ANSTEY'S DEDICATION

On Saturday, June 9th, 1906, the old five bells of Anstey, Leics, were rededicated and three new trebles added. The first 'touch' on the bells on that historic occasion was 336 Grandsire Triples by William P. Cooper 1, Arthur R. Aldham 2, Ernest Morris 3, R. Henry Bartram 4, Josiah Morris 5, William H. Inglesant 6, Charles H. Fowler 7, William Willson (conductor) 8. Of this band only the two Morris's (father and son) remain alive.

It is not generally known that the first recorded peal yet found of Doubles in Leicestershire was rung on the old five bells here. 'The Leicester Journal' of September 27th, 1782, record: 'On Thursday last was rung at Anstey in this county upon five bells, 5,280 Grandsire bobs, in three hours and ten minutes.' It is a great pity no names of the ringers are given. They had, however, their own code of rules, and Nichols, the historian, records them as being on the wall of the belfry:—

'Whoever takes a bell in hand
Must first these orders understand.
Before you begin a peal to swing
Off your hat, spurs and girdle, be sure you do fling.
He that rings with his spurs on, his girdle or hat,
He must pay down two pence—be sure of that.
He that doth a bell overthrow, I say,
Shall two pence pay the clerk, without delay.
He that doth a bell pull back again,
Shall surely pay down sixpence for the same.
If you refuse the stated sum to pay,
Presented you shall be, the next Court day.'

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the octave, a peal was arranged, but owing to unforeseen circumstances the band met short, so a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by R. Elkington (conductor) 1, P. Kirk 2, E. Morris 3, M. Staniforth 4, A. Disney 5, G. H. Arguile 6, W. A. Lacey 7, Margaret Disney 8. Ernest Morris rang the same bell as he did at the dedication 50 years ago; Margaret Disney is the granddaughter of the towerkeeper of that time, the late Mr. Alfred Cufflin.

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Quarter Peals.—Radstock 3/–, Folstead 3/–, Bishop's Stortford 4/–, Ringwood 2/–, Silsoe 2/3, Dullingham 2/6, Cowley 3/–, Burnham-on-Sea 2/–, Wandsworth 2/9, Swindon 2/3, Honiton Clyst 2/–, St. Albans 6/–, Gateshead 2/6, Twineham 2/6, Burnley 2/–, Stourbridge 2/6, Ruardean 2/6, Twerton 1/6, Burnham-on-Crouch 10/–, Wendover 1/–, Alvaston 3/–.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BISHOP

A member of the Mereworth, Kent, band since 1926, Mr. George ('Joe') Bishop died on June 3rd, aged 73. Previously he was a member of the East Peckham Band.

The following colleagues from these two towers rang 1,260 Plain Bob Minor to his memory on June 6th: L. Newman 1, G. Fry 2, L. J. Honess 3, T. Saunders 4, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 5, J. Saunders 6.

THE OUTING SEASON HAS ARRIVED

CHELTENHAM AND PRESTBURY

A warm welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wilkinson) was accorded ringers from Cheltenham and Prestbury when they visited Bishampton Church on Whit Saturday afternoon. Other towers in the tour were Bredon, Bredon's Norton, Great Comberton, Pershore Abbey and Great Hampton. We have heard from Bishampton how much the parishioners appreciated the visit.

ALL SAINTS', CORSTON

The ringers of All Saints', Corston, near Bath, had a very enjoyable outing into Dorset on May 12th and were accompanied by their Rector and other ringing enthusiasts.

Towers visited were Beaminster, Netherbury, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Bridport and East Coker.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

Thanks are due to Mr. L. R. G. Taylor for the excellent arrangements, those friends who provided the means of transport, and to incumbents and local bands who welcomed the party at each tower.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS

A most enjoyable day's ringing was spent in Bedfordshire on May 26th by the Rippingale band accompanied by friends from Billingborough, Silk Willoughby, Market Deeping, Morton, Thurlby, Helpringham and Peterborough.

Towers visited were the beautifully-restored church of Eaton Socon, Tempsford, Sandy, Biggleswade, Clifton, Elstow and St. Pauls', Bedrord.

The outing was splendidly arranged by Mr. Bill Marsh, and ringing included Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and other methods. Thanks are due to incumbents for permission to ring and to local ringers.

WHIT MONDAY IN HERFFORDSHIRE

The glorious highways and byways of Herefordshire were the venue of another ringing tour organised by Mr. E. T. Paul Field on Whit Monday. There was an imposing list of ten towers starting from the handy little six at Weston-under-Penyard. Then followed Ross-on-Wye (where the Hereford Guild made the visitors most welcome), Bridstow, Sellack Little Dewchurch (where the tower master and his wife kindly provided tea and cakes, King's Capel (a difficult tenor), Upton Bishop, Aston Ingham and Blaisdon.

Thanks are due to Paul Field and to ringers and incumbents of Herefordshire for so kindly allowing the use of the bells.

WALTON-ON-THAMES

An early start was made on Whit Monday by Walton-on-Thames ringers and friends. A beautiful drive through Buckinghamshire led to St. Laurence's, Winslow (8, 19¼ cwt), and then into Bedfordshire for the ten at Leighton Buzzard (24¼ cwt.).

The afternoon's programme after lunch at Cross Keys included the beautiful church and bells at St. Mary's, Woburn, and the second ten of the day, St. Mary's, Luton.

A long drive through country lanes was the route to Enfield (8, 20 cwt.), where ringing abruptly terminated when the clapper of the tenor departed from the bell. Thanks are due to Mr. Peter Alderton for his excellent arrangements and also to incumbents and local ringers.

ST. MARY'S, HENDON

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by St. Mary's Guild, Hendon, on May 19th, the party including six members of St. Mary's, Finchley, and other friends.

After ringing on the lovely-toned six at Kingswood various good touches were rung at Bletchingley (8). While this was in progress one member drew the attention of the Vicar of Hendon and other friends to the improvements that would be made if Hendon had another two bells.

The good tea at Godstone resulted in a late arrival at Thames Ditton. Miss Ruth Foreman was the capable Ringing Master. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and tower captains.

HILLINGDON

The destination for this year's outing of St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers on May 26th was Kent, and the 31 members and friends had to leave early.

A good start was made on the light eight at Speldhurst. After a good lunch the band never seemed quite at home on the 30 cwt. eight at Tenterden but fared better on the lighter eights at Biddenden and Wrotham, the latter being acclaimed the 'best tower of the day' both for tone and for ease of handling. An hour's ringing was also enjoyed at Westerham.

Seen In A Belfry

From Essex comes the following incident:—

Bob Doubles were in progress when the fifth ringer (a lady) misses her dodge with the second (also a lady) and tries to make second's place from the ringer of the fourth.

The bells were righted and eventually came into rounds and 'Stand' was called. Instantly the ringer of the fourth advanced towards the ringer of the fifth, with rope end in hand, and exclaimed: 'You'd steal my work, you would.'

The ringer of the second then rushes across to the ringer of the fifth, and throwing her head on her shoulder sobbed out: 'It's all too bad. You made me make the dodge all on my own.'

Altogether the day was a great success; the rain kept off, the methods rung ranged from rounds and Grandsire to Bristol and London, and striking was of a good standard, in fact many with long memories regard it as 'the best yet.'

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK

Two coaches were required for the Pakefield company's outing on Whit Monday. Ringing friends, the Rector, churchwardens, choir and members of the congregation finding the outing planned by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kindred most attractive.

An hour's ringing at Woodbridge was followed by tea at Sudbury, the very musical ring at Long Melford, with the unusual approach to the belfry, and finally Lavenham, with a warm welcome from the Rector and Mr. Stedman Symonds. Here a shortened Evensong was sung and the Rector gave a most interesting talk on the church and the bells. Good use was made of the bells.

Ringing during the day consisted of Bob Major, Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, with rounds and call changes for beginners. The beauty of 'Constable's county' impressed all the party.

NORTH MUSKHAM

On Saturday, May 26th, a party of 50 ringers and friends from North Muskham and towers around travelled by bus and cars to South Lincolnshire.

Some good ringing at All Saints', Stamford, set the pace for the day. Moving eastwards into the Fen District the next tower visited was Market Deeping (6, 16 cwt.). There ringing was perhaps not quite so good owing to the fourth and fifth ropes falling very close together. At Deeping St. Nicholas (6, 6 cwt.) it was soon evident that the bells went like the proverbial 'little tops,' Cambridge Minor being tapped out in fine style.

The next tower, the Mecca of all ringers, Croyland (6, 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.), was reached early enough to listen to the bells being rung by a party from Northampton whilst we looked round the ruins. These fine bells, with their tremendously long draught of rope, both go and sound well and are surprisingly easy to handle.

Tea was taken at the Bell Hotel, Deeping St. James, followed by ringing on the magnificent six of St. James' Church (tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.).

The final tower was St. Andrew's, West Deeping (6, 10 cwt. 2 qr.). There we did not do justice to a fine ring of bells; perhaps we were a little tired at the end of a good day.

Methods rung included rounds for the learners, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Original, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. W. Midwinter (the organiser), incumbents and ringers who met the party. W. L. E.

OBITUARY

MR. A. FRITH

Rotherham Parish Church company lost a valued member on May 13th by the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Firth in his 53rd year. He collapsed at work and on the arrival of the doctor was found to be dead. At an inquest a verdict of 'Death from natural causes' was recorded.

Mr. Firth learnt to ring at Rawmarsh Parish Church as a boy, and for some 20 years had been associated with ringing at Rotherham Parish Church. He took part in a number of peal tours and altogether rang 167 peals. His first peal was Bob Major at Rawmarsh in 1921, and his last, Grandsire Triples, at Rotherham in 1955. He was a safe and immaculate ringer and very popular amongst his ringing friends. For several years he was on the committee of the Yorkshire Association (Southern Division) and rang at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at York Minster on the day before his death.

HIS PEALS

Minor (15): Plain Bob 2, Treble Bob 3, three methods 1, four methods 4, seven methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 4.

Triples (4): Grandsire 3, Stedman 1.

Major (31): Plain Bob 8 (conducted 1), Little Bob 1, Erith Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 12, Kent T.B. 3, Oxford T.B. 2, Kent and Oxford 4.

Surprise Major (85): Four spliced 3, three spliced 1, Yorkshire 21, London 11, Bristol 10, Cambridge 5, Rutland 2, Pudsey 2, Superlative 8, also one each of Southgate, Bradford, Leeds, Conisbrough, Darlington, Tavistock, Doncaster, Guildford, Sandringham, Rochester, Belgrave, Whitminster, Hinton, Killamarsh, Ealing, Norfolk, Aldenham, New Cambridge, Ashtead, Lincolnshire, Dublin, Reverse Dublin.

Caters (6): Grandsire 4, Stedman 2.

Royal (7): Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 3, Kent 1, Kent and Oxford 1.

Surprise Royal (16): Yorkshire 4, New Cambridge 1, Cambridge 7, Aldenham 1, Lindsey 1, Rochester 1, Lincolnshire 1.

Cinques (1): Grandsire 1.

Maximus (2): Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total: 167, conducted 1. N. C.

OBITUARY

MR. F. H. DEXTER

Mr. Frederick Henry Dexter, of Leicester Cathedral Society, whose death was announced last week, was one of Leicester's most famous leaders—both as a composer and conductor and in his prime was a martinet in the belfry, yet beneath all his forceful remarks he was one of the most genial individuals one could ever wish to meet.

Woe to the man who blundered or struck his bell badly when he was ringing, the 'Sergeant-Major,' as he was affectionately called, would pounce on him with a language all his own! He was a 'character' who was forthright in speech and actions—without fear or favour for anyone—yet beloved for his generous nad friendly spirit. Many are the episodes of his ringing career that could be told of his exploits both inside and outside the belfry. Not of a robust build, he could, nevertheless, turn in a heavy tenor with precision and ease, and it was there he was usually found.



His first peal was at Stanford-on-Soar, Notts, Grandsire Triples, on January 19th, 1901, and his first as conductor at Lutterworth, September 19th, 1003, when he called Parker's One-Part, and followed this shortly afterwards with Holt's Original. The old St. Martin's Society (then having 10 bells) rang Grandsire and Stedman almost exclusively, but F. H. D. soon raised the standard to Surprise Royal methods, and peals followed of Cambridge, New Cambridge, Melton, Leicester, York, Goldsborough and others. Most of these and many Major peals (and, later on, Cinques and Maximus) were called by him, but although he was such a capable conductor he never aspired to that honour. More often than not he preferred to hand over to his apt pupils—the late H. J. Poole, H. Broughton, E. Morris and others, whom he taught to **conduct**, and not merely to call and trust to luck!

When he was practising for the record extent of Cambridge Major we rang every then known composition and F. H. D. called 7,008 but left the rest to the others, invariably ringing the tenor, which he did to the 12,896. Also to 10,400 Real Superlative and 13,440 Bob Major, which latter the writer had the pleasure of calling. He also rang the tenor at St. Margaret's to the first Maximus peal in Leicester, and many other fine performances too numerous to mention.

His great ability as a composer is well known and he turned out some very fine compositions in standard and Surprise methods. It was, however, in Stedman that he excelled, and some of his Cater compositions are of exceptional merit, right off the beaten track and very musical. He also had a habit of turning compositions inside out and upside down (often to the consternation to of their composers) but always with a specific purpose. For the old M.C.A. he rang 355 peals as well as a number for other Societies, and a perusal of the reports of these Associations will show the excellence of his performances.

The funeral service at Leicester Cathedral on June 9th was conducted by the Rev. Canon Atkinson, and among those present were Mr. Paul L. Taylor (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. B. G. Warwick (general hon. secretary), Mr. W. A. Lacey (hon. secretary, Leicester District), Mrs. H. J. Poole, Messrs. P. Staniforth (Cathedral), E. Morris, W. Tanser (St. Margaret's), C. Harrison, J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), R. Elkington (Anstey), J. S. Carter, K. F. Roe (Wigston Magna), G. A. Newton (Earl Shilton) and others. It was, perhaps very unfortunate that the Cathedral annual outing had been fixed for this day, as this prevented many ringers attending. A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to his respected memory.

The deceased leaves one son, Mr. Harold Dexter, M.A., F.R.C.O., Mus.Bac., recently appointed organist of Southwark Cathedral.

E. M.

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MISCELLANEOUS

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note: Whilton Brington Turn 7, Harpole Turn 7.15, Lower Heyford 7.30, Weedon Main Road 7.40, Daventry 7.50, Charwelton 8, Byfield 8.5.—F. W. Hancock.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 8479

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Weybridge, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Oatlands Park bells after tea. 8447

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway cancelled. Great Wymondley instead, 5.30, June 23rd.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8511

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, June 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. till 7 p.m., with a break at 5 p.m.—S. H. Symonds. 8441

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting follow. —Hayne, Sec. 8449

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Other towers available: St. Giles' and Witchampton. 8473

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, June 23rd, Chiddingly (6). Look up Cambridge Minor. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate 8476

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting. Thursday, June 28th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7.15–9. All welcome.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8521

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, June 26th. Saturday, June 30th, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 8484

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Tickhill (8) June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 28th, to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, near Doncaster. All welcome. 8515

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 30th, Fenstanton (5). Bells at 5.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8508

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8510

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Notify for tea by June 27th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 8498

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting at Frampton, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th to R. G. Corby, 2a, Innsworth Lane, Longlevens, Gloucester. 8495

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, June 30th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. M. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8502

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each), Abbey Hall, 5 p.m. Names by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8459

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six-bell contest, Longwood, June 30th. For teas, please notify by June 25th A. Townend, 7, Quarmby Road, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8412

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. per head). 8477

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beddington (10), June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 27th, to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey. 8468

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Hexham Abbey on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8452

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Aldrington, near Hove, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Names for tea, please, by June 27th, to Miss D. Gough, 3, Brittany Road, Hove, 3.—Kathleen M. Yeo.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at All Hallows' Church, Bispham, Blackpool, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 8522

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sherburn, June 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Buses leave Leeds Bus Station on the hour and twenty-five past.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8516

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ewerby (10) on June 30th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Summer outing, Saturday, June 30th, Cotswold district. Bus, collecting ringers numerous points, departing from Woodstock 1.15 p.m. Are you interested? Yes! then please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, not later than June 24th. 8469

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Kingsthorpe, Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. S. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Kingsthorpe, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 8489

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Addington, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own teas.—L. Witten. 8497

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estd. 1623).—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 8494

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Pewsey, June 30th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 8512

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, June 30th, at Sawley, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. E. Simpson, 69, Draycott Road, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 8518

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Crawley, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadow Lands, West Green, Crawley.—I. Butcher. 8499

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual festival, Sketty, Swansea, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8406

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL, June 30th. St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham from 4 p.m. Service at Egham 4.30 p.m. Tea, Egham Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Egham, Wraysbury and Old Windsor from 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 27th, to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, Surrey. 8444

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Town Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 8454

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Snitterfield, Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 27th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 8486

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 2nd to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor Estate, Tiverton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 8488

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton, July 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Shenfield bells (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Baker, Glenfinnan, Perry Street, Billericay. 8514

THE LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd. to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 2nd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8509

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Coleshill, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify for tea by July 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 8496

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Great Waltham, Essex, Saturday, July 7th (Baddow not available). Bus service from Chelmsford. Bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. It is hoped that tea and service will be arranged—further details next week. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All are very welcome—good attendance, please. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, without fail, please!—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8506

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., at Willow Tree, for those who notify me by previous Wednesday.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8490

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells: Ryde (8) 10.30 to 11, 12 to 1, 1.30 to 3.15, 6.30 to 8.30; Freshwater (6), Arreton (6) and Godshill (6) 11 to 2; Brading (8) 11.30 to 2.30. Other towers as announced at meeting. Service, All Saints', Ryde, 3.15. Tea in St. John's Ambulance Hall 4.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. L. Bailey, Greensmead, Church Road, Godshill, I.O.W.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8512

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Gulval, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30, Gulval, followed by tea (1s. 6d.). Bells: Gulval (8), Madron (8), after 3.30; Paul (6) Ludgvan (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8), Lelant (6). Replies, if coming, by Monday, July 9th. Rev. H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 8467

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 8504

QUARTER PEALS

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SWINDON, WILTS.—On June 10th, at Christ Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Dr. G. Roworth (first of Caters) 1, R. G. Townsend 2, R. Davidge 3, Dr. H. Craig 4, Mrs. F. Wilton 5, F. Wilton 6, G. Wells (cond.) 7, R. C. Westney 8, E. Sutton 9, G. Vincent 10. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

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NO lover of the Devon countryside would take from choice the main road between Newton Abbot and Torquay. Sir Hugh Casson would find here Subtopia exemplified; the brick and roughcast and pebble-dash bungalows of Torquay Road, Newton Abbot, stretch out their pretentious, bow-windowed facades to meet the brick and roughcast and pebble-dash bungalows of Newton Road, Torquay, with a little gathering or pimple in the middle at Kingskerswell, which once was a village. Here and there, there are no dying-swan lamp-posts in ferro-concrete, no hoardings, no filling-stations, no quarries, no pull-ins; in one place there's even a wood, but in a few more years of progress we'll soon get rid of that old thing.

The driver who takes this road, or the passenger who runs on the railway line beside it, would never guess that not a mile from it he can find a village remote enough from urban life for the most choosy hermit, with thatched cottages and whitewashed cob walls, roses round the doors, and if he's lucky even a late-mediæval Austin parked outside one of the charming houses, brass radiator, pram-hood, acetylene lamps and all—even a wicker umbrella-case behind the driver's seat. But so it is; Coffinswell still hugs its seclusion in its fold of the hills which end in Babbacombe, and there is the Barton, built round three sides of its cobbled courtyard, with the wistaria over the granite-mullioned windows, its huge range of thatched barns, shippons and linhays, its cider-house, not in use but still containing an adze-hewn beam 3ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in. at one end—and, in one corner of the farmyard, the parish church.

On June 9th, this farmyard was fuller than it can have been for many a day, of men standing, sitting, talking or silent, or grouped round cars listening with one ear (for such is civilisation) to John Arlott, but at least with the other to the six bells of the church. It's the six-bell final for the whole of Devon; five bands from North Devon, led by Down St. Mary, the holders of the Ross Shield, and five from the South, led by West Alvington's first team, with the second also among the top five.

Service over, a great crowd gathers in the yard for the draw. The indestructible Mr. Miners, still full of energy and laughter after two serious illnesses, holds up two hats, one containing the names of the ten bands, the other numbers 1 to 10. First a neutral gentleman draws the name of a band; then the captain of the band named comes through a good deal of chaff and draws his place in the ringing. The four judges, of course, are already immured for the afternoon in their secret chamber, and know nothing about which band is ringing.

West Alvington I., looking rather glum at having drawn first place, troop into church; the treble rings its warning, and everyone listens, for every band competing will do its best to gauge the 'go' of the bells from hearing this first peal: no practice is allowed beforehand. And from the first few rounds of the rise it's clear that the 5th is the bell to lose marks; she goes up sluggishly, a shade late all the way, and West Alvington are well into their 'top ringing' before their 5th man has got her where she belongs. Once that is done, they do well, and we hear some good music, but in the lower the 5th is slow again, and we are to hear many rises and lowers like that before the competition is over.

Considering their place in the draw, West Alvington I. have done fairly well, but they shouldn't be hard to beat, and next come the holders, Down St. Mary, all ready to beat them. The bells go up well, the 5th much better in her place, and then, dropping a little into a perfect speed for the top ringing, they give us some lovely music, settling into the steady, fluent rhythm of good call-changes—or good 'scientific ringing' for that matter—which makes you start and look up, or pause in mid-sentence, at the smallest irregularity. The lower is as good as the rise, but Down St. Mary lose two full marks when the 4th and 5th sound after the rest have ceased. General opinion in the farmyard is that that will take some beating.

Arlington come next; they were 6th in the Northern semi-final, but are here in place of St. Giles-in-the-Wood, who are short-handed. They pitch the bells in very slowly for the rise, but we shall hear worse in the afternoon; I fancy that they lost the most marks in their top ringing, which was a little too stiff for these bells with their ground-floor draught and ball-bearings—about 31 a minute. It never settled down. Symbridge and Mortehoe likewise found the bells tricky, but West Alvington II. did much better; had they not lost a good many marks on the rise, it would have been better still, and perhaps put them right among the leaders, but still it's going to run their first team close enough. After them, Talaton were not really in it; Colebrooke prove a little better, and then we are suddenly in the evening, and there are two more bands to go into the tower.

The hopes of South Devon are pinned on Widecombe, for no other team has shown anything like the standard of Down St. Mary. Widecombe again show their skill at finding the pitch of the bells in the top ringing, a skill which Mr. Miners, no longer allowed to ring, seems to have passed on to them; but their rise and lower cost them marks, and it seems as though Down St. Mary are going to win without a struggle. Only West Down remains, and the opinion of the experts in the farmyard is that West Down 'may do anything.'

They certainly make us sit up and take notice. They don't quite get the 5th in her place in the rise, but once the bells are up we really hear some music. The buzz of conversation in the farmyard hushes down; there's no doubt that West Down are tapping it out, and that this is the stuff to beat Down St. Mary if anyone can. A slow, steady fall does nothing to dispel the doubts, and the heads are still wagging as we group ourselves round the west door of the church to wait for the judges. However, we have some pleasant business to transact while we wait for them. On the table, beside the Ross Shield and the Shelley Cup, are two new shields, presented for the winners of the North and South Devon competitions by Mrs. George Facey, the widow of one of the Association's most celebrated judges of call-change ringing, in memory of her husband. They are already won, by Down St. Mary and West Alvington I., but they are to be presented at Coffinswell because it was here that the late George Facey rang his first peal of call-changes and his last. We thank Mrs. Facey, she presents them to their holders, and soon after round the corner come the judges, with that fateful little notebook in the hands of their leader, Mr. Tommy Darch. Still, he doesn't know the identity of the winners; only their place in the programme: and in a tense silence he announces—'First, number two; 30½ faults.' Down St. Mary have held the Shield, and very well they deserve it, but West Down pushed them close enough with 37½. The best South Devon can do is done by Widecombe, third with 58½. One other excitement is still to be announced, for West Alvington I. have been beaten by the youngsters by 5½ faults, in 4th and 5th places! After them there is a big gap, and the last teams come in a bunch in the 80's and 90's, with Talaton last with over a hundred faults.

Judging by the figures, one might think that the standard has dropped sharply since last year's competition at Torrington, for there have been more than twice the number of faults awarded by a panel of judges who are the same as last year's, with one exception. But in truth I'd award a good three hundred faults to a gentleman who died almost as many years ago—Mr. Thomas Pennington, who cast the 5th at Coffinswell. Her hanging seems fine, and the frame is as good now as when Harry Stokes built it 59 years ago, but the fact is that Pennington's bell is a long one, much longer than the mediæval 3rd and 4th, and very much longer in proportion than the Warner tenor, and I suppose that's why she's a little awkward and slow to pull up and down. Down St. Mary showed us that it can be done, and won deservedly by displaying more than any other band a quality which call-change ringing does not foster, but which competition ringing demands—a consummate ability to adapt themselves to the vagaries of strange bells in an unknown tower.

J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	KENNETH A. ROE	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON	10
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
PETER J. STANIFORTH	6	RICHARD PRIME	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Frederick H. Dexter, a former Ringing Master of Leicester Cathedral.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.

*GEORGE BRIGGS	*Treble*	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	ALAN A. HILLIAR	7
JOHN M. STALLARD	3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	8
LESLIE P. PEARCE	4	ALBERT M. TYLER	9
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and to commemorate her visit to the City of Bristol and to this church on April 17th, 1956.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
First peal of Pudsey Royal in the county of Hampshire, for the Guild, and by all the band.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	2	KENNETH W. CROFT	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
†BETTY SMITH	5	O. NEVILLE CURTIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method. † First ten-bell peal.
Rung to commemorate the consecration of the church by the Lord Bishop of Winchester earlier in the day, upon the completion of its restoration, after being destroyed by enemy action in December, 1940.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
*A. SPENCER BROTHERS	2	WILLIAM LOVE	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on more than six bells. † First peal of Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	DR. RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Firth, former ringer at this church, and F. H. Dexter, of Leicester.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	*Treble*	†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
THOMAS E. DAVIES	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
BERNARD G. MOORE	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	8
*PETER J. HUTCHINGS	4	WALTER LEE	9
†PETER G. DAVIES	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Arranged by WILFRID G. WILSON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all, on the bells, and for the Association
Mr. T. E. Davies has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5187 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	6
LESTER L. GRAY	2	FRED S. ALMOND	7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
RONALD KENRICK	4	JACK N. BROWN	9
THOMAS C. LARKEY	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN. Conducted by C. CROSSTHWAITE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
†EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. † 100th peal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*PETER G. DAVIES	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
†BERNARD G. MOORE	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Davies on their 11th wedding anniversary.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD J. SHUCK	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	ALAN G. FOSTER	6
HENRY HUBBALL	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	4	WILLIAM LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*FRANK E. WALKER	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of London.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., June 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER CLARKSON	*Treble*	CYRIL WRATTEY	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	THOMAS BOREHAM	6
G. LEONARD HEWITT	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
PETER HURCOMBE	4	HARRY NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Thomas Newman.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK A. BARRETT	*Treble*	†PETER R. SANDERS	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	†ROBIN A. HODGSON	6
†DAPHNE R. CASTELL	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
‡VERNON GREEN	4	†HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., June 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

THOMAS E. DAVIES	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
PETER J. HUTCHINGS	2	PHILIP A. CARTER	6
*PETER G. DAVIES	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged and rung to wish Godspeed to Mr. Walter Hobday, sacristan and parish clerk, who leaves this month to study for the Ministry.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	*GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First touch in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt. (865 c.p.s.).

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	S. ANTONY JESSON	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	COLIN P. WALKER	7
	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
Believed to be the first Surprise Major peal ever rung on tower bells by seven ringers.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	HENRY PLUMB	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
First peal in the method by all except the second and third ringers.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
A compliment to Jean F. Barnett on the eve of her Confirmation.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

WALTER ELSEY	*Treble*	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	FREDERICK C. ROOPER	6
*BETTY SYRETT	3	ARTHUR E. COOKE	7
TOM FORD	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First in method 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Kathleen Harrison, a ringer at this church, to Mr. Geoffrey Tebble.

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DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,208 changes of Cambridge, 1,536 of Yorkshire and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

*MICHAEL J. BEST	*Treble*	*JOHN HARTLESS	5
*JAMES E. DANIELS	2	†WILLIAM E. CHEATER	6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	*FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	*RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in three methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise, and 150th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*CHRISTINE R. DAINTY	*Treble*	†THOMAS SEWELL	5
*MADELINE WRIGHT	2	THOMAS W. CROWE	6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	GEOFFREY P. CAIRNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung in connection with the silver jubilee celebrations of this church. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this tower.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
*ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
FELIX H. ERITH	3	ROY DUESBURY	7
MRS. R. ROUSE	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
CANON C. CAREW COX	2	HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	CUTHBERT W. POWELL	7
MRS. C. W. POWELL	4	ROGER KEELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Rachel and Roger Kelley on their coming-of-age (June 18th, 1956).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTHBERT	*Treble*	ALDERMAN LING	4
FRANK SHAW	2	ARTHUR SMITH	5
*SHEILA SHAW	3	ERNEST STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

* First peal.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL MATTHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
W. EDWARD COX	2	*MICHAEL DYER	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cox.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., June 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	*Treble*	G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	4
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	5
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	3	*W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* 100th peal.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*WALTER J. BLACK	*Treble*	‡LOUIS WILLDERS	3
†G. LEONARD THOMPSON	2	‡JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4
†RAYMOND F. SMITH		*Tenor*	

Conducted by RAYMOND F. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

CROMER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

RAYMOND W. BALLS	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
LESLIE H. RISEBROW	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. C. Cousens Petch, of Cromer, who has just celebrated his diamond jubilee as a priest.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	*Treble*	G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	4
F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	5
J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
*WILLIAM R. PARKER	2	*LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 50th peal together. A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

FRANCIS A. ENGLAND	*Treble*	ALAN C. BEST	4
*WILLIAM A. WHETHAM	2	ALAN W. ROBINSON	5
WILLIAM E. TURNER	3	EDWARD CHESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal, first attempt.

HAYES, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DRUMMOND M. RANDALL	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
MARY FULLER	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS	3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal on the bells for 20 years.

Rung as a compliment to Michael Fuller, of West Wickham, and Jill Bostel, of Merstham, who were married at Merstham on June 2nd.

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EUNICE D. OVEREND ..	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	4
ERIC NAYLOR	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ..	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

HENRY C. FOSTER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS ..	4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY ..	2	†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	5
*CHRISTOPHER R. F. MUNCEY	3	†STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROY STEVENS	*Treble*	LEWIS CORDELL	4
WENDY BOWAK	2	*JOHN MCPHAIL	5
HARRY KING	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the engagement of Wendy Bowak to David Burton.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

HENRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	4
*EDWARD C. BARTON ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in four methods, and rung as a birthday compliment to his son, Christopher.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	*VICTOR ROBERTS	4
*EUNICE D. OVEREND ..	2	*ERNEST E. BRAY	5
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

WEARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas' and St. Remigius', Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and St. Osmund's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (six callings).
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*JOHN KIRKHAM	*Treble*	†JOHN SCHOFIELD	4
†BEVAN W. WILLGRESS ..	2	†IAN H. ORAM	5
‡DONALD E. COBB	3	‡JOHN S. RYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal. † First peal in nine Doubles methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.
Rung by a band from R.A.F., Locking.



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HANDBELL PEALS

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 29, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 24 *Minutes,*
At 53, Leys Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor size 12 in F
Patrick I. Chapman .. .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
John King .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At 13, Knowsley Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Fredk. Wm. Grocott .. 1—2 | Robin G. Turner .. .. 3—4
Wilfred L. Robinson .. 3—4 | Leslie Boumphrey .. .. 7—8
Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At Stedman, Sketchley Road.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.
*Alan Cattell .. .. .. 1—2 | Alfred Ballard .. .. 5—6
Walter P. Whitehead .. 3—4 | Hubert G. Ashley .. .. 7—8
Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Cambridge ' in hand.'

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At Sunny View,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
J. Reginald Heath .. .. 1—2 | John A. Acres .. .. 5—6
Albert E. Austin .. .. 3—4 | *Anthony R. Mann .. .. 7—8
Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
* First peal and first attempt.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 10. 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.
Michael J. E. Best .. 1—2 | Daniel T. Matkin .. .. 5—6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 3—4 | Philip N. Tubbs .. .. 7—8
Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.
Rung in memoriam George Preston, for 69 years a ringer and captain at the Priory, Christchurch.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
In the School,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Gerald Penney .. .. 1—2 | Walter Ayre .. .. .. 5—6
Geoffrey Dodds .. .. 3—4 | Derek E. Latchford .. 7—8
Composed by George F. Williams. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Major ' in hand '
In memoriam the composer.
The conductor called the same composition given to him four days before for his first peal of Major as conductor, at Holy Trinity, Hull, with the composer in the band.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 12, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,680 changes each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.
D. Margaret Hawley .. 1—2 | Edward M. Bradley .. 3—4
Alan Sheppard .... .. 5—6
Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela R. Gough (first of Minor) 1, June A. Grieveson (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to June A. Grieveson.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. A. Manning 1, E. Walklate 2, Miss J. G. Draper 3, A. Whitting 4, B. R. Manning 5, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. For morning service.

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. A. W. Holmes 1, J. E. Cook 2, P. A. Hill 3, B. Hunt 4, W. R. Read (cond.) 5. Average age of band 16 years.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Anne Shiels 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, D. Lamb 3, J. Harrison 4, A. Bridges 5, W. Edwards 6, S. Hatfield tenor. For Whit Sunday. Also on June 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, E. G. Swift 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, A. Bridges 8. For Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, P. Wells 2, C. Lynch 3, J. Kesterton (first as cond.) 4, O. Castleman 5, N. Abell 6, A. Skinner 7, E. Bass 8. For Evensong.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, A. Hodge 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb 5, J. Real 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. L. Andrews 1, W. P. White 2, F. Symonds 3, W. J. Tilcy (cond.) 4, H. G. White 5, H. G. Doel 6. For Corpus Christi commemoration service.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Carnochan 1, Miss J. Pike 2, Miss L. Beeney 3, Mrs. R. Reynolds 4, Miss K. Yeo 5, Mrs. S. Knight 6, Mrs. B. Percy (first as cond.) 7, Miss E. Everest 8. Believed to be the first quarter by members of the Sussex Division Ladies' Guild. Rung on the first anniversary of its re-forming.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On June 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. J. Small 1, H. R. French 2, S. White 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, D Chatfield 7, A. Butler 8, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 9, R. G. French 10. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the appointment of the very Rev. Hewlett Johnson as Dean of Canterbury.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Edwards 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Lucy Badcock 3, Michael Swift 4, K. Vickers (first 'inside') 5, E. G. Swift (cond.) 6.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Marian H. Mills 1, M. A. Mills 2, J. H. Edwards 3, U. W. Wildney 4, E. W. Furbank 5, B. Fairhead 6, F. G. Oliver 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8, E. E. Davey 9, E. P. Duffield 10. First on ten by 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. First of Bob Royal by 8 and 9. Rung at the conclusion of the Cathedral Festival Week.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. George 1, Mrs. E. Moore 2, J. Parker 3, V. Webster 4, J. Pannell (first as cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Also on June 10th, 480 Bob Doubles, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Moore 1, J. Pannell 2, N. Martin 3, J. Salmond 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, S. Manger 6.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise: A. Cooke 1, S. N. Bristow 2, C. Tarr 3, H. Purchase 4, F. Casley 5, E. Quicke (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 1 and 5.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bishop 1, R. Groves 2, C. Burt 3, P. N. Tubbs 4, Dr. C. Brown 5, E. Bishop 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, W. Day 8. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. Mr. Bond.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, D. Docking 2, A. F. Burley 3, H Harper 4, D. Burnett (first as cond.) 5, C. Stephens 6. Rung to honour the completion of 41 years' service in the ministry of the Vicar (the Rev. W. M. R. Trewhella), and as a token of the band's personal regards.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, C. Pooley 2, E. C. Wilson 3, R. W. Balls 4, J. R. Smith 5, W. H. Holdom (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Martin 1, Miss C. Ford 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, Miss M. Turner 4, A. C. Chaplin 5, S. T. Ford 6, N. J. Fleetwood 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For the annual civic service.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Cooke (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 2, Mr. E. Burnett 3, E. Mashiter 4, D. R. Airey 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burnett.

DENBY, DERBYS.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Faulkner 1, F. Bradley 2, Doreen Armstrong 3, W. Davis 4, K. Faulkner 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 5.

DULLINGHAM, CAMBS.—In the Church Vestry, on June 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. F. Varney (first away from 7–8) 1–2, A. E. Austin 3–4, J. A. Acres (cond.) 5–6, A. R. Mann 7–8.

ELMORE, GLOS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Peggy Clark (first quarter) 1, P. Williams 2, M. Ling 3, G. P. Green 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, P. Newland 6. First 'inside' in five methods for 2 and 4.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. — On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Dainty 1, Miss M. Wright 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, F. G. Bloomfield 4, N. H. Hewett 5, T. W. Crowe 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, G. P. Cairns 8. For the silver jubilee celebrations at this church and the visit of the Lord Bishop of Newcastle.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Highley 1, C. Pound 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, H. Springate 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, R. W. Pound 6, R. C. Burns 7, A. Hewitt 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 cover for Whit Sunday Evensong.

FULHAM, S.W.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Page 1, W. Langdon 2, J. Bell (first 'inside') 3, Miss A. Garnett 4, H. Belcher 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, W. Venn (first 'inside') 7, J. Allsop 8.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Chaplin 1, A. W. Cole 2, J. Gould 3, T. Cole 4, C. A. Andrews 5, F. H. Erith (cond.) 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Sawyer 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas (first 'inside' on 8) 3, G. W. Bishop 4, Miss G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, J. C. Napper 8. Rung for Feast Sunday, and for the visit of the Bishop of Reading.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Shuck (cond.) 1, E. Woodhall 2, A. Greenhall 3, A. H. Harris 4, L. Clissett 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilvock 7, T. Cockin 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer (cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Webb 2, W. Baker 3, W. Webb (cond.) 4, W. Sparks 5, F. Parr 6. For morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. Foxhall 2, A. Newton 3, K. Biggs 4, N. Cornwall 5, D. Cornwall 6, J. D. Kape (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Anthony E. Cox and Doreen Coker, which took place at this church on the previous day. Both are members of the local band

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On May 27th, 1,312 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Woodruff 1, D. Broyd 2, H. B. Whitney 3, Miss V. Willard 4, F. J. Plummer 5, R. Piron 6, J. G. Newman 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. Rung for the Rev. P. D. C. Amor's ordination anniversary, and J. H. Conquest's 44th wedding anniversary.

LOCKINGTON, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. A. Manning (first quarter) 1, P. J. Skinner 2, J. F. Murfin 3, B. R. Manning (first 'inside') 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, E. H. Willows (first quarter) 6.

LLANELLY, CARMS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, E. P. Sage 2, C. Hawkins (cond.) 3, L. Hurren 4, J. T. Williams 5, D. Michael (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Margaretta Francis.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, W. H. Poole 3, Miss D. Spokes (first quarter) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. Priddle 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, J. Rattenbury 8. In memoriam Frederick H. Dexter.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): K. C. Burns 1, R. Bird 2, G. Kenward 3, I. Oram 4, E. C. Barton 5, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 6.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Cork 1, G. Skinner 2, Judy Williams 3, T. Ridgman 4, G. S. Luxton 5, R. Woodley (cond.) 6, G. C. Woodley 7, G. Cole 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On June 14th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,259 Doubles in four methods: Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob: D. J. Roaf (first in four methods as cond.) 1, M. H. Keen (first in four methods) 2, Miss A. J. Bagnall (first 'inside') 3, Miss C. M. Woodward 4, F. A. Barrett 5, A. C. P. Pugh 6.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stacey 1, Monica Fray 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, H. Heard 4, M. Horseman 5, F. Pearce 6. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 5th on holiday in the district.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Locke 1, D. Burnett 2, A. H. Eplett 3, B. A. Parkin 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, A. F. Burley 6, W. A. Theobald 7, R. A. Southwood 8.

SEND, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: D. J. Pollard 1, D. M. MacPherson 2, Doreen M. Gibbons 3, Hazel L. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung for the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the bells after a peal attempt had failed.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Scott (15, first quarter) 1, H. Butler 2, Miss L. Butler (12, first 'inside') 3, M. Mullard (13, first 'inside') 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, M. H. Butler (14) 6. Rung for the birth of a son to the 2nd ringer, and brother to the 3rd and tenor ringers.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Rowe 1, H. Howson 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, M. Cubitt 6. First of Stedman by 1, 3 and 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Roworth (first of Triples) 1, H. Austin 2, Dr. G. Roworth 3, A. R. Peake 4, R. Westney 5, Mrs. P. Wilton 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, T. Moulden 8. For morning service.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bridges (first quarter) 1, A. H. Bridges 2, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 3, E. Bunting 4, P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6. For Empire youth service.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wright (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On June 10th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, H. Belcher 3, W. Langdon 4, B. Lunn 5, R. Deal 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Page 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. L. Pendred (first quarter, aged 15) 1, Miss G. Ashby 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Carter 1, R. J. Carter 2, T. M. Lloyd 3, A. Chamberlain 4, A. R. Carter 5, F. S. Cheney 6, K. A. Roe 7, T. E. Harrold 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to F. H. Dexter. Based on his famous variation.

WILLINGHAM, LINCS.—On June 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Johns 1, A. Gilbert 2, Mrs. E. Gray 3, C. H. Baker 4, B. Brown 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. Rung to mark 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Mr. H. Bingham, an esteemed member from Willingham.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burnett, of Darlington, was celebrated by a peal of London Surprise Minor at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on June 15th. Mr. Burnett learned to ring at Sharow, near Ripon, Yorks, and spent a lifetime in railway service. For a number of years he was at West Hartlepool, Durham, and afterwards was in charge of the station staff at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. On his retirement he took up residence in Darlington, where he is Ringing Master at St. John's Church. The best wishes of ringers in the north-east are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett for many more happy years together.

Mr. Thomas Newman, of Gloucester, rang in his 82nd birthday peal at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, on June 11th. Many more happy birthdays!

The attempt for a memorial peal of Grandsire Caters to Mr. George Preston on the bells of Christchurch Priory was lost after two hours' ringing on June 16th. A handbell peal to his memory was rung the following day.

There will shortly be dedicated a ring of five in a new frame at Dean, North Bedfordshire. The original four have been restored and a new bell added. Mr. P. Amos called the Rector's attention to their state during a visit to search for historical records some two to three years ago.

An appeal is being launched for £1,300 to restore the six bells of St. Peter's, Wenhaston, Suffolk. The three smallest are to be recast and two others retuned. The tenor, weighing nine cwt., was cast in Norwich in 1500, and the fourth, which is now in a bad condition, cast at Bury St. Edmunds in 1450. The old wooden frame, that has been attacked by death watch beetle, is to be replaced by a new steel frame, and a new ringing floor is to be built.

'The Ringing World' committee thank the 460 postal subscribers who have kindly remitted the extra postage of 1s. 3d., including the many who have sent 'something extra' for those who might forget. Remittances can be sent either to Mr. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editor.

The bells of St. Remigius', Hethersett, will be heard before the 9.30 a.m. broadcast service in the Midland Region of the B.B.C. on July 1st.

Sole remaining founder of the Kent County Association. Mr. E. S. Ruck took part in a quarter peal of Double Bob Minor on June 20th for his 89th birthday.

The Essex Association attributed their drop in peals from 123 to 68 to Cupid, who, states the secretary, in his report, seems to have fired more arrows at the Association's ranks than the English archers did at Agincourt!

With a team of handbell ringers, Mr. Harold Pitstow gave a lecture on bells at Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, on June 15th. The talk, which attracted a large attendance, was arranged by Mr. Norman Champness

Mr. Dennis Neal and Miss Gwendoline L. Friswell, who were married at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on June 16th, are the third couple from this tower to be married. Two brothers and two sisters are involved in this unusual sequence but, adds our correspondent, it seems the flame has now been spent.

A processional crucifix and a bible, both later going overseas, are on a tour of the parishes of the Diocese of St. Albans. On June 2nd a Missionary Festival was held at Royston (Herts) to receive them into the Baldock Deanery. The bells were rung to welcome them before the service at Royston, and on Sunday at Wallington.

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ESSEX RINGERS AND CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

The Cathedral Festival has again been a great success. This is due in no small measure to the part played by all the diocesan organisations who were invited to assist.

The ringers showed that when they undertake a task, time or distance is no object. The festival was heralded by a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the evening before the first ceremony.

Owing to other services it was not possible to ring on Saturday, May 26th, before the Friends of the Cathedral service, so the congregation left to the sound of well-struck Stedman Triples. Unfortunately, a shift course spoiled the quarter peal. This ringing was the prelude to the official opening ceremony, at which Sir Frank Foster, hon. member of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, presided.

Following the opening ceremony, a lecture, 'The Seeing Eye,' was given by Sir Hugh Casson.

On Sunday the Cathedral ringers rang for the Trinity ordination service; this year there were more ordinands than ever before.

On Monday, preceding a recital of music, the following Northern District ringers rang 1,080 Bob Royal: H. G. Felton 1, F. Claydon 2, A. Catterwell 3, J. Warner 4, J. H. Brett 5, A. R. Syder 6, R. Suckling 7, T. Earle 8, W. Arnold 9, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 10.

On Tuesday, preceding the play, 'Murder in the Cathedral,' the South-Eastern District rang 1,256 Bob Major: L. P. Joslin 1, Miss M. Dowsett 2, A. Edwards 3, B. Bover 4, P. Saltmarsh 5, P. Came 6, J. Roast 7, P. Eves (cond.) 8.

On Wednesday, preceding another performance of the play, the South-Western District rang 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 1, C. R. Smith 2, L. S. Woods 3, B. J. Howard 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, C. E. Willmington 6, J. Armstrong 7, H. Turner 8, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 9, G. W. Cecil 10.

On Thursday, before a music recital, officers of the Association rang 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. V. Gant 1, R. C. Heazel 2, P. Saltmarsh 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, L. J. Clark 5, C. E. Willmington 6, P. J. Eves 7, H. Turner 8, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 9, Miss H. G. Snowden 10.

On Saturday, before the centenary service of the Mission to Seamen, the North-Eastern District rang 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss M. Mills 1, M. A. Mills 2, J. H. Edwards 3, U. W. Wildney 4, E. W. Furbank 5, B. Fairhead 6, F. G. Oliver 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8, E. E. Davey 9, E. P. Duffield 10.

HALF A CENTURY AT ST. ALBANS ABBEY

His many friends throughout the Exercise will congratulate Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, who on June 7th completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Albans Abbey. Since 1922 he has been conductor at the Abbey.

There are 160 steps up the Abbey tower and in a rough estimate Mr. Goodenough calculates that he has climbed the tower 8,000 times, probably the equivalent of 100 miles.

In 1935, with Dean Henderson, he was instrumental in getting the bells augmented from eight to twelve with the addition of four trebles and one of the old bells recast. When the bells were brought down in 1935 it was the first time they had been lowered for 200 years, and Mr. Goodenough thought it would be the only occasion on which he would participate in such an intricate operation. However, the 1939-45 war again saw the bells at ground level.

Of Mr. Goodenough's 80 peals, 25 have been rung on the Abbey bells.

On June 9th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques was rung in his honour by members of the Hertfordshire Association.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

It is not always our lot to hold the annual meeting in a place with such historical interest as was the case on Whit Monday. From the 16th to the 18th century Cullompton was one of the most important woollen manufacturing towns in Devon, and its greatest merchant was a certain John Lane, a contemporary of John Greenway, of Tiverton. These two men rivalled each other in the magnificent additions which they made to the buildings of their respective parish churches. That at Cullompton was a collegiate church before the Conquest, and has a very fine ring of ten bells. The Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Hammond) conducted the service at 12.15, and afterwards joined members, numbering 72, at the luncheon.

At the subsequent business meeting, with the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) in the chair, the chief items of interest included the formation of a Guild Library, the purchase of £200 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds with money standing to the credit of the Bells Restoration Fund, and the election of Mr. E. Maurice Atkins as general treasurer and Mr. Norman Mallett as peals secretary. The other officers were re-elected, and Messrs. A. L. Bennett (who had resigned the treasurership), L. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott were appointed representatives on the Central Council for 1957–59.

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The report of the general committee made complimentary reference to the Guild's 1,000th peal, which was also the first peal to be rung by officers of the Guild, and contained a timely comment on the use of quarterly meetings as follows:—

'We seem at times . . . to be forgetting their main purpose, namely, that members of different bands should help one another in the progress of their art. So often we are content to ring just what we can ring without any outside help in our home towers, whereas these meetings are a great opportunity to look up a fresh method beforehand and then to stand in with those who know it. It is here that the office of Ringing Master carries a great responsibility in so arranging much of the ringing: already something has been done in this way.'

An addendum to the report contained a message of deepest sympathy with the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor), who met with a very serious accident last February, together with the earnest prayer of all the members that he might fully recover in due time, and an expression of gratitude to his wife for her help in Guild matters since the accident. Ringing took place at Cullompton and Bradninch, and at other towers in the neighbourhood.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 9th and visitors were welcomed from Aldbourne, Bishops Cannings, Buckland, Devizes, Leamington and Shrivenham. The arrangements were as usual, consisting of ringing, service and tea, followed by the business meeting, at which Dr. H. Craig presided. One new member was elected and the branch secretary gave a report of the recent Central Council meeting.

In order to maintain contact with a greater number of towers it was decided to hold four evening meetings during July and August in place of the two customary Saturday meetings. The towers proposed were South Marston, Blunsdon, Lydiard Millicent and Castle Eaton. Further ringing followed, various methods up to Cambridge Major being rung. W. B. K.

JOINT FESTIVAL OF BEDS & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS

The first joint meeting between the Hertford County Association and the Bedfordshire Association took place on June 16th, when over 100 members attended the summer festival in St. Albans.

Although the weather did its best, it could not damp the spirits of members present, who started the day with ringing at St. Mary's, Redbourn (6, 15½ cwt.), at 9.30 a.m. Other towers at the disposal of the coach and car parties were Sandridge (6), Welwyn (8), Hatfield (10), North Mymms (8), Harpenden (8) and the City towers of St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (8) and the Catherdal (12). The coach party also managed to include the six with a notorious long draught at Wheathamstead.

At 4 p.m. members attended Evensong at the Cathedral, the handbell voluntary of Grandsire Caters being of a very high standard.

In his address the Dean of St. Albans welcomed ringers and drew their attention to the need of complete participation in services whenever possible.

After tea at the Abbey Institute, presided over by the Dean, the president of the Hertford Association (Mr. W. T. Holmes) welcomed those present and reminisced about his ringing experiences.

The president of the Bedfordshire Association, Miss E. Steel, replied and thanked all present for a very enjoyable day.

The general secretary of the Hertford Association (Mr. H. V. Frost) drew attention to the fact that this was the first occasion ringers of the St. Albans Diocese had officially joined together under one roof and hoped there would be many more in the future.

The St. Albans towers were put to good use in the evening, the Abbey bells being lowered at 8.20. J. W. S.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON

The rededication of the restored Church of St. Mary, Southampton (the mother church of the town), by the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Alwyn Williams) took place on June 12th. After nearly 16 years the great Church of St. Mary towers above its parish, a noble building of stone, brick and timber, its interior full of light and modern things, yet retaining relics and memories of the past. It was a great day for the parish, the town and the deanery. The principal guest was the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire (the Duke of Wellington). A great congregation of 1,400, representative of every aspect of life in the town and port, was present.

Before and after the service the ten bells were rung by the local band, supported by members of the Southampton University Society of Ringers, 20 ringers sharing in the ringing on this great occasion.

In the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by representatives of St. Michael's and St. Mary's bands and the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

The bells, originally an octave, were the gift of a parishioner in 1914, and were increased to ten in 1934 through the Barron Bell Trust. They are world famous, and inspired the song, 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' written by Douglas Furber and the Australian composer, A. Emmett Adams, during the Great War of 1914-1918, when they heard them sounding across the water of Southampton Docks. This song is now the college song of the New York State Maritime College. It is pleasant to be able to record that the sister of the Australian composer, A. Emmett Adams, was present at the great service of consecration.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Target of 1,000 Members Set for 1956

On Whit Monday the 77th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford.

Ringing commenced at 9.30 a.m. followed by a service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon. The Master of the Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel, read the lesson, and the address was given by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Rev. F. D. Narborough.

During the service the names of members who passed on to higher service during 1955 were read, namely:— J. C. Adams, J. Allison-Etheridge, Mrs. M. Butler, W. Butler, H. T. C. Childs, K. G. Fox, F. French, E. Gimson, H. E. Hammond, C. N. Howard, A. D. Howell, Mrs. C. J. Matthews, F. Norman, W. J. Nudds, C. Saywood, P. Scase, A. South, Sir Roland Storrs, S. J. Tillett, W. H. Warne and S. Wallington. Their loss leaves the Association much poorer and they are remembered with affection and thanksgiving for their contribution to the Exercise.

The Bishop of Colchester, in a heartening address, said that it was proper that Whitsun, which was the day when a flame came down from heaven, should be remembered by the ringing of bells. The collection taken at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £5 3s. 9d.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) presided at the annual general meeting held in the Cathedral Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master and officers of the Association. The Master, in the name of the Association, welcomed the Bishop of Colchester, and also extended a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. J. Mansfield (vice-president), F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. Snowden, Mr. J. Crampion and Mr. B. G. Burton.

The annual report, prepared by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Association) with the co-operation of the District secretaries, showed that the interest in the Association had not flagged during 1955. The ringing membership of the Association now stands at 903, while the honorary membership stands at 209. There are now some 108 towers in union. These figures are most encouraging but it must be remembered that the strength of any Association is in its ringing members and efforts must always be in that direction—to increase the ringing strength to 1,000 members. This target should not be too high for an Association of the calibre of the Essex Association.

Two rededications had taken place in the county during the year; the first at Ardleigh and the second at Kirby-le-Soken.

The effects of National Service are still being felt in some towers. Old hands and the fairer sex are keeping the 'ship' going until the young ringers return.

During the year divine service had been the aim throughout, but it is regretted that some towers which are ringable still stand silent Sunday by Sunday through apathy or lack of interest.

DROP IN PEALS

The report recorded a drop in the number of peals to 68 from 123 in 1954. Quarter peals amounted to 135 rung in 46 different towers—a reduction of 12 on the previous year's total of 145, Hornchurch having regained the 'county championship.' Among these was one rung at North Weald commemorating 50 years of service by Mr. Harry King, and the first for many years by a local band from Finchingfield.

Although the number of peals was reduced, it is interesting to note that Surprise methods and multi-method Minor peals have increased. Peals of special interest were those of Maximus at the Cathedral and of Cinques at Saffron Walden, both rung by an all-resident Essex band. A peal of Stedman Triples rung in the Northern District was the first in that division for 21 years, and from the same division came the first peal of Feering Surprise, composed by the late William Keeble, for many years a pillar of the Exercise in North Essex.

The Association's congratulations must go to Mr. D. W. Beard, Mr. J. E. G. Roast and Mr. D. A. Symonds on their 100th peal, and to Mr. U. W. Wildney on his 100th peal as conductor. Mr. J. E. G. Roast again heads the list of conductors with 15 peals, with Mr. F. B. Lufkin next with 13, and Mr. T. Earle with five.

For the recorders, 108 members rang their 'first in the method' as against 243 in 1954; 15 members scored their first peal, an increase of 10; there being two 'first as conductors,' 158 different members participated in the peals, representing approximately 17 per cent. of the membership.

From Loughton comes a unique incident. An elderly gentleman, who had been bedridden for some years, left a sum of money in his will to be distributed among the ringers in appreciation of the fact that by their ringing he had been reminded weekly of his church, and assured that it was still alive and active.

Various members spoke on the report generally. The attention of the Association was drawn to the fact that there was a number of very valuable books in the library and that some manuscripts were well worth reading.

On the proposition of Mr. G. J. Butler, of Colchester, seconded by Mr. S. G. Butt, of Rayleigh, the report was adopted.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts, which showed that the gross income from the Districts totalled £107 17s. 3d., while the sum of £56 10s. 4d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Peals fees added a further £11 4s. 6d. The balance on the general account at the end of the year stood at £266 2s. 2d., and that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £184 14s. 10d. Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) said that he was not satisfied that the Association was getting as many honorary members as they might, and quoted figures to the meeting to show how the honorary members could be increased, and asked that the strongest endeavours should be made in this direction.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers followed:—Master, Mr. R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, Mr. H. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. V. Gant; auditors, Messrs. M. Baker and D. G. Mayell; trustees, Messrs. P. Eves, P. Saltmarsh and C. Smith.

The following were elected life members:— Messrs. A. Catterwell (Sible Hedingham), A. Cole (Great Bromley), E. E. Davey (Clacton), A. Appleton (Goldhanger), R. Fenn (Barking), H. T. Wilson (Brentwood), J. Rann (Loughton).

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the Precentor for his assistance, to the Cathedral organist and verger and to the Lord Bishop of Colchester for his excellent address.

The meeting then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall for lunch, at which the Bishop of Colchester and the Provost of Chelmsford were the chief guests. For the second year running the luncheon had been organised by members of the South-Eastern District, and their efforts in this direction are very much appreciated.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing: Chelmsford Cathedral, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widford, Writtle, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Great Waltham, Sandon and Little Baddow.

This report of the year's work of the Essex Association can do no better than to close with the exhortation of the Association's Master at the end of the annual report:

Maybe 1955 has not been the year of progress many of us would have liked it to be; maybe the peal total is less, maybe keenness has waned, but whatever it is, as long as we recognise the symptoms and take steps to arrest the decline then no harm has been done.

So with high hopes and a firm resolve let us go forward into 1956 with the honest intention of doing everything in our might to keep the work of the Association moving ever onwards.

DURHAM COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

There have been several attempts in the past to found a Society in the Durham Colleges, but, owing to smallness of numbers in this division of the University of Durham, these attempts have eventually come to grief. The present Society, founded two years ago, appears, however, to be making some headway. At present there are 23 members at various stages of proficiency. Beginners are taught to handle at St. Nicholas', in Durham, and rounds and simple changes are practised at Houghton-le-Spring, while the more advanced members are progressing rapidly under the tuition of Mr. Dennis A. Bayles, at Chester-le-Street. The present committee consists of Mr. G. S. R. Simms, of University College, president; Mr. J. R. Worsdale, of Hatfield College, past president; and Mr. R. Bailey, of University College, secretary.

On June 16th the Society held its first annual ringing day. Towers visited included St. Nicholas', Durham, Chester-le-Street and Houghton-le-Spring. Visitors attended from Leeds, Edinburgh, Newcastle and South Shields. Ringing included rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Triples, Little Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

Next year's ringing day, to which all visitors will be most welcome, will be on May 4th, when it is hoped that the Blackhill and Consett area will be visited.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SCHEME OF INSTRUCTION WANTED

Dear Sir,—I should like to comment on your admirable article 'Instruction or Destruction.' Our bells were rehung and augmented at Stoke D'Abernon in February last, as reported in your paper.

We had not a single ringer in the parish, so by the kindness of neighbouring towers at Leatherhead and Cobham, some five adults and eight youngsters have been receiving instruction once a week.

I know the adults, who included myself, felt irked by the slowness of our initial instruction, but now that we have progressed as far as ringing rounds, the wisdom of sound and careful instruction is abundantly clear.

Our problem in the near future is that of an instructor or coach at our own tower. I am more than anxious to keep the enthusiasm of some 15 novices going. I firmly believe that if a syllabus of training were drawn up by experts it would enable such novices to see the delights ahead of them, and they would, I feel certain, see that they allotted time to make progress in a definite scheme, week by week.

I can only say, in conclusion, how very grateful we all are to those splendid instructors such as Mr. Marriner, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Wren, who have so willingly given of their time to take us through our first steps.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHAMPNESS.

Oxshott, Surrey.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Dear Sir.—In reporting the Central Council meeting at Leicester you say that the Council agreed to the nomination of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as president, to the appointment of a vice-president and the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for that office.

This is, I think, misleading. Surely the Council is not required to agree in advance to the nomination of a member for office. Your account conveys an unfortunate impression thereby that the nominations are now cut and dried, or even perhaps that the elections are settled. On the contrary, as the president (Mr. Lewis) was careful to point out (not reported in your account), the way was none the less open for other nominations.

In the case of the proposed vice-presidency, it is very doubtful if the Council could at this stage even accept nominations, as the office does not yet exist, that is until such time as the Council may see fit to amend its rules. Motion to this effect will be discussed next year.

The Nomination Committee, as was proper in an advisory capacity, worded its recommendations in a very fair and tentative fashion. The verdict of the Council's discussion should go no further than to say that the report was adopted. I do not recall that we agreed to anything more.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Bath.

Note.—The Council only accepted the nominations being presented to the Council meeting of 1957. This does not preclude other nominations.—Ed.

THANK YOU, LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—On a visit to Liverpool Cathedral in November of last year I was grieved to witness a lady in tears because she was not allowed in the belfry. She was a member of a southern counties Association, who had travelled from Llandudno. I am very pleased that this matter has been remedied and would remind our fellow ringers that we are taught that we should always give way to a lady.—Yours truly,

R. BIGGS.

Manchester.

AN IMMEMORIAL CUSTOM

Dear Sir,—I entirely disagree with Mr. Box. There are many places where it has been the custom from time immemorial to herald Christmas and Easter by ringing our bells, not, as Mr. Box says, out of enthusiasm for ringing, but as a means of announcing to the world at large, believers and unbelievers alike, the two great festivals of the Christian year, the birth of Christ and his triumph over sin, and I hope the custom will be continued while there are bells to pull.

It is well to remember that it is on the two events referred to that the world's rise from barbarity to humanity is hinged and it will be a sad day for all of us (Mr. Box and his hotelier included) if and when these two events are completely forgotten, as well they may be unless the Christian Church by every means in its power continually reminds the country of them.

I think the intolerant people are those like the fellow who calls himself an hotelier (snob language for innkeeper, I suspect) who expect the rest of the community to abandon all activities for their convenience.

All the while I can raise a band at my Parish Church to ring for the early services at Christmas, Easter and other special occasions I intend to—protesting publicans, Mr. Boxes or not.

Incidentally, it is no advertisement for the hotel keeper to admit his boarders were awakened early—evidently his wares are not as potent as was Mr. Box's Dutch gin.—Yours,

East Clandon, Surrey. G. L. GROVER.

This Is The Week

The next issue starts the second half of 1956 and is an appropriate time for the enrolment of new postal subscribers. Subscription—14s. 6d. for six months or 7s. 6d. for three months—to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, or to the Editor. Renewals are also due, and prompt payment simplifies clerical work.

THIS AGE

Dear Sir,—What admirable views Mr. W. E. Box expresses in his letter.

Why cannot we realise that this is an age of progress, and that cranky minorities just cannot be catered for? People must not be allowed to follow the old, sentimental, non-productive pursuits of their forefathers; they must be made to see that the only path permitted for them to tread is the one of quiet efficiency . . . . (just a moment, please, while I turn my radio up a bit). . . .

Nothing is so relentlessly wearing to man's nerves, so deadly to the force which drives him on in his search for peace than Noise . . . . (half a mo—my radiogram has stopped—there, that's better. Lovely record this! 'Don't ringa da bell'—I could play it all night) . . . .

Peace—that is what we are all seeking. Smooth, efficient peace. Peace for a man to enjoy far into the night (and his neighbours, too) the soothing music of the dance band complete with drums; to awake relaxed and joyful, to the inspiring melodies of early morning radio.

Let us not be afraid to make a stand for our aims; let us admit that the outworn memories of a former age must not be allowed to come between us and our ideal; let us strive to make the world (or at any rate, Birmingham) free—free for a man to sit and listen to the road drills, the jet planes, the motor cycles, the fairgrounds, undisturbed by such nerve-racking sounds as the call of the bells to the worship of a God we no longer recognise.—Yours, etc.,

Guildford. W. OLIVER.

INCONSIDERATE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have, as you are aware, repeatedly written to you in the same vein as W. E. Box writes. It is with great pleasure that I see there are others beside myself who are considering the future of ringing and the effects of inconsiderate ringing on that future. At two towers in North London, both of which get complaints (one serious), ringing was performed at midnight, New Year's Eve, and 6.30 a.m. on Christmas morning. I would not like my children woken up at these hours. Why, then, do we inflict this on others?

Despite this, a well-known ringer suggests that it is the public's privilege to listen as well as ours to perform.

I am willing to take any member of the Exercise to a few towers not 1,000 miles from Stamford Hill, and they can judge whether it is a privilege to listen at any time, let alone 6.30 in the morning.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE,

Tottenham, N.15.

WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am writing with regard to the ring of bells in the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle. The fact that these bells are hung in a campanile within the Castle and are only rung on certain days, principally Royal birthdays, has been taken to indicate that it is a Castle peal, and Mr. Dove unfortunately lists it as a secular tower.

Nothing is further from the truth, however, for they are the bells of St. George's Chapel and are chimed by means of a keyboard for the daily services held there, at which prayers are said for the Knights of the Garter.

There is ample evidence that the bells belong to the College of St. George, rather than H.M. the Queen, as was suggested in recent correspondence, for payments concerning the bells have appeared in the Account Rolls from its foundation. In 1614, for instance, the College authorities were hard up so they sold the newly-cast tenor. It was nine years later before their finances had recovered sufficiently to enable them to replace it, but the second-hand one they bought was a bargain, for it remains to this day!

Having, I hope, disposed of the secular classification, you may be interested in the dedication of what is known as 'Her Majesty's Free Chapel of St. George within Her Castle at Windsor.' The dedication is a triple one to Mary the Virgin Mother, St. George the Martyr and St. Edward, King and Confessor,' and it is interesting to note that all three are honoured by proper ringing days.—Yours sincerely,

K. BUCKINGHAM.

Windsor.

ST. MARY'S, WEYMOUTH

Dear Sir,—In the 'Western Gazette' of June 1st, 1956, under the heading of 'From our files of 1856,' appears the following report:

Weymouth.—In compliance with a requisition from a number of the gentry and principal tradesmen of the Borough, the Mayor convened a public meeting at the Guildhall, on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of taking into consideration the erection of a tower, and the purchase of a peal of bells for the Church of St. Mary. A committee of forty-two with power to add to their number was formed, in order to collect the subscriptions. It was suggested that the tower and peal of bells should be considered as commemorative of the Peace of 1846.

St. Mary's Church never got its tower or ring of bells, and it would be interesting to know why the plan never materialised. Surely the committee was big enough to cope with the task or was it too big to come to any agreement? —Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

LETTERS—Continued

BROADWINDSOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—I hate to disappoint anybody, but I can't help feeling that the claims made for Broadwindsor bells are a little extravagant. Mr. Paul Taylor, of Loughborough, has been extraordinarily kind in sending me a complete set of rubbings, and some casts, from these bells, from which it is clear that though they are very interesting, and rightly a source of pride for any church, they are not quite as old as they are claimed to be.

The third appears to be the oldest bell in the tower, and not the fifth; I am not familiar with the stamps and lettering, but I suspect that it may be a Salisbury bell, and my guess is that it dates from about the beginning of the 15th century, or the latter half of the 14th.

The fifth, unlike many bells attributed to him, probably was in fact cast by Robert Norton, of Exeter, as it bears his trade mark, and is inscribed: SANCTE : GABRIEL : ORA : PRO : NOBIS : — not quite the same as that given in your report of June 8th. Robert Norton seems quite certainly to have been alive and working round about the year 1430, as we have documentary evidence of his name then, so that this would seem to be the period from which this bell comes. Judging by the rubbings and casts it would appear to be a very good bell.

The fourth is the latest of the three mediævals, and probably dates from about 1470 or a little later. It was also cast in Exeter, and bears one of the standard Exeter inscriptions and an Exeter cross. If one dates the Reformation from the first English Prayer Book in 1549, I doubt whether this bell would qualify for the claim of being a century older.

Any parish may be proud of having three pre-Reformation bells, but even if the Broadwindsor bells were found to date from a century before the Reformation I don't think they could claim this to be unique. Townstal, Dartmouth, has three by Chamberlain which may possibly be as old; Brushford has an original three by Dawe, whose dates are given as 1393–1418: the former are still ringable, forming the back three of a ring of six. There are many others: I quote these at random from memory.

Broadwindsor has some lovely bells, and I hope before long to see them for myself, but it is not alone in being the subject of rather improbable claims. I was sent recently by a neighbouring incumbent a report written some years ago about his bells, three of which are Exeter bells about the same date as Broadwindsor's fourth. The report began thus: 'In this lovely old church and tower there are five bells —four of which are the oldest in England.' The fourth of these bears the date 1674!—Yours,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Newton Abbot.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

North Notts District

The Crawford Cup contest, which should have taken place at Edwinstowe on June 9th, was a disappointing affair. With the Southwell millenary celebrations taking place, only Warsop could enter a team. However, the ordinary meeting took place for the 40 who attended. Tea was had in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting, the Rector of Warsop, the Rev. J. G. P. Habgood, taking the chair. It was decided to visit Clayworth on July 14th. Messrs. R. Brightmoor, F. Spittlehouse and P. Smith, of North Wheatley, were elected ringing members and the Rev. J. G. P. Habgood a vice-president. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund came to £1 2s. 6d.

It is hoped to rearrange the contest again at Rampton on October 13th. Votes of thanks were given to the churchwardens for the use of the bells and all those in charge of tea arrangements. Further ringing again took place.

H. D.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

The annual festival of the Guild was held at St. David's Cathedral on June 9th. The bells were available at 2 p.m. and members were present from every tower in the diocese.

The Dean, the Very Rev. C. Witton Davies, was at the Bell Tower to greet members, and it was grand to see him take hold of a rope and have a ring with the members.

At 4 p.m. a service was held in the Cathedral stalls, at which the Dean kindly officiated and the lesson read by Councillor R. E. Davies, Burry Port. At the end of the service the Dean dedicated badges of office and presented them to the officers of the Guild. These badges were the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. B. Rees, wife and auditor of the Guild, in appreciation of the work of the ringers for the Church. Their kind gesture is much appreciated.

Eighty members sat down to tea at the Dynevor Cafe. The Vicar of Steynton (the Rev. W. R. Nicholas) was in the chair for the business meeting. The secretary extended a hearty welcome to members and apologised for the absence of the Bishop. Reference was made to Mr. R. Scudamore, who had recovered from his accident and was back ringing again. The usual touch on the handbells was given, and the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen, spoke about the presentation of the badges of office of the Guild.

All the officers were re-elected for another 12 months, and Mr. Chris Hawkins was elected as the Guild representative at the next Central Council meeting at Chelmsford. The annual competition of the Guild will take place at Carmarthen, and the next quarterly meeting in September will be held at Tenby. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 7s.

A hearty vote of thanks was given by Councillor R. E. Davies, of Burry Port, to the Dean and all those people who had made this meeting such a success. The chairman closed the meeting with a prayer.

C. H. H.

AN AUSTRALIAN BRIDE

Miss Jennifer A. Jobson, of St. Mark's Church, Sydney, New South Wales, was married to Mr. Henry St. George Smith, of Piperstown House, Drogheda, in St. Nicholas' Church, Ballymakenny, Drogheda, on June 9th. The bride was a ringer in Australia before coming to England for a holiday, where she did quite a bit of ringing.

As the bride approached the church, which has only one bell, the sound of bells was heard. It came from loudspeakers in the tower. The bells were a recording of St. Mark's Church bells, Sydney. They were specially recorded and sent over to Ireland for the wedding. Jennifer's sister was one of those who took part in the recording. There is also no organ in Ballymakenny Church, so the choir and organ of St. Mark's provided the music and singing for the ceremony—again recorded.

Four bell-ringers were waiting at Piperstown House when the happy pair arrived for the reception, viz., Alan P. Cave, London (who as a friend of the bride travelled over to Ireland for the wedding), Roy Huber, Sidney Lewis and Fred Dukes, all of Drogheda. They rang handbells to Grandsire Triples under the shade of a tree on the lawn outside the mansion whilst the guests were being received.

As the couple left for their honeymoon in Iceland, a sleigh was tied to the back of their car, so to the accompaniment of jingling bells they departed.

On the following day the peal was rung in honour of the marriage.

Piperstown House has 365 acres—one for each day of the year. One additional acre has to be rented from a local farmer every leap year! The house, lands and stock were a wedding gift from the bridegroom's father, who was the previous owner.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford District was again favoured by good weather when it was held at Appledore on June 9th. It is interesting to recall that it was at this spot, now some seven miles from the sea, that the Danes landed in 893 to sack the surrounding countryside.

Mrs. Paddon had assumed responsibility for local arrangements, and the Vicar (the Rev. I. B. Hodgson) conducted the service. Mr. C. T. Hillis read the lesson and the church organist played for the choral service. The collection was given to the Church Repair Fund, which is badly in need of cash.

An excellent tea had been provided at the Parish Hall, the gift of the ladies and gentlemen connected with the church.

The Vicar presided at the short business meeting. The next meeting, it is hoped, will be at Burmarsh in late August. Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar and also the ladies and gentlemen who had provided and served such a good tea, and Mrs. Paddon for arranging the meeting.

Altogether about 30 ringers and friends were present, representing eleven towers. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

W. P. G.

Rochester District

Approximately 40 members and friends attended the by-meeting held at Eastchurch on June 2nd. Ringing commenced at 2.45 and carried on until 8 p.m. A variety of methods were rung and all touches came home.

The Rector of Eastchurch was not available to take the service, but one of the honorary members, the Rev. G. Prentice, of Frindsbury, kindly came and also took the chair at the meeting.

Six new members were elected, all from Eastchurch, and so another tower is back in union with the Association.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. S. T. Shellock, who was at one time secretary of the Rochester District. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. Prentice, the helpers who served at tea, and the organist.

WHITSUN IN SUSSEX

Eight Somerset ringers, with David Hoare acting as a rather youthful 'father,' spent Whitsun in Sussex, where George Francis had planned an interesting programme.

Ringing started at Wisborough Green on Friday, May 18th, at 6.30 p.m., followed by joining in the practice at Itchingfield and hospitality by Leslie Weller and his mother.

Headquarters were Ye Olde King's Head, Horsham, and a disturbed night was spent by a farmer in the party owing to a dance in the adjoining ballroom and the discordant clock chime. It is assumed he missed his feather bed!

Ringing on Saturday included Billingshurst, Petworth, Easebourne, Chichester Cathedral Bell Tower, Arundel and Pulborough (where a course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung).

After ringing at Warnham the party joined the local ringers for matins and in the afternoon rang at Slaugham, followed by Horsham for evensong. A handbell peal was attempted at Itchingfield in the evening, but came to grief and afterwards Mrs. Weller entertained the company to supper.

The last day came all too soon. Leaving Horsham after breakfast, towers visited were Henfield, St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's, Brighton, and St. Mary's, New Shoreham. 'Thank you,' Sussex, incumbents, local ringers, George Francis and David Hoare for an enjoyable week-end.

OUR OUTINGS PAGE

ROCHDALE BRANCH

After a break of some years the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association decided to hold a day trip on May 12th, which was organised this year by the Heywood band. We decided to go to Derbyshire.

Tideswell has a beautiful church and its eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) go well. Here Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were rung, but, being the first ringing of the day, we had not yet got used to one another so that the ringing might only be called satisfactory. After thanking Mr. Chapman for meeting us we wended our way to Baslow (6). The tenor is given in 'Dove's' as 7¼ cwt., but some thought it sounded heavier than this. Perhaps someone could enlighten us and give us the name of the founder. We started ringing with some very well-struck Cambridge Surprise but through some fundamental misunderstanding it did not finish in the approved manner. After an attempt at Little Bob we came to the conclusion that the method was quite unsound, or, at least, our interpretation of it, so Oxford Treble Bob was chosen with much more success. The ringing finished with Plain Bob.

Thence to the Devonshire Arms at the other end of the village, where lunch was ready. An hour later even the most extendable stomachs were well contented under a load of chicken and those things which go with it.

At Ashover (8, tenor 18 cwt.) we really struck form, starting with a rattling good touch of Stedman. Then followed Bob Major whilst the Stedman band stood in church and watched, for these bells are rung from the ground floor. The local ringers agreed with us that the tenor seemed to belong to a different ring of bells in tone and weight, but despite this we thought they are a good lot, and, to prove it, tapped off a very pleasant two courses of Double Norwich.

We pressed north with all haste, but Derbyshire hills restrained us. The Vicar made us welcome at Dronfield and he is justly proud of his fine church, whose choir is vaguely reminiscent of Tideswell. We found a very easy-going eight (tenor 13 cwt.) which sounded a bit dull inside the tower, but outside, where, after all, is where they are intended to be heard, they sound well.

After an excellent tea at Chesterfield the last tower of the day turned out to be the most enjoyable of all, for the magnificent Mears ten beneath the crooked spire brought forth unbounded praise even from those not given to eulogy. Off we went to Grandsire Caters, and, with this complete, three leads of Kent Treble Bob followed by Bob Royal showed that this beautifully balanced ring, both in tone and volume, was equally at home in both odd- and even-bell methods.

After rounds we took to the delightful music of Stedman Caters. By now time was running on, so we finished with a course of Grandsire Caters, after which the bells were lowered for Evensong. When we had finished ringing, our kind host, Sam Scattergood, took us higher up the tower to examine at close quarters both the bells and that most extraordinary structure which surmounts them. We were pleased to learn that the spire is safe!

Our final call was the village of Pilsley. This had not originally been included in our programme because of the absence of bells, and was only now included as the road there promised to be a short cut—in fact, it was a dead-end, so we were obliged to reverse our coach back through the village to a chorus of belly-laughs from the local inhabitants!

We should like to place on record how grateful we are to all incumbents and local ringers who made so enjoyable a day a pleasant memory to us all. P. J. H. H.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Links between Lichfield and Yorkshire were mentioned by the Dean of Lichfield, the Very Rev. W. S. MacPherson, when he welcomed the Leeds Parish Church ringers to Lichfield Cathedral on their annual outing on May 12th. Aware, of course, that the present Bishop was until recently Vicar of Leeds, they learned that the first Bishop of the See, St. Chad, also emanated from Yorkshire, while, incidentally, the Dean himself is a Leodiensian.

An hour's ringing at the Cathedral for Evensong was a great privilege and it was an added pleasure that the Bishop (Dr. Reeve) could meet his former ringers once more.

The outward journey was relieved by a break at Baslow for 'elevenses' and a short ring on the lovely ten at St. Paul's, Burton.

Ringing on the magnificent heavy six at Hoar Cross, claimed by some who profess to know to be the best six in the country, and a visit to this wonderful church which beggars description followed a sumptuous tea at the Meynell Ingram Arms, Hoar Cross.

For good measure two eight-bell towers were thrown in—Lichfield, St. Mary's, and Wirksworth, but it was perhaps a little unfair on the former to go there straight after the Cathedral, and to the latter after coming from a ring with a tenor twice its weight.

The return journey took the party across Chatsworth Park and through Matlock, thus enabling the organiser to substantiate his boast that both the scenery and the bells would equal anything experienced on previous outings.

WITNEY, OXON

The first tower outing of the revived and newly-constituted Witney Ringing Society took place on Whit Monday, when a party of 37, which included members' families and ringing friends from Standlake, Eynsham and Oxford, visited six towers in the Thames Valley district.

After a morning's sightseeing and ringing on eight bells at Dorchester and six bells at Pangbourne, an excellent lunch was enjoyed at the Elephant Hotel, Pangbourne, during which time a handsome ringing record album and a copy of R. H. Dove's 'Church Bells of Britain' were presented by the Witney Ringing Society to a member who was celebrating a 21st birthday.

All Saints', Wokingham, Twyford, Henley-on-Thames and Nettlebed were afterwards visited.

Tired and happy the coachload made its way home after a sun-drenched day's satisfying and varied ringing.

CHILVERS COTON

The Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) ringers toured Worcestershire and Herefordshire on Whit Monday. With relatives and ringing friends from Bulkington, an early start was made and Bromsgrove reached at 8.45 a.m. Mr. C. L. Hawkins met the party and soon the pleasant ring of ten was going. An hour quickly passed and then it was all aboard for a most beautiful run of 40 miles to Leominster. Mr. F. Fox welcomed us to the Priory and we examined the ducking stool which occupied a prominent position in the north aisle of the church, the ladies turning a deaf ear to remarks made by certain gentlemen (?) regarding the use of that relic 100 years ago. Some good ringing was enjoyed.

We were ready for a good lunch at the Talbot Hotel. Off on a five-mile run to the lovely village of Eardisland, where we could have stayed for the rest of the day in such sylvan surroundings. In the beautifully-appointed belfry we were gratified to see a peal board denoting a peal rung a year previously by members of our Coventry Diocesan Guild. After a ring on the bells of All Saints', Hereford, we were ready for a 'cuppa.' A glimpse of the Cathedral and the river and we were off again for Worcester via Ledbury. A substantial dinner had been arranged at the Deansway Restaurant, to which all did full justice. Then a two-mile run to Hallow, where the bells sound good outside but are very noisy in the ringing chamber. A social half-hour followed and then the final run to Nuneaton, which was reached about midnight.

The general opinion was that it had been a splendid outing, the weather had been perfect, the country looking its loveliest, bells and ringing good, a welcome at every church and first-class meals. What more could a party of touring ringers and their friends desire?

D. E. B.

STONHAM ASPAL

Some 300 miles were covered by the Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, band on May 26th, when they visited Brighton. A start was made at 5.40 a.m. and London was left behind before 9 o'clock. Towers visited were Crawley and St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing extended from rounds to four-spliced. Home was reached at 2.30 a.m. A big thank you to Bill Button, the organiser, for a grand day and good bells.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. C. DOWDING

It is with regret we record the death of William Charles Dowding, of King's Heath, Birmingham, who passed away in Selly Oak Hospital on June 6th, aged 73 years.

'Bill,' as he was affectionately called, had not been well for some time and a month before his death was removed to hospital, where an operation was performed. Although this in itself was successful he never rallied and passed peacefully away in the presence of his wife, son and daughter, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

The funeral service at Edgbaston Parish Church on June 9th was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. T. Allen; the organist and choir were also in attendance. The Vicar, in his address, spoke feelingly of Bill's service and of his valuable work as Ringing Master of the church for the past seven years. Previously he was a member of St. Martin's Sunday service band and a member of St. Martin's.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service; the Worcestershire Association was represented by the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, and the St. Martin's Guild by Messrs. J. Pinfold, G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn and A. Walker. The Edgbaston ringers also were present.

Born at Martley, Worcestershire, Mr. Dowding joined the Worcestershire Police Force at an early age, being eventually transferred to the Birmingham City Police Force, and during his years of service was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In July, 1927, he rescued and saved a boy from drowning and for this was awarded the parchment certificate of the Royal Humane Society.

It was at Martley where he rang his first peal, in April, 1903, five Minor methods, conducted by the late William Short, and throughout the years he rang a total of 296 peals in various methods on six to twelve bells. He was also a member of the following Societies, with whom he rang peals:—Worcestershire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Ancient Society of College Youths, Archdeaconry of Stafford Lancashire, Hereford, Middlesex, Coventry, Midland Counties, Bath and Wells, Salisbury, Dudley, National Police Guild. A. W.

LIST OF PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire and Plain Bob 1.

Minor.— Plain Bob 2, five methods 1, seven methods 5, Cambridge 4.

Triples.—Grandsire 12, Stedman 29 (cond. 2).

Maior.—Plain Bob 8, Kent 4, Double Norwich 13, Superlative 3, Cambridge 22, London 8, Bristol 1, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 10.

Caters.—Grandsire 9 (1), Stedman 25.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge 11, Yorkshire 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 112.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent 1, Solihull 1, Cambridge 5.

Total 296 (3).

MR. CHARLES WILLIAMS

With regret we report the passing of Mr. Charlie Williams, of Bristol, which occurred on June 3rd at the age of 60. Charlie, who was not a very prominent ringer, but a very keen member of St. Ambrose Ringing Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Association, very rarely missed the Association branch and general meetings. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter, to whom sympathy goes in their sad bereavement.

The funeral was at St. Ambrose Church on June 6th, followed by cremation at Bristol Crematorium. The choir was in attendance, Charlie being also a very keen chorister. The St. Ambrose Guild of ringers were represented by Mr. C. Baker, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mrs. C. Baker and Mrs. V. J. Williams; and the Gloucester and Bristol Association by Mr. J. G. Jefferies (vice-president), Mr. C. Jefferies, Mr. & Mrs. W. Richens and Mr. & Mrs. W. Cook.

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MEETINGS

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8510

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, June 30th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8502

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each), Abbey Hall, 5 p.m. Names to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8459

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 8477

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beddington (10), June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8468

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estd. 1623).—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 8494

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, June 30th, at Sawley, 3 p.m. 8518

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Crawley, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m.—I. Butcher. 8499

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. June 30th. St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham from 4 p.m. Service at Egham 4.30 p.m. Tea, Egham Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Egham, Wraysbury and Old Windsor from 6 p.m. 8444

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Town Hall. 8454

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 8535

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Nutfield, Friday, July 6th, 7.15 p.m. 8463

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Kirkheaton (6) on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available from 4.30 to 9 p.m. No tea arrangements. Short business meeting in tower during evening. Good bus service from Huddersfield. 8537

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Elstow. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. Phone: Kempston 3178. 8539

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Snitterfield, Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8486

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, July 7th, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 5th to H. E. Taylor, Orchard Bungalow, Hillside, Darley Dale.—A. B. Cooper, H. E. Taylor. 8538

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 2nd to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor Estate, Tiverton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 8488

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Rothbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Picnic tea. Private bus. Names to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 8552

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting at Littleport on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Carruthers' Café, Granby Street; price 3s. 6d. per head.—J. E. Fox and R. J. Housden, Dis. Secs. 8540

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton, July 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Shenfield bells (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Baker, Glenfinnan, Perry Street, Billericay. 8514

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Bisley, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service. 1s. each. Names for tea by July 4th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 8531

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THE LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, July 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Arrange your own tea.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8528

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, July 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 8536

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those only who notify Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk, not later than July 5th.—M. E. Ridyard. 8554

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield (6) July 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Warldle, Main Street, Markfield. Note: Reports available and subscriptions are now due.—W. A. Lacey, Dis. Sec. 8541

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District. —Joint meeting at Kegworth (8) on July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Oddfellows Arms. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss C. Cowley, 166, Ashby Road, Loughborough. 8549

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 2nd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8509

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. Tel.: 264.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 4th, to V. Lowe, 12, The Highfield, Croxton, near Eccleshall, Staffs. Buses from Newcastle direct to Broughton, 1.35 and 3.35 p.m. Otherwise Newcastle–Market Drayton buses, alighting at The Loggerheads; transport arranged from Loggerheads.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) at 4.45 p.m. Short service and dedication of peal board at 6 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer St. John's, July 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mrs. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer, by Wednesday 4th.—Burton. 8492

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. —Quarterly meeting at Coleshill, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify for tea by July 3rd. —G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 8496

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dore 3 p.m., July 7th. Cups of tea available—bring sandwiches.—J. Seager, Sec. 8550

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Great Waltham, Essex, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Bus service to Great Waltham: Pleshey service 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 p.m.; Dunmow service 2.15, 3.15 p.m.; Braintree service 15 and 45 minutes past each hour, alight Ash Tree Corner, ¼-mile walk. All very welcome—good attendance, please. Names for tea, without fail, by Tuesday, July 3rd, please. N.B.—All buses from Chelmsford.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8545

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., at Willow Tree, for those who notify me by previous Wednesday.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8490

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Yoxford and Peasenhall on Saturday July 7th. Ringing at Yoxford 2.30 p.m. Peasenhall after tea. Service, Peasenhall, 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 8532

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8500

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells: Ryde (8) 10.30 to 11, 12 to 1, 1.30 to 3.15, 6.30 to 8.30; Freshwater (6), Arreton (6) and Godshill (6) 11 to 2; Brading (8) 11.30 to 2.30. Other towers as announced at meeting. Service, All Saints', Ryde, 3.15. Tea in St. John's Ambulance Hall 4.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. L. Bailey, Greensmead, Church Road, Godshill, I.O.W.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8512

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch, Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 11th to Mr. Ashby, High Street, Northchurch. 8553

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 8548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8533

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. W. Stibbans, The Limes, Coltishall.—C. Bird, Sec. 8519

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting, Saturday, July 14th, Oxford. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets from A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks (5s. 6d.), not later than July 11th. Choristers, as usual, please contact M. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Ringing: Merton (8) 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' (6) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., Magdalen (10) 4 to 5 p.m., St. Giles' (8) 3.45 to 4.45 p.m., St. Mary Magdalen (6) 5 to 6 p.m., New College (10) 5 to 6 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6 to 7 p.m., Iffley (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., Radley (6) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., Cathedral, before service and 7 to 8 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Retiring Gen. Sec. 8502

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea not later than July 7th to me.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8547

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Stretton, not Atcham, Saturday, July 14th (Atcham meeting postponed). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones by Wednesday, July 11th. 8551

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Hersham, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., at Walton, followed by tea and meeting. Names by July 11th to Mr. G. Barnett, of 42, Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames. Walton bells after. —W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8493

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Gulval, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30, Gulval, followed by tea (1s. 6d.). Bells: Gulval (8), Madron (8), after 3.30; Paul (6) Ludgvan (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8), Lelant (6). Replies, if coming, by Monday, July 9th. Rev. H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 8467

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 8504

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8546

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U IN THE BELFRY

A SHORT while ago Professor Ross, of Birmingham University, published a paper in Finland on 'Linguistic Class—Indicators in Present Day English.' This led to a far greater general interest than one might imagine—apparently even in this politically enlightened age, the aristocracy have a fascination for the mass of the population. The subject has since been taken up by several other authors, and U (i.e., Upper Class) speech and customs have been discussed at length in several of our contemporaries.

These discussions have, of course, been related to social behaviour in general. Thus, it is 'U' to take (not drink) tea with the milk added after the tea has been poured into the cup; dinner in U usage is an evening meal and never a midday one, and it is very non-U to have a 'sweet' as part of one's dinner—the correct word for that course is 'pudding.' It soon becomes clear, however, to any acute observer of his fellow creatures that an analogous code of speech and behaviour is to be found among the élite in more restricted fields of activity.

The art of Belfrymanship has already been described in this journal by an able scribe. It is the art by which a ringer achieves virtual supremacy over his fellows in the tower without necessarily being an outstandingly good ringer. The successful belfryman, however, is akin to the self-made man in the general social hierarchy. He is an object of wonder and even, perhaps, of admiration, but scarcely one of respect. There are, on the other hand, ringers who have no need of the common ruses of the belfryman. They—it would seem—have not had to struggle hard to reach the summit. There is never any question of their right to inhabit Mount Olympus. When the Top Drawer was opened, there they were already (if the mixture of metaphors may be pardoned).

It is not so easy to describe U behaviour in the tower as to describe the subterfuges of belfrymanship because the technique is more subtle, and generally more subconsciously practised. Nevertheless, a U ringer can generally be recognised as soon as he enters the ringing chamber. His attitude is one of aloofness though not remoteness, friendliness but not familiarity. He greets, in a gentle sort of way, those whom he knows and returns, quite civilly, the greetings of those whom he does not know or whose names he cannot remember. On no account will he announce his identity. He only gives his name in reply to a direct (and, if his entry has been made well, almost apologetic) question. To rush cheerfully into the tower with an audible greeting to all and sundry followed by a round of vigorous hand shaking is, though much more matey, quite definitely non-U.

When a touch is called for, the U response is inactivity for at least one minute. At the expiration of this period, if he has not been asked to stand in but wishes to ring, the U ringer may unhurriedly take a rope, carefully, but not too studiously see that it is not twisted, and wait for the rest of the band to fill in. On no account will he ask how his bell starts or even show the slightest doubt. If someone else asks how *his* bell starts he will politely tell him if he knows, or reply, 'I haven't got a clue,' if he does not. It is, almost needless to say, very non-U to show undue enthusiasm, to ask for a particular method, to offer unsolicited advice to those who are not sure of their starts or to spit upon one's hands on catching hold of the rope. Moreover, the correct mixture of diffidence and indifference is vitally important since any appearance of being blasé immediately bespeaks the seasoned belfryman. The U ringer, though remaining a little detached from his fellows, unless they are also U, nevertheless always keeps his mind on the job in hand and never talks while ringing.

If during the touch he is shouted at by the conductor, or any other ringer, for some real or imaginary mistake, the correct action is a courteous, but completely non-committal, bow of the head in the direction of the speaker. No audible reply will be made. Should chaos occur and the touch suffer an untimely end, it is U to refrain from the post-mortem. If it is clear to everyone that the cause of the trouble was the U ringer himself, the only possible thing to do is admit the fault at once in a matter-of-fact way with just sufficient apology to make the other ringers feel vaguely uncomfortable for having let such a distinguished person get into such trouble. (This, of course, requires courage to be successful; but this quality is one possessed to a remarkable degree by all U classes everywhere and at all times.) The U ringer is, to some extent, at a disadvantage compared with the belfryman, who in the same desperate circumstances can normally adopt the principle that attack is the best method of defence.

There is also an unwritten code of U behaviour at business meetings. If it is necessary to elect a chairman because of the absence of the local incumbent and the custom for the Ringing Master not to take the chair, the most U ringer will (if he is really U) generally be appointed, and he should accept the task without displaying either reluctance or eagerness. Sometimes a mere belfryman will be elected to the chair, but no indication of shock at such impropriety may be given. Contributions to debates should be made with quiet assurance and be of such a nature, either in content or delivery, as to render further discussion unnecessary if not actually impossible. Second contributions on the same subject should not be made except, and then only rarely, to reaffirm what has already been said earlier. Points of order are raised with the chairman in such a way as to imply that of course he (the chairman) was really aware of the point and the U ringer is only lending moral support to action which the chairman has already decided upon.

It may seem to some readers that U behaviour is merely Belfrymanship writ large, but even they must surely admit that it is also written much more delicately. The two, however, really do differ in their nature. The U ringer is generally something of a stylist and a perfectionist (qualities which may be regarded as necessary but not sufficient), and is frequently though not always a proficient method ringer or conductor. The Belfryman, on the other hand, too clearly achieves his eminence by conscious effort. Any sensitive ringer realises that U in the belfry tends to add dignity to the proceedings and stability to the organisation.

D. N. L.

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First peal of Royal in the method, on the bells, by the band and for the Association.
Rung for the marriage of John Bramley, of Leicester, and Miss Nancy May Clough, of Hinckley, who were married earlier in the day at Hinckley.

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First peal in the method on the bells.
In memoriam Ian Dunkerley, who died June 10th, 1955.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	*DAVID L. MANNING	5
JOAN CARTER	2	*DEREK TAYLOR	6
*DOROTHY M. HEAP	3	*GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	7
*PETER WATSON	4	JOHN R. HEAP	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN R. HEAP.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the record length of Kent Major (16,800) at the above church, June 8th, 1906.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT	*Treble*	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	*HARRY HARPER	6
*V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	*DAVID N. PENROSE	7
*ARTHUR F. BURLEY	4	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The first peal of Treble Bob for the Guild by a band resident in the county.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST (Lane End),
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*PAMELA J. PEARSON	*Treble*	EWART H. EDGE	5
†FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
‡SHELAGH K. SERY	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
‡IVOR R. NICHOLS	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal on eight. † 350th peal. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ALEC RICHARDSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	5
*JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	2	GEORGE A. PARSONS	6
MRS. T. J. LOCK	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
†DENNIS C. BOWEN	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Dennis Neal and Gwendoline L. Friswell, both members of the local band.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*IAN D. THOMPSON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
†H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal. † First peal of Yorkshire.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
MRS. G. W. PIPE	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 250th peal (conducted 90).
Specially arranged as a farewell peal to the conductor who was to sail for Australia on June 26th.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

RICHARD PRIME .. .. .. *Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
PHYLLIS POOLE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6
DOREEN D. DUTTON.. .. 3	PETER J. STANIFORTH.. .. 7
JOHN A. SMITH 4	FRANK CRANE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Robert Symonds, who was inducted and collated to the above benefice on June 15th.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

NORMAN TOMPKINS.. .. *Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
*JOYCE HALLIDAY 2	RAYMOND JOHNSON 6
GEOFFREY S. MILLS.. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
ROGER LEIGH 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

* First peal 'inside.'

In memoriam John Grenville McClintock, priest, killed in June, 1955.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. *Treble*	RALPH BIRD 5
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN.. .. 2	*GEORGE T. JENNINGS .. 6
†DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
*GEORGE FRANCIS 4	*W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. *Treble*	ALICK CUTLER 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

BROXBOURNE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's, St. Albans, Society.)
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK J. SPICER .. *Treble*	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 6
HAROLD V. FROST 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.. .. 7
HERBERT G. MASON 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CLAUDE A. UNDERWOOD .. *Treble*	FREDERICK W. HANCOCK .. 5
GEORGE H. HANCOCK .. 2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.. .. 7
VICTOR A. PERRY 4	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

Rung in welcome to Susan Barbara, daughter of the conductor, born on June 16th, 1956.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. .. *Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT . 5
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER.. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS.. .. 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS

* First peal of Superlative.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being a block of 2,160 and four different 720's.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung in connection with the dedication festival of the church, and as a compliment to Mr. E. Burnett, Ringing Master at St. John's Church, Darlington, and Mrs. Burnett, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES .. .. *Treble*	*JOSEPHINE GREEN 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	PHILIP G. MORGAN 5
MOLLIE TILBURY.. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* 25th peal.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES DICKINSON .. .. *Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK 4
JOHN BAGNALL 2	RAYMOND SUART.. 5
JAMES E. BURLES 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in seven methods by all.

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GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 different 240's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in A.

G. LEONARD HEWITT	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
PETER CLARKSON	2	CLIVE WIXEY	5
LESLIE BARRY	3	NORMAN AUSTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat,. June 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of St. Simon's, eight each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, one 240 each of Morris's and Pitman's Grandsire, and ten of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES H. BURNHAM	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
ROLAND H. COOK	2	ALFRED E. HINMAN	4
J. HARRY COOK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* First peal in five methods.
Rung to commemorate E. Morris's first peal on the bells 28 years ago.

HOLLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court; (2) Oxford Bob; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall. St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HARRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4
*GEORGE KENWARD	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in ten Minor methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1913.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of Carlisle, London, Wells, Beverley, York, Durham, Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

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

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Morgan.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury, 24 extents of Grandsire and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*EDWIN WALKLATE	*Treble*	*ALAN WHITTING	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	†BRIAN R. MANNING	5
JOHN F. MURFIN	3	*EDWARD H. WILLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Foster, Ringing Master of Shardlow.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sun., June 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	†DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	3
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4
*PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. WINIFRED KEYS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung for Evensong. also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 4.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 22 methods with 207 changes of method, viz.: (1) London Bob, Thelwall, Double Oxford and Lytham; (2) College, Childwall, St. Clement's and Wavertree College; (3) Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob and Fulbeck; (4) Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GILKS	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 22 Minor methods by all the band. This is the greatest number of Minor methods yet rung to a peal by the Guild.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of St. Clement's Bob, rung alternately with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
PETER M. GILES	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

First peal in two Minor methods by all.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*PERCY W. MILLS	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*ALICE E. J. LESTER	2	†URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
MICHAEL A. MILLS	3	†RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal together.

CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*STANLEY WALMSLEY	*Treble*	*FRANK STEAD	4
*THOMAS BARKER	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	5
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal in seven methods.
Rung in memoriam Edwin Timbrell, for many years a service ringer at this church, and who was interred in this churchyard on May 29th.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Winchendon, St. Simon's, Southrepps, Northrepps, and 720 each of All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 5 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN	3
ROLAND H. COOK	2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	4
J. HARRY COOK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

First peal in nine methods by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on the eve of his 14th birthday.

PEMBROKE, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

*B. W. TWISSELL	*Treble*	L. HURREN	4
EDGAR THOMAS	2	*P. C. ROGERS	5
†CHRIS. HAWKINS	3	*E. L. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. HAWKINS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of Beverley, Lightfoot, York, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

RUTH MORGAN .. .. .. *Treble* | JAMES H. MUSSON 4
CECIL WADE .. .. .. 2 | LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
JAMES W. HAW .. .. .. 3 | ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A first birthday compliment to Beverley June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Musson.

HANDBELL PEALS

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 10, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

ROY W. HUBER .. .. .. 1—2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3—4
*ALAN P. CAVE .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Jennifer A. Jobson, of Sydney, N.S.W., to Henry St. G. Smith on the previous day.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sun., June 10, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EGERTON STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in C.

GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 1—2 | DEREK TAYLOR .. .. .. 3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

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

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., June 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

PETER J. STANIFORTH.. .. 1—2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 3—4 | FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 9—10
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5—6 | GEORGE FEARN .. .. 11—12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first handbell peal on 12 in Birmingham. Ringers of 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 were in the peal rung on June 15th, 1916.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sun., June 17, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EGERTON STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 1—? | DEREK TAYLOR .. .. .. 3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

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

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 21, NORTH RIDING, BRICKET WOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER G. PAUL .. .. 1—2 | D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 3—4
*MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 5—6

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6
MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. .. 3—4 | R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Beamish. Major was rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.



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ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On June 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, R. Peck 2, J. Pilgrim 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Bedford 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan A. Outerbridge and Mr. Brian H. Walne.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: June A. Grieveson 1, R. D. Brown 2, Pamela R. Gough (first in the method) 3, Diana M. Gough 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, C. D. Linington 6. For Evensong.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Doubles (83 changes of method): Miss D. Mosedale 1, Miss J. G. Draper 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, B. R. Manning 4, S. Walklate 5, B. Bradley 6. For evening service.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Pope (first quarter) 1, Maisie Vantom 2, Margaret M. Jones (first quarter) 3, C. T. Hillis (first of Triples) 4, J. R. Cooper 5, L. T. Pope 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, A. A. Jones (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Wickens.

BECKFORD, GLOS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (2 six-scores St. Simon's, 2 St. Bartholomew, 2 Reverse Canterbury, 2 April Day, 1¼ Grandsire and 1 Plain Bob): F. Trotman 1, A. Pulley 2, Miss J. Newbury 3, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 4, K. Pratt 5, C. Diston 6. For Evensong.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: T. Turton 1, Miss M. E. Hill 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Simpson 4, A. Simpson 5, P. M. Giles 6, W. L. Exton 7, K. M. Rainsden 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 8. Rung for Sunday School festival.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Clements 1, Audrey Stephens 2, R. O. Fry 3, A. F. Lee 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, G. J. Sheppard 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, T. Gray 8. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. A. L. Ramell.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Ward 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Miss M. E. Hill 3, P. E. Ball 4, P. M. Giles 5, T. Turton 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, H. Cawthorne 8. For Sunday School festival.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): W. Seers (first quarter) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, K. Small 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, C. Philpott 5, G. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong, also a farewell to Deaconess Newson.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On June 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman (first quarter) 1, Jean E. Howells (first 'inside') 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, Cherie Payne 6, D. J. F. Oakshott 7, G. A. Cockman 8. Rung for the christening of Penelope Jane, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Rose-Casemore.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Betty M. Mansfield 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, A. A. Booth 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. Hutchings, and also a 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Rigby 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, G. Mansfield 3, C. Massingham 4, G. Shellard 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. A. Yates (secretary of the Towcester branch) and Miss K. Ballard.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Avery 1, S. C. Driver 2, Miss J. Downing 3, S. G. Smith 4, F. A. Dallaway 5, A. A. Price 6, C. Alfred Levett (cond.) 7, J. E. Downing 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Downing.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, 420 Plain Bob): L. Pierce 1, L. Melton 2, E. Bishop 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. King 6. First in 8 methods by all.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On June 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Smith 1, J. Raper 2, E. Greenacre 3, V. Bowen 4, H. Crome 5, L. Houghton 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. A farewell to D. Smith on his joining the R.A.F.

QUARTER PEALS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. S. Harris (first of D.N.C.B.) 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, A. H. Winch 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, B. H. Hawkins 6, G. P. T. Peters 7, A. H. Smith 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, one June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, Miss P. M. Howard 2, J. W. Euston (cond.) 3, W. F. Jarvis 4, A. F. Lewry 5, W. Prockson 6, F. C. Shorter 7, G. A. Parsons 8. For the annual civic service.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Langdon 1, W. S. Langdon 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, A. B. Peck 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, C. G. Watts 8. Rung for the service to commemorate the centenary of the inauguration of the Victoria Cross.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On June 22nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triple: Rosemary Strong 1, H. W. Knight (cond.) 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Gilbert 4, D. G. Yeo 5, C. Kortright 6, H. A. Price 7, H. Hardwidge 8. First in method by 1, 4, 5 and 7.

MARGATE, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. Silman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, R. G. Dadds 4, P. L. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, L. Twyman 8. For patronal festival.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On June 10th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: J. W. Carlisle 1, S. Pinder (cond.) 2, H. Bates 3, H. Lewin 4, P. Nix 5, R. Widnall 6, R. W. Carlisle 7, R. E. Carlisle 8. Rung for Evensong and the visit of the Archbishop of West Africa.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hall 1, P. W. B. Semmens 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, R. Jackson 4, W. Ellerington 5, P. Wishart 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, C. Oldfield 8. For Confirmation service, and to mark the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Tees-side.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ayres 1, J. Salway 2, C. J. Turner 3, J. Manley (first as cond., aged 14) 4, E. H. Marks 5, E. E. Retter 6, G. E. Retter 7, R. T. Wood 8. An 89th birthday compliment to Miss Catherine Holmes, great-aunt of the conductor.

OXFORD.—On June 10th, at New College, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. N. Niblett 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, D. A. Edwards 3, D. J. Roaf 4, R. A. Hodgson 5, F. Barrett 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. H. Jackson (first as cond. in method) 8.

OXFORD.—On June 17th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. M. T. Powell 1, R. A. Hodgson 2, R. A. Jackson (first of Major) 3, D. N. Niblett (cond.) 4, D. A. Edwards 5, D. J. Roaf 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. H. Jackson 8.

OXFORD.—On June 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Minor (432 College Exercise, 288 Norbury Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Double Bob, with 28 changes of method): D. J. Roaf 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, V. Green 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, F. A. Barrett 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday complimen to Mr. D. Hodgson. Also on June 24th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (288 New Cambridge, 288 Yorkshire and 704 Rutland, with 24 changes of method): F. A. Barrett 1, P. R. Sanders 2, M. S. Cloke 3, Miss D. R. Castell 4, D. A. Edwards 5, R. A. Hodgson 6, D. J. Roaf 7, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major by all except 3rd.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Foster (first quarter) 1, W. A. Yates (cond.) 2, M. Saunders 3, P. Foster 4, G. Shellard 5, R. Hinton 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss J. Foster. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Foster 1, Miss K. Ballard 2, W. A. Yates 3, M. Saunders 4, P. Foster (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss E. Ballard and Mr. G. Shellard on their engagement.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Locke 1, B. Parkin 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, C. W. Jose 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, A. Carveth 6, D. Burnett 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 17th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: P. Howitt 1, G. Peck 2, A. Barlow 3, D. Pitstow 4, P. Fisher 5, C. Underwood 6, J. Underwood 7, S. Osborne (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the visit of the Bishop of Coventry, and also as a compliment to the conductor on the birth of a daughter.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Kennett 1, Miss H. V. Dadson (first quarter) 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. Kenward 5, W. S. Palin 6, S. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. Dobbie 8.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Aldridge (first quarter) 1, W. Bowden (cond.) 2, S. G. Peck 3, Miss F. Miller (first 'inside') 4, C. Aldridge 5, M. Stanyon (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Plummer.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Secker 1, H. Howson 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of Surprise for 1, 2, 3 and 5. First quarter of Surprise rung by a service band at this tower. For Steven's third birthday.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Wenban 1, Miss D. Ward 2, Miss M. Mesley 3, W. Wenban 4, Miss F. Wilcockson 5, L. North 6, A. C. Wenban (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Whiting (first in method) 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, B. Cornell 3, M. Frost 4, J. L. Cox 5, J. Ewer 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, G. Penney 8. For the patronal festival.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stewart (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, Marian Mills 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss M. L. Elliott and Mr. D. Giles.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on June 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Belcher 4, G. McKay 5, W. Williams 6, B. K. Lunn 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jones (first quarter) 1, C. Williams (sen.) 2, J. Gordon 3, A. Davis 4, G. Simister (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Miss P. Lowes 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, E. S. Ruck 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. S. Ruck 1, R. J. Carlton 2, C. T. Hillis 3, L. C. Smith 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, W. J. Lancefield 6. For Evensong. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, E. S. Ruck 2, R. J. Carlton 3, C. T. Hillis 4, W. P. Garner 5, M.S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Mr. E. S. Ruck, ringer of the 2nd.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from J. J. Parker's One-part): R. Renn 1, W. F. Butler 2, J. Brooks 3, K. Buckingham 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. Painter 8. Rung following the Garter service at St. George's Chapel, in which Sir Anthony Eden, Earl Attlee and the Earl of Iveagh were installed as Knights of the Order.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Hill 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, P. M. Giles 4, I. D. Clarke (cond.) 5, A. Simpson 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. M. F. Giles on being appointed an Honorary Canon of Southwell Cathedral.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—At Sunny View, on June 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1–2, A. E. Austin 3–4, J. A. Acres (cond.) 5–6, A. R. Mann (first attempt for quarter peal) 7–8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. A. Price (12, first quarter) 1, L. W. Pullin 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, M. O. Davis 4, R. H. Brice 5, E. A. Price 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby on June 23rd and was attended by about 50 ringers and friends from 25 towers, including visitors from Hampshire, Durham, Staffordshire, Lincolnshire and Northumberland. Good use was made of the ten bells in the Abbey tower.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. P. Kent, and tea was served in the Hawdon Institute by wives and friends of the local ringers.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Four new members were elected: Messrs. M. Maskill, J. A. D. Woolford and C. Reeves, of York, and F. E. Burnett, of Bridlington. Sherburn-in-Elmet was chosen for the next meeting in September. Mr. H. S. Morley was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. F. W. Dale, G. F. Terry and T. A. Foster to the District Committee and Mr. H. Walker to the General Committee. Mr. F. W. Dale was thanked for his 30 years' service of the General Committee, he asking to be relieved of the position. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1 12s. 6d.

The chairman made a moving appeal for support for 'The Ringing World,' and a collection realised £1 10s. 6d. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. G. F. Williams, of Hull. An apology was received from Mr. S. Bottomley, of Selby, for non-attendance owing to illness. The usual votes of thanks were passed and responded to by Mr. T. H. Foster. Further ringing concluded a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch's Loyal Greetings

The June meeting of the Devizes Branch at Chirton was one of the best held for some time, 37 ringers attending. The ringers were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. P. R. Ormsby, who also conducted the Guild service. Tea was served in the Village Hall. A special welcome was given to Mr. Harding, of Urchfont, this being his first meeting since his illness. As the day was the third anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, the chairman (Mr. Week) sent a telegram from the Branch as follows:—

'The Devizes Branch of ringers send loyal greetings on the third anniversary of your Majesty's Coronation.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the ladies for providing a grand tea. In the evening the towers of Marden and All Cannings were open for ringing. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Stedman. S. C.

FIRST PEAL AT EWHURST, SUSSEX

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside writes that he has been informed by his very old friend, Mr. A. E. Edwards, that the first peal on Ewhurst, Sussex, bells was rung on December 10th, 1916, by the Salehurst, Sussex, band. The ringers were James Goodsell 1, Walter H. Perry 2, Trayton Booth 3, Edward Hills 4, Albert E. Edwards (cond.) 5.

Mr. Edwards, who was a Kent and Sussex stalwart before the last war, where he did a lot of spadework, has been unable to ring for some years, but still takes a great interest in ringing matters.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The June meeting of the Southern District was held at the pretty Teesdale village of Gainford, whose recently renovated bells of St. Mary's Church provided a very pleasant afternoon's ringing.

The meeting attracted 13 Darlington ringers and two visitors from Middlesbrough, and early in the afternoon a short visit was paid by three members of the Durham University Association.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. I. Samuel), who afterwards accompanied the ringers at tea. The ringing was of a high standard and consisted of touches of Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Kent, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and London Surprise, all interspersed by Test Match commentaries.

The annual general meeting is to be held at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on August 25th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Godstone has a ringing rector in the Rev. K. C. Hoare, formerly vicar of Betchworth, and he conducted the service for the quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Godstone on June 9th.

The business meeting followed tea at the Curds Tea Room, and Mr. C. J. Champion, who was present with his wife, asked that his thanks be placed on record for the presentation made to him and Mrs. Champion at the Burstow meeting. The financial position of 'The Ringing World' was discussed.

Ringing from rounds to London Surprise Major continued until 8.30 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On June 24th, Mr. Fred Vickers completed 70 years as a ringer at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks. A pioneer of change ringing in his area, Mr. Vickers numbers among his early pupils several noteworthy ringers, including the late Mr. Cecil C. Mayne. He still rings regularly twice every Sunday and also acts as verger, a post which he took over from his father. We wish him many more years of happy ringing.

The bells of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, will be heard before the evening service to be broadcast next Sunday at 7.45 p.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. L. J. Fox.

Roland H. Cook has celebrated his first year of peal ringing by 12 peals in 11 towers. His last, on June 23rd at Kirby Muxloe, was rung on the eve of his 14th birthday.

On the I.T.V. television programme Epilogue, a record of six bells is played, and a picture of eight or ten bells is shown with the bells swinging. Can any reader enlighten an enquirer as to (1) which are the six bells, (2) what is the location of the bell frame and bells shown?

A correspondent writes: 'The "Daily Sketch" is running a competition called "Win a Pub." They show a picture of a public house called the "Ring of Bells," and an attractive village church.' Can anyone tell him the name of the village?

Two well-known Hastings ringers, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Downing, celebrated their silver wedding with a quarter peal. For 38 years Mr. Downing has been a member of the Christ Church, Blacklands, band and tower captain for nearly 30 years. Mrs. Downing and their two children are also members of the Blacklands band.

We regret to learn that Mr. F. J. Dodson, Ringing Master of the Chertsey District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, is in hospital. As he will be unable to ring for some time Mr. J. King was appointed, at the District meeting at Weybridge, Assistant Ringing Master for the rest of the year. Good wishes were sent for Mr. Dodson's speedy recovery.

Mr. A. Hubert Eplett has now 'circled' Carbis Bay tower.

Mr. K. R. Dunstan, of Watford, wishes to thank Norwich ringers for their cordial welcome to him.

We said recently that St. Dunstan's in the East spire was to be rebuilt. We find that this has already been done. It is the spire of St. Mary-le-Bow which has to be taken down and rebuilt.

Mr. Josiah Morris is very seriously ill in the Leicester Royal Infirmary (Oliver Ward). Mr. Morris, who was 89 on July 1st, underwent an internal operation last week. Our sympathy is extended to Ernest, Stedman and other members of his family in the anxious time they are going through.

The alarm bell which is rung at Spurn Point to call out lifeboatmen was dismounted and upturned and filled with holy water for the christening of the son of Mr. J. P. Hanley, a lifeboatman, and Mrs. Hanley, on June 14th. The ceremony was performed at Spurn because Lifeboatman Hanley was still on duty.

St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N., is one of the few towers in London where Surprise is rung for Sunday services, and the local band have a repertoire of nearly 30 methods. Latest member of the tower's quarter peal band is 11-year-old Pat Rowe. She is in the company of several girls who have progressed from Rounds to London in the last six months, states our correspondent.

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RAILWAYMEN FORM THEIR GUILD

Inaugural Meeting at Crewe

THE B.T.C. Railwaymen's Ringers' Guild came into being on Saturday, June 23rd, at a meeting at Crewe—and what better town for the birth of any railway project!

After six months of correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' 'The Railway Magazine,' in a lesser degree, and 'The Crewe Chronicle,' railwaymen ringers from as far afield as Scarborough, across country to Ormskirk, to Bath and Exmouth, including South Wales, to Wadhurst, Sussex, Ditton and Ashford, Kent, Great Yarmouth, to Melton Mowbray, attended, not forgetting two young ringers from the Apprentices' Training School, Crewe.

Mr. Rodney Meadows, Bath, and of the Oxford University Association, was unanimously voted to take the chair. Mr. I. C. Forsyth, works manager, L.M. Region, Crewe, welcomed the ringers and said there was evidently something more in life beside work, which brought them together from so far afield. He was once, when at Duffield (famed for ringing), very interested in ringing, but he did not progress very far. He wished the ringers pleasure and profit in their deliberations and success to the Railwaymen's Guild.

Also present to welcome the ringers was Alderman John A. Madeley, former Mayor of Crewe, a Christ Church 'Boy' and Area Welfare Officer, L.M. Region, Crewe. Alderman Madeley said he was not there in the latter capacity but as a railwayman, interested in railwaymen ringers.

Last, but not least, to welcome the ringers was the genial Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, the Rev. Francis G. Gentry, in whose Parochial Hall the meeting was held, and who granted the use of his bells for what, most happily and successfully, turned out to be the first peal for the newly formed Railwaymen Ringers' Guild (and a real first class peal of Grandsire Caters it was).

The meeting then settled down to consider the main object, the formation of a Guild, which was discussed from every angle. It was eventually moved, seconded, supported and unanimously resolved, 'that a Railwaymen's Guild of Ringers be formed on the lines of this meeting; which was that all had come at their own initiative and expense, and would like to continue to do so, at least annually.'

The question of the Regions was discussed and it was decided to ask the following ringers to see what could be done, on a regional basis, in their respective Regions: Mr. Harold Walker (York), North Eastern Region; Mr. Peter Newstead (Great Yarmouth), Eastern Region; Mr. Sydney Foskett, the real prime-mover (Bedford), London Mid. Region; Mr. B. W. Kynaston (Swindon), Western Region, and Mr. Charles Bassett (Wadhurst, Sussex), Southern Region.

Quite a number of prominent ringers, also interested supporters, were unavoidably absent owing to other duties, including numbers 1, 2 and 4, S. G. Sulley, South Molton, Devon; R. E. Dannett, Chelmsford; L. W. Giles, Burwash, Sussex; and Jack N. Brown, Ormskirk. All sent messages of good wishes for the success of the venture. A similar message was received from Sergeant J. G. A. Prior, of the Police Guild.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, retired locomotive inspector, Crewe, who, along with Mr. Sydney Foskett, driver, Bedford, organised the meeting and carried out the secretarial duties, was thanked for doing a good job, and was unanimously elected to act as general secretary, but he asked not to be kept on too long.

A proper constitution will be drawn up and submitted to a further meeting, probably in September.

Those taking part in the peal at Crewe were John W. Griffiths, Chester, Rodney B. Meadows, Bath, Richard D. Langford, Crewe, Frederick Seager, Leeds, Edmund J. Morris, Skewen, South Wales, Albert J. Pitman, Aberavon, South Wales, George A. Packer (conductor), Crewe, Bert Sutton, Scarborough, Brian D. Threlfall, Gresford and Liverpool, and John R. Cooper, Ashford, Kent. Another peal attempt at Nantwich came to grief half way.

Other towers open were Acton (Nantwich), Sandbach, Holmes Chapel and Goostrey. Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents, and to the ringers who met us. W. F. S.

This Is The Week

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THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

The summer meeting was held on June 9th in the Forest of Arden, at the charming village of Tanworth. Here, within a few miles of Birmingham, was country untouched by modern civilisation—ringers arriving by train had to walk a mile to the church, and those who travelled by bus even further. Rounds, Stedman, Grandsire, Bristol, London and other methods were heard on the lovely bells during the afternoon and evening. A course of Bob Major was rung by an all ladies' band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon D. W. Lee.

A splendid tea was prepared in the Village Hall under the admirable supervision of Mr. J. Corbett, the local tower captain. Before the gentlemen returned to the tower, Evelyn Fletcher thanked Canon Lee, the organist and the local ringers, all of whom had helped so much with the arrangements.

One new member from Chilvers Coton was elected and also another King's Norton lady. The next meeting will be held at a Staffordshire Church early in September.

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Withycombe Raleigh on June 9th. A coachload of members and friends travelled from the Bath-Bristol district. A stop was made at the Exeter Orthopædic Hospital to enable some members of the party to call upon the general secretary of the Devon Guild, Mr. E. J. Taylor, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells around his bedside, to the astonishment and, apparently, interest and enjoyment of the other patients in the ward.

Good justice was done to a sumptuous lunch at the local hostelry at Clyst St. George, where members also enjoyed a ring on the new six in the recently restored church.

After ringing at Withycombe Raleigh the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was taken at Exmouth, and at the business meeting which followed it was decided that the meeting in June next year should be at Lyme Regis, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The following new members were elected: Miss M. Lidgey (Cornwall), Mrs. Bathe, Miss Bathe and Miss P. Matthews (Clyst St. George).

BEDS & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS

Summer Festival at St. Albans

In spite of a wet day on June 16th, a very successful Summer Festival was held by both associations at St. Albans, with several other towers in the vicinity at the disposal of over 100 visitors, who came not only from all parts of the diocese, but also from Lichfield, Leicester, Wolverhampton, Kettering, Ossett, Southport and many other centres.

Ringing commenced at 9.30 a.m. at Redbourn (six, 15¼ cwt.), then Sandridge (six, 6¼ cwt.), Welwyn (eight, 8¼ cwt.), Hatfield (ten, 23 cwt.), North Mymms (eight, 13 cwt.). Unfortunately, Wheathampstead's six (15 cwt.) were not available owing to defective ropes, but being apparently unaware of this ruling, a party from Bedfordshire arrived by coach and enjoyed a ring on this ground-floor six.

Afternoon ringing was arranged at Harpenden (eight, 15 cwt.), Sandridge again, St. Peter's, St. Albans (ten, 21 cwt.) and the Cathedral (twelve, 23 cwt.). The ancient clock tower containing a large curfew bell and a small market bell, although open to the public, was used by special permission for handbell ringing.

At evensong the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. K. Matthews), who appreciates the niceties of ringing by way of Cuddesdon and Rogate and has at least taken part in rounds on his twelve bells, gave a warm welcome to the ringers and showed a very real understanding of their work in the church. A tittum course of Grandsire Caters was rung on a large set of handbells at the close of the service by T. J. Southam, G. Dodds, W. Ayre, C. W. Woolley and H. V. Frost.

After an excellent meat tea at the Abbey Institute, the Dean again spoke to the members and said how pleased he was to be with them on the eve of St. Alban's Day for their summer festival. He apologised for the absence of the Bishops of St. Albans and Bedford, who were at the Diocesan Conference at Harpenden.

Mr. W. T. Holmes (president of the Hertfordshire Association) welcomed the visitors and said that he wished more peals could be rung by combined bands of both associations. Miss Steel, for Bedfordshire, thanked the Hertfordshire Association for their invitation and said how much they had enjoyed their outing and hoped it could be arranged again.

Mr. H. V. Frost (the organising secretary) gave notice of the evening ringing arrangements and said that peals by both associations could be rung if they were in a diocesan guild and that he thought that one might be formed to advantage without interfering with the rules of either association.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. W. Ayre, who mentioned the Bishop's note concerning the festival in his Diocesan Leaflet.

Further ringing took place at St. Michael's (eight, 13 cwt.) and the other St. Albans towers. It is hoped that the bells of St. Stephen's will be available after restoration by next year if it is decided to make this Diocesan Festival an annual gathering.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD WHITE

With deep regret we announce the death on June 25th of Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, aged 78 years. The funeral was at Appleton on June 28th, and was followed by a peal of Grandsire Caters, rung half-muffled.

An appreciation of Mr. White's service to ringing will appear in our next issue.

MR. REUBEN CHARGE

We regret to learn of the sudden death at his home at Mitcham on June 27th of Mr. Reuben Charge, aged 77. The funeral was at Mitcham last Wednesday.

STEDMAN CINQUES ON HANDBELLS

UNTIL 1888, only two peals in this method had been rung on handbells, both in London, the first being by the St. James' Society on February 10th, 1854. The ringers were H. W. Haley 1–2, J. Cox 3–4, G. E. Ferris 5–6, M. A. Wood 7–8, W. Cooter 9–10, J. Dwight 11–12. Time, 3 hours 28 minutes; number of changes, 5,014.

The second was by the College Youths on January 2nd, 1858: H. W. Haley 1–2, W. Cooter 3–4, M. A. Wood 5–6, G. E. Ferris 7–8, W. Green 9–10, J. Dwight 11–12. Time, 3 hours 25 minutes; number of changes, 5,016. Both these peals were conducted by H. W. Haley and were in the tittums throughout until the last course.

The third peal was rung in 1888 by the Holt Society, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, on April 4th, in 3 hours 12 minutes, at the residence of H. Johnson, jun., 102, Queen's Road, Aston, by T. Russam 1–2, W. Kent 3–4, T. Miller 5–6, H. Bastable 7–8, B. Witchell 9–10, H. Johnson, jun. 11–12. Composed by H. Johnson, sen., conducted by Henry Bastable. This was the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung on handbells out of London, and the first with the bells turned half way. Referee: A. Thomas. Witnesses: H. Johnson, G. W. Townsend, W. Bryant, W. H. Godden, W. Munday (Exeter).

THE 1888 PEAL

We give an extract from 'The Bell News' of April 14th, 1888, which shows how determined the Aston men were to reach their objective:—

As it is not an everyday occurrence to see touches or peals in the above method rung double handed on handbells, it may be interesting to some of the readers of 'The Bell News,' especially those who are fond of change ringing upon handbells retained in hand, to know of the progress of this peal from the first practice.

It was at the anniversary dinner of Mr. Johnson, sen., on February 28th, that the members who took part in the peal decided to practise for a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The following week found the six members of the Holt Society at their meeting house, the Ring of Bells, Aston, having a good try to ring three courses, but without success, getting within a few sixes from home.

The next meeting was at the home of Mr. Tom Russam on March 8th, and was more successful, four courses being attempted, but still without bringing the bells home. Another attempt, however, the same evening resulted in bringing round the first touch of 790. The next meeting was arranged for March 11th, when they surpassed themselves by completing 1,047 in fair style, considering the short time since they started.

The following Thursday found them at it again, when they rang the same 1,047, which was well struck. A few days later they attempted a longer touch, which was well rung and brought round in 1 hour 1 minute, namely, 1,575 changes. Having been so fortunate, they decided to start for the peal on the following Thursday at the house of Mr. H. Johnson, 63, Vicarage Road, Aston, when to the surprise of some of them on arriving there they found that A. P. Heywood, esq., had made a purpose journey from home to listen to them, remarking that he could not resist the temptation, because it was only about twice in a century that anyone had the chance to listen to touches or peals of Stedman Cinques rung upon handbells. A start was made at 7.30 p.m. for the peal, and when in the third course, the ringing not being satisfactory, they stopped and made another start, this time with more success, for they sailed on course after course till they began to think their efforts would be crowned with success, but it was not to be so, for after ringing so far as 32 courses out of 38, or 4,214 changes, in 2 hours 43 minutes, the whole thing came to grief when least expected. They were much disappointed after ringing so near to the finish, but were pleased to learn that Mr. Heywood stayed in the next room long enough to hear twenty-three courses before leaving to catch the train home and expressed himself highly pleased with what he had heard.

The next attempt was unavoidably postponed till Saturday, March 31st, when a meeting was arranged at the home of Mr. H. Johnson, jun., 102, Queen's Road, Aston. A start was made at 6.45, when they managed to ring 2,200 in 1 hour 10 minutes. Nothing daunted, they made another start at 8.5, which also resulted in failure after ringing 1,400 changes in 58 minutes, so that they had to console themselves with the fact that they had a couple of good practices. Wednesday evening, April 4th, was selected for the next meeting at the house of Mr. H. Johnson, jun., when 'Go' was called so late as 8.15, and very little else was said except the calls from the conductor, till the welcome words, 'This is all,' brought a well-struck peal to a successful termination in 3 hours 12 minutes.

THE 1916 PEAL

Twenty-eight years later, the Birmingham men rang the first peal by the St. Martin's Guild, in the city of Birmingham, on June 15th, 1916. The following extract from 'The Ringing World' shows how they fared:—

We give on this page the photograph of the band that rang the first peal on twelve bells 'in hand' in the city of Birmingham. This was accomplished on June 15th last, and was noteworthy because, while more peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung at the famous Church of St. Martin than upon any other peal of bells in the country, no such peal had been rung on handbells in the city, which for so long has been one of the chief centres of Stedman ringing. Peals of Cinques had, of course, been rung on handbells in the district, the last having been by the Holt Society of Aston on April 4th, 1888, but Aston was not then included in the city of Birmingham.

The band that scored this first peal for St. Martin's Guild were not long in accomplishing their object. They met for the first practice on May 27th and rang six and eight courses. At their next meeting on June 8th they decided to start 'peal fashion' and rang 14 courses, while two days later they met again and got as far as 18 courses, when the bells were brought round owing to a 'change course.' An attempt reaching to 27 courses followed on June 13th, and then on June 15th came success. Mr. Tom Russam was the referee, and on June 29th he took part in another peal of Cinques, it being 28 years since he had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' In that previous peal of

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Pakefield

The reputation which the Eastern Branch has hitherto held for fine weather at its meetings was sadly let down on June 16th, when the Branch visited Pakefield. Heavy rain and blustering winds, however, failed to dampen the spirits or to diminish in any way the warm welcome which Pakefield always extends.

Ringing to cater for all tastes and talents was soon in progress under the guidance of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Godfrey G. Walpole. The fully choral service (Pakefield possesses several dual role types, i.e., choristers-cum-campanologists) was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) assisted by his curate.

After one of the mammoth teas, which over the years have come to be a feature of meetings here, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) supported by the Association president, secretary and Ringing Master (the Rev. H. Lillingston, Mr. W. Love and Mr. H. W. Barrett) and Branch officials.

Messrs. Bickers, Bokkis and Cattermole were elected ringing members, and Mrs. R. Bickers an honorary member. Halvergate was proposed as the venue for the next meeting, on September 29th. Other subjects discussed were the Rev. A. St. J. Heard Memorial Fund, for which funds are still urgently needed, non-resident members' subscriptions and the recent Central Council meeting at Leicester.

Satisfaction was expressed at the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar of Great Yarmouth and a member of the Branch, as a candidate for the vice-presidency of the Council.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Rector, curate, organist, Mr. Peter Kindred, of the local company, and the lady helpers for the excellent arrangements.

North Norfolk Branch

Between 30 and 40 members attended an interim meeting at Heydon on June 9th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Dickinson, who afterwards was elected an honorary member; also elected were five probationary members.

The Rev. H. G. Lillingston was present, along with members from Aylsham, Caston, Cromer, Hevingham, Marsham, Norwich, Northrepps, Snettisham, Southrepps, Wroxham, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth and Ealing (London).

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent ringing from call changes to Cambridge Minor.

STEDMAN CINQUES — Continued

his 3–4 was rung by W. Kent, who came in as referee on this occasion.

Copy of photo wording:— The band that rang the first handbell peal of Cinques in the City of Birmingham: F. W. Perrens 1–2, G. F. Swann 3–4, A. Walker 5–6, T. Russam (referee), J. E. Groves (conductor) 7–8, J. F. Smallwood 9–10, J. George 11–12.

Forty years later, the survivors of the 1916 peal, with P. J. Staniforth, F. E. Haynes and G. E. Fearn, rang another peal to commemorate the anniversary. J. F. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EARLY RINGING

Dear Sir,—A recent letter on 'Early Ringing' adopted a really shocking attitude. The celebration of Church festivals by ringing at an early hour to 'hail the festal day' is the time-honoured practice in all Christian countries—and in Moslem countries the place of bells is taken by firing of guns or other festive sounds. In some parts the ringing begins a good deal earlier than is usual in England. In the south of Spain I have heard bells rung on the octave of Corpus Christi at 3.30 a.m. This might be regarded as a somewhat 'unearthly' hour, but it would be absurd to apply such an appellation to 6.30. Within half-an-hour of that time most of the adult population are up and moving about, or they would be late for their duties. It would be deplorable in the extreme if the 'Ringing Isle' abandoned the godly tradition of universal Christendom. Indeed it would be a sacrilege.—Yours sincerely,

Kington Magna. F. Ll. EDWARDS.

SHOULD PEALS BE DISPLAYED?

Dear Sir,—I was unable to attend this year's Council meeting and have therefore read your detailed report of the proceedings with greater interest than usual. 'The Ringing World' was apparently the subject of a lively debate. The publication of peals and their cost quite rightly came under consideration. I wholeheartedly agree with the view that peals are news. The peal reports indicate the progress of method ringing in the Exercise, but should not alone be accepted as evidence of the ringing health of the Associations. Quite frequently a band gathered from various towers will ring an amazing collection of peals, but their home towers, if they have one, might be very poor. Again, peals are often the result of one man's initiative, because he wants to complete some personal record. In passing, it often happens that the reasons for inflicting on the public three hours' continuous ringing are often fantastic, and if the true facts were known there would be a public outcry.

This is by the way, for what I want to draw attention to is the extravagant layout by which the news of peals is recorded. A comparison will demonstrate my point. In the issue (June 1st) I am looking at there are some 40 peals rung by 300 ringers (the number of individual ringers would be less as many of these took part in more than one peal) and their performances occupy 3½ pages. There are some 46 quarter peals rung by 340 ringers (this figure very nearly represents the number of individuals as well) and their performances occupy one page. And, we must not overlook that the majority of these performances were demonstrably to the glory of God, being rung for Sunday services.

This kind of thing occurs in every issue. We have just referred to a figure of 300 peal ringers. The weekly circulation is 5,400. Is 'The Ringing World' Committee convinced that the 5,400 agree to the activities of the 300 being given such extravagant treatment in the paper when the 300 are not prepared to finance this traditional but expensive layout? Is it not possible for the paper actually to be reduced in size by drastically curtailing the space devoted to peals, using the layout adopted for quarter peals and so cutting the cost of production?

My Association found the cost of its annual report impossible to maintain, so we altered the traditional layout of the peal reports, saved several pages and restored financial stability. I suggest 'The Ringing World' should do the same. The circulation might even go up, for I feel many of the so-called slackers do not buy the paper because it 'is all peals.' What do your readers think?—Yours sincerely.

Iver Heath. F. W. GOODFELLOW.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' leaves little doubt that drastic action is lurking around the corner which will either raise its price or seek other sources of revenue to meet rising costs. In your article we read: 'This sum was supplemented by about £250 in donations from peal and quarter peal ringers.' but just how does this figure analyse? Taking four copies at random I find 168 peals and 180 quarters reported but donations from 27 peals and 65 quarters only.

Mr. Sedgley's letter in your issue of June 15th states that this publication exists on the support of one-eighth of the ringers of the country, which shows that previous appeals for increased circulation have fallen on stony ground, and if, as it now seems likely, drastic action is to be taken then, sir, I suggest a direct charge for printing peal and quarter peal reports, bearing in mind that quarter peal ringers have been the more generous in the past.

The printing of these reports are seemingly necessary to those who compile elaborate records of personal achievements, and are, in my opinion, equivalent to advertisements and should be paid for by those who read them.

If this is too drastic, then I suggest as an alternative that you do away with your Gratefully Acknowledged feature and print the amount contributed with the sometimes over-elaborated footnotes. This will give all readers a chance to appreciate those who support 'The Ringing World' as it should be supported. The only people who would object are those who want something for nothing and hope to get by unnoticed.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. GAIT.

High Littleton, Bristol.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE TOWER

Dear Sir,—As I was responsible for starting the correspondence about the possible demolition of the tower of the Imperial Institute at South Kensington, and the question that would then arise as to the future of the fine ring of ten bells there, I think I should now say that the tower is likely to be saved.

In the Commons debate on technical education on June 21st, Mr. Butler announced that a revised plan regarding the site of the Collcutt Building has been prepared, which will enable the central tower to be preserved by the Imperial College as a free-standing campanile. Before a decision on the tower can be taken, it will be necessary for expert advice to be obtained on the stability of the tower as a separate unit.

I don't doubt that the revised decision has been made as a result of the protests of the public and the Royal Fine Arts Commission, to whom is due the gratitude of ringers generally for saving the tower (and possibly the bells) from destruction.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath.

100 CONSECUTIVE SURPRISE PEALS

Dear Sir,—The report of the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association (p. 380) includes a statement that Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris is most likely to be the first member to ring a hundred consecutive Surprise peals for the Association. I concluded such a century on November 15th, 1952, with the last peal I rang for the Association.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSER.

Lichfield.

DEDICATION

ST. GWINEAR, CORNWALL

The last unringable ring of bells in West Cornwall has been put in first-class order. Until the eve of Whit Sunday, May 19th, the six bells at St. Gwinear, near Hayle, had not been rung for more than 50 years. The late Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Benaton) started a bells fund, but the war and his retirement left its completion to his successor, the Rev. W. G. Revill, who, on coming to the parish about three years ago, set to work with great zeal, and at the dedication rejoiced in the results of his labours. With his parishioners he has raised over £2,000 to restore tower and bells.

The tower originally contained a complete ring of six, cast in 1767 by the Penningtons. In 1903 the fifth cracked and was recast by Warner. The year after that the tenor cracked and the bells had never been rung since. The restoration has been complete and thorough. The tower has been repointed, pinnacles rebuilt and new floors and roof installed by Messrs. Dawson Bros. The new cast-iron bell-frame has been built on African hardwood beams of Iroko. All fittings are new. The cracked tenor has been recast and is now a splendid bell of 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—4 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. 'I call all ye to follow Me. 1767.'

Second.— 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. 'God preserve the Church. 1767.'

Third.—5 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb. 'God Save the King. 1767.'

Fourth.—5 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb. 'Penningtons cast us all. 1767.'

Fifth.—6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. 'Recast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., London. 1903.'

Tenor.—12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. 'Ego Sum Vox Clamantis Parate, 1767. Recast 1956. Taylor's Shield. W. G. Revill, Vicar. F. W. Trewhella, W. Faull, Churchwardens.'

The bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (the Ven. F. Boreham) and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Rural Dean. As the procession returned to the chancel the bells were raised faultlessly by six of the Kenwyn band: A. Carveth 1, Mrs. B. Simpkin 2, Miss M. Matthews 3, A. Matthews 4, D. E. Penrose 5, R. A. Southwood 6. Amongst the clergy present was the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (secretary, Truro Diocesan Guild).

The full church included ringers from many towers in the district and beyond, and until late in the evening the bells were kept going to rounds, call changes and methods up to Cambridge Minor. A pleasant feature was that the service and ringing of the bells had been recorded, and several were able to go to the Vicarage to hear the dedication again.

A strong band of young people had commenced to learn to ring in Carbis Bay tower several weeks before the dedication, and now they are progressing in their own tower. The practice night is Monday at 7.30.

A Visit to London

On June 16th ringers from Sussex and Surrey, W. Rogers (Rotherfield), F. Hicks (East Grinstead), G. Jennings (Crawley), E. Rapley (Horsham), A. Lewry (Crowborough), C. Wood (Billingshurst), W. Slaughter (Horley), G. Olliver (Bletchingley) and E. Talbot (Beddington) visited All Saints', Poplar, and with the assistance of H. Weedon, of Stepney, a good touch of Caters was enjoyed.

After tea, a well struck quarter of Grandsire Caters was rung at Southwark Cathedral by W. Rogers (cond.) 1, G. Olliver 2, E. Rapley 3, A. Lewry 4, G. Jennings 5, C. Wood 6, E. Talbot 7, F. Hicks 8, J. Euston 9, W. Slaughter 10. All the band extend thanks and appreciation to those in charge at both towers for their help and friendship.

THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 231)

3. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

In Grandsire Triples the conductor will, of course, find far more scope for musical arrangements than can be hoped for in Doubles or Minor. He will discover, nevertheless, in a logical approach to the handling of Triples, that the principles he has mastered on the lower number of bells are by no means without significance. The means used to bring 4 and 5 together in Doubles or 5 and 6 together in Minor are the means used to bring 567 together in Grandsire Triples, and the operations performed in producing 42356 and 34256 in Minor are those pursued in securing 423567 and 342567 in Triples.

The text books contain for the conductor large and varied selections of touches and peals, and these are not, of course, to be ignored by the student. But as our purpose in these papers is to deal chiefly with the principles upon which touches are constructed and bells called round, we shall say little about set touches, and shall confine ourselves, as in Doubles and Minor, to the task of trying to give to the conductor what might, not inaptly perhaps, be called 'the freedom of the method'; and by this we mean the power to get bells into musical positions just as he wishes, and the ability to call the bells round in a reasonable time when he desires to do so.

It would seem logical to approach first the question of calling the bobs and singles at the right moment and with absolute confidence. If the conductor feels already confident of his competency in this respect, then he will doubtless wish to skip the present paragraph and push on to later passages. But let him take care that his skill is equal to the accurate placing of calls before he attempts touches of any length or intricacy. The best practice for the beginner is the calling of the touch of three leads given here, and the varying of it by the extension given below it. Each call should be timed by watching which bell comes down in front of the treble (as we did in Minor); and in the second touch the beginner should not attempt to count the leads between the singles, but should rather note that the singles are called when 2 and 3 are coming down in front of the treble.

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 2 3 4 5 6 7
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-7 5 2 6 3 4
-4 6 7 3 5 2
-2 3 4 5 6 7

 2 3 4 5 6 7
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-7 5 2 6 3 4
-4 6 7 3 5 2
 S 3 2 4 5 6 7
-7 5 3 6 2 4
-4 6 7 2 5 3
 S 2 3 4 5 6 7
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The attention of the student is particularly drawn to the important phenomenon of S.B.B.S., for a short study of the second touch will show that this arrangement of calls (S.B.B.S.) has taken the place of a bob and *has produced the same lead-end as a bob would have produced.* In the process three leads have been added to the touch. We shall return to this question of the Bob Block (as it is called) later on. Meanwhile, for further practice in calling the bobs and singles accurately the beginner may call touches with a single at each lead, or with a single at alternate leads, or with bob and single alternately, all of which will give him practice in placing calls accurately without having to commit to memory any particular compositional plan.

Once the power to call accurately has been acquired the conductor should devote his study to two important minor skills, the one the calling of a bell Before, and the other the calling of a bell Into the Hunt. The first will present little difficulty, provided the learner has mastered the requirements of the preceding paragraph, for to call a bell Before means merely to call it to make ordinary thirds place, and that means calling the bob when that bell comes down in front of the treble. To call a bell Into the Hunt requires some extra alertness, for it involves spotting when the bell comes down *in front of the bell coming down in front of the treble.*.

This is undoubtedly somewhat more difficult than just calling a bell Before, but it is not so very difficult, and in a very short time the persistent conductor will master the process. But easy or difficult as it may be found, it is a vitally important skill, for without it the conductor will stand little chance of mastering the art of calling from a non-observation bell or of calling the bells round.

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 2 3 4 5 6 7      2 3 4 5 6 7      2 3 4 5 6 7
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-7 5 2 6 3 4     2 5 3 7 4 6     -7 5 2 6 3 4
-4 6 7 3 5 2    -6 7 2 4 5 3      7 6 5 4 2 3
  4 3 6 2 7 5    -3 4 6 5 7 2      7 4 6 3 5 2
  4 2 3 5 6 7     3 5 4 2 6 7     -2 3 7 5 4 6
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For the purpose of practice in calling bells Before or In and Out of the Hunt, the well-known touches quoted here provide excellent material. They are all really one and the same touch, and each must be twice repeated to produce 168 changes. In the first the 7th is called In and Out of the Hunt, in the second the 6th is so called, and in the third, an interesting and musical fragment, the 2nd is called Out, and after an interval is called In again. In these touches the beginner should steadfastly cast aside the temptation to count the leads, and should call the appropriate bell Into the Hunt by making himself observe when that bell comes down in front of the bell Before.

[To be continued.

KETTERING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Eight members of Kettering Grammar School spent a day among the bells on May 23rd, visiting some of the lesser-rung rings in the county.

The journey was made by bicycle, and ringing took place at Kelmarsh, Maidwell, Brixworth, Spratton, Creaton, Guilsborough, Ravensthorpe, Thornby, Naseby and Walgrave.

At Brixworth four ringing personalities who had been to Leicester for the Central Council meeting appeared, including A. Patrick Cannon and Wilfred Williams. Seven different methods were rung by the Society alone during the day.

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IN THE 'BORDER' COUNTRY

Ringers from Backwell, Clutton, Long Ashton, Nailsea and Wembdon enjoyed a half-day tour on the Somerset-Dorset border on May 26th. The fine six at Pylle, restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1952, were put to good use in methods up to Cambridge.

A 15-mile run brought us to Tintinhull and a good ring of five in a tower unusually situated on the north side of the church. An enormous clock took up most of the ringing chamber but there was just room for four ropes along one side and the treble behing the clock's woodwork. These bells are hung on two tiers, the back two 'shouting' down the stairs and the front three, on the top storey, being a little difficult to hear.

At Yetminster we first prevailed upon a lady living opposite the church to boil us up gallons of water to make some tea and, when duly fortified, we pulled the bells up (not very well) in peal and rang on this heavy six with a long draught.

Several members of the new band which has been formed at Melbury Osmond (still in Dorset) met and welcomed us there—five bells, recently restored. The fine wooden screen in contemporary style which divides the ringing gallery from the church was greatly admired.

Back over the boundary again to Somerset to the hamlet of Closworth (5), where the Vicar had warned us that the bells did not go too well and had not, in fact, been rung since his induction in December last. Having oiled the bells and mended a rope—which broke in the first few changes of Stedman—we were agreeably surprised to find that the bells were not too bad after all. The front three, however, had a habit of 'jumping' at handstroke.

Before leaving Closworth for home we all inspected the grave of the bellfounder, Perdue, the tomb having a bell cut in the stone on one end and bearing the inscription:

'Here lies the Bellfounder,
Honest and true,
'Till Resurrection,
Named Perdue.'

M. J. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch Make History

On June 9th, the first meeting ever to be held at a five-bell tower in Monmouthshire took place at the beautiful little church of Llanover.

Some 45 ringers attended and exhausted the Doubles methods provided in the Ringer's Diary. The Rev. W. G. Walker, who has recently started to ring, gave everyone a hearty welcome to the church and later conducted the service. The Rev. I. J. Richards, Vicar of Llanarth, read the lesson.

A beautiful tea was afterwards provided in the Church Hall, and Mr. F. J. Hannington thanked the ladies concerned.

The Rev. W. G. Walker took the chair at the business meeting and new members were elected from Llanover, St. Woolos and Abergavenny. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Caldicot in September.

The members then returned to the church and the excellent ring of five bells was kept going until 9.30 p.m. Everyone agreed that the meeting had been exceptionally enjoyable and that five-bell towers should be visited more frequently.

J. S. E.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Seventeen Hertfordshire towers were represented at the Northern District meeting at Great Wymondley in substitution for Backway on June 21st. There were also present visitors from Turvey, Beds, and Mr. Frank Haynes, of Birmingham.

At the business meeting Masters S. Hutton and J. Bray, of Baldock, were elected members. The next meeting will be held at Norton on July 21st, with Ashtead as the special method.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ROTHERHAM

Early in the morning of May 25th ringers from Rotherham, Sheffield and Huddersfield set off for an outing into Shropshire. The absence of the late Mr. Arthur Firth, a stalwart ringer of Rotherham Parish Church and splendid organiser of the outings for many years, was deeply felt.

After an excellent breakfast at Whitchurch the ringers made their way to the Church of St. Alkmund (8, 19½ cwt.) only to find that the fifth's wheel was broken. Therefore, only the remaining seven bells were rung to some Minor methods with the tenor covering.

On the journey to Shrewsbury a few enthusiasts filled in the time by ringing courses of Plain Bob and Grandsire on the handbells, and the belles of the coach entertained the company with tune ringing, aided by the captain.

Soon after arriving in busy Shrewsbury the beautiful bells of St. Chad's (12, 39½ cwt.) were being rung to a variety of methods. This enjoyable hour provided a chance for five ringers to strike their first course of Maximus. Then a happy time was spent in the Church of St. Mary (10, 19¼ cwt.), where the bells proved to be easy going.

Later in the day the splendid ring of eight (17½ cwt.) at Market Drayton was brought round to many pleasing methods. During the whole day methods had ranged from rounds and Plain Bob to Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major.

UPPER CLAPHAM

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapham, ringers saw a very fair cross-section of the 'Garden of England,' on April 28th, when a pleasant day was spent in Kent.

The first tower was Westerham, and the rather penetrating N.E. wind might have explained the slightly sub-standard ringing. One lady of the party had a remedy for keeping warm by vigorously rubbing some of the famous brass memorials in the church!

The eminently-strikable eight at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, produced in a touch of Stedman the best ringing of the day. After an excellent lunch the route was through the hopfields and orchards to West Malling, another lovely example of a Kent ragstone church, hidden away in a valley, which reminded one of Kipling's lines—'the little lost parish churches who praise the Lord who made their hills.'

The tea at Sevenoaks was equal in volume and quality to the lunch of not so long before with the result that there was some jet-propelled Stedman on the heavyish but most handy eight at Sevenoaks.

At St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, where some inspected the Walsingham tomb, others dallied with the almost equally controversial details of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. So ended another good day of good fellowship and enjoyable ringing for which thanks are due to Charles Neal, for his efficient organisation, and Dennis Neal, who acted as Ringing Master.

ST. GEORGE'S, CAMBERWELL

The third annual outing of the Guild of St. George's, Camberwell, took place on June 9th. We left a very overcast Camberwell after lunch but arrived in Berkshire to fair weather and, at times, very hot sun.

Towers visited were Wargrave, Shiplake and St. Paul's, Wokingham. Ringing went from rounds to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, during which six members had their first touch of Kent Major.

We arrived home at 11.35 p.m. after a very happy half-day, tired, but in merry mood. Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains and also to John Sansom, who gave us guidance both before and on the outing.

F. B.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT

Sutton-on-Trent ringers had an outing into Leicestershire and Warwickshire on June 2nd. Calling first at South Wigston (8, 14 cwt.), these fine bells were raised in peal and rung to standard methods and a touch of Double Norwich with the assistance of Mr. B. G. Warwick, who kindly met us at his home tower.

Ringing at Rugby was delayed owing to a wedding, but some lucky couple left the church to the ringing of Stedman Doubles on a very good five (9 cwt.) to be found in the west tower. These were followed by the eight (24 cwt.), which are hung in the north-east tower of this unique church.

The six (19 cwt.) of St. Peter's, Dunchurch, went well for their weight, and Cambridge was accomplished with reasonable care. The last tower before tea, St. James', Southam (8, 15 cwt.), were rung to various methods, but Single Oxford Major could not be brought round.

The very fine ten (24 cwt.) of St. Mary's, Warwick, were then rung, and with the help of two local ringers a touch of Grandsire Caters was accomplished. The last tower of the day was the ten (13 cwt.) of All Saints', Chilvers Coton, where, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beamish, Stedman Caters was rung.

Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Single Oxford Major, Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Single Oxford and Cambridge Minor.

Many thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers and to Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson for arranging such a successful outing.

W. L. E.

ASHTEAD, SURREY

The Ashtead ringers, with some friends from neighbouring towers, had a day's ringing in Surrey and Hampshire on June 2nd. An early start was made and the towers visited before lunch were Chobham, Bagshot, Yateley and Alton, all eights. All the ringing was enjoyed, but the most enjoyable bells were at Alton, when even the most inexperienced made a good showing.

Lunch was taken at Alton, and before tea the visitors were privileged to ring at Privett and Petersfield.

After tea at Petersfield, the last church of the day was visited, the 10-bell tower of Haslemere. Those who had not previously rung at a 10-bell tower were a little concerned to know how they would perform, but the ringing was perhaps the best of the day, and courses of Grandsire, Caters and Bob Royal were successfully rung. Other methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains who made the outing so enjoyable.

J. T. S.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

Windsor Castle proved a big attraction to many who accompanied the Baldock and Norton ringers on their outing on June 9th. The fine octave of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor, was enjoyed.

Before reaching Reading the rather heavy eight at Hurst were tested. After lunch came the highlight of the day, the 12 at St. Laurence, with its ringing chamber beautifully decorated with peal boards, and St. Giles' good heavy octave. A break for tea and then to the famous eight at St. Peter's, Caversham. The beautiful lettering in the peal book recording nearly 180 performances was much admired.

Finally, Henley-on-Thames, and the eight bells here were voted by some of the party as 'the best of the day.' Thanks are due to those who made the outing such a success.

WEDDINGS

MR. DENNIS NEAL — MISS G. L. FRISWELL

The marriage between Dennis Neal and Gwendoline L. Friswell, two members of the local band, took place at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on June 16th. Several ringing friends were present at the service, which was fully choral, and included the hymns, 'O Father all creating' and 'Love divine.' The Rev. C. H. Shaw Kew, Vicar of St. Matthew's, officiated.

Ringing took place both before and after the service, those taking part being Miss N. Hales, Miss M. Prockson, Messrs. W. Prockson and W. Jarvis, and the band which took part in the peal of Bob Major which followed the service ringing.

Dennis and Gwen are the third couple from the Upper Clapton belfry to be 'spliced' together in matrimony. Two brothers and two sisters are involved in this unusual sequence, but it seems the flame has now been spent.

Of those taking part in the peal, Mr. George Parsons taught most of the local ringers, including the bridal couple, to ring. Mr. Alec Richardson, the blind ringer attached to St. Mary's, Finchley, was educated at the East London School for the Blind, and although not now existing, the school was very close to St. Matthew's Church. The late Bertram F. Tubb taught Alec to ring and he would have been overjoyed at his pupil's performance on the treble, for it was first class. Not once was he spoken to throughout the peal; he struck his bell over all the other bells immaculately, and it was only a very occasional trouble in catching the sally that prevented a perfect performance.

K. L.

MR. G. R. TEBBLE—MISS K. HARRISON

A wedding of great interest to Norfolk and Suffolk ringers took place at Diss Parish Church on June 16th between Miss Kathleen Irene Harrison and Mr. Geoffrey Robert Tebble.

The bride is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Harrison, whose family has been prominent in the life of the town for generations Mr. Harrison has been the efficient secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1937, helped by his daughter in the secretarial work for some years, and has welcomed to his tower—the best kept in the Diocese—hundreds of ringers loud in praise of the standard in which the bells are maintained. tained.

Kathleen has the distinction of being the first lady to be taught here, and took part in her first peal at the age of 15. She has on several occasions obliged by taking part in peal attempts at short notice.

Bells played an important part in the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon) before a large congregation. The bride was 'rung in,' and as the couple left the church the bells were 'fired' and a touch of Double Norwich rung. In this method, a peal, recorded in the usual columns, was rung after the reception at the Church Hall, where ringers formed a good percentage of the 110 guests. One of the many messages of congratulation received was a telegram from the chairman on behalf of the Southern Branch couched in ringing parlance. Among the large number of presents were two from the local band. The honeymoon was spent touring the south of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Tebble, who will be residing in the town, have the congratulations and good wishes of all the many business and ringing friends of the family.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Stoke-by-Nayland (tenor 26 cwt.), have been removed for renovation and retuning. The timbers of the old oak frame are riddled with death-watch beetle, and a new steel frame is to be provided and also two new bells given in memory of the late Rear Admiral and Mrs. C. H. Simpson.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—There will be no ringing practices at St. Michael's, Aldershot, on Friday, July 13th. and Friday, July 20th. 8580

FRAMSDEN.—July 15th, 6.30, dedication of peal board to the late Leslie C. Wightman. Ringing before and after service. All welcome. 8595

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — 1956 Ringing Week at Leiston, Suffolk, Aug. 25th-Sept. 1st. Will all those wishing to attend who have not received preliminary circular please write to B. D. Threlfall, Weston House, Gresford, Denbighshire. 8557

THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA, ROMSEY, HANTS.— There will be no ringing during July owing to a general overhaul of the bells. 8569

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, July 7th, 2.45 p.m. —A. B. Cooper, H. E. Taylor. 8538

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting at Littleport on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Carruthers' Café, Granby Street; price 3s. 6d. per head.—J. E. Fox and R. J. Housden, Dis. Secs. 8540

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton, July 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Shenfield bells (6) available from 7 p.m. 8514

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, July 7th, Christ Church (10), 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. Bennett. 8556

THE LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. 8411

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. Tel.: 264.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer St. John's, July 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. —Burton. 8492

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting at Dore 3 p.m., July 7th. Cups of tea available—bring sandwiches.—J. Seager, Sec. 8550

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Great Waltham, Essex, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Bus service to Great Waltham: Pleshey service 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 p.m.; Dunmow service 2.15, 3.15 p.m.; Braintree service 15 and 45 minutes past each hour, alight Ash Tree Corner, ½-mile walk. All very welcome—good attendance, please. N.B.— All buses from Chelmsford.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8545

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., at Willow Tree, for those who notify me.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8490

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. —Quarterly meeting at Coleshill, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 8496

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8500

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells: Ryde (8) 10.30 to 11, 12 to 1, 1.30 to 3.15, 6.30 to 8.30; Freshwater (6), Arreton (6) and Godshill (6) 11 to 2; Brading (8) 11.30 to 2.30. Other towers as announced at meeting. Service, All Saints', Ryde, 3.15. Tea in St. John's Ambulance Hall 4.15, followed by business meeting.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8512

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Chipstable, July 14th. Tea for notifications by July 10th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 8559

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford (6) on Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to: Mr. A. G. Cannings, 2, Church Street, Bathford, Bath. 8520

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Dando, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8569

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Over Stowey, July 14th. Bells 3 to 4.15 and 6 to 7 p.m.; Holford 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea essential.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8583

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 8556

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting, Hutton Cranswick, July 14th. Bells (6) 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by July 13th to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 8588

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—July 14th. Chiddingstone (8) (Withyham and Frant not available). Tea at Castle Inn. Names by 12th. —Chas. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8577

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, July 14th, Battle (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 8563

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Eastern District.—Saturday, July 14th. Widford, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam. 8573

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Please note: The advertised meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, July 14th, has unavoidably had to be cancelled. Meeting will now be at Flamstead (6), July 14th. Names for tea to Mr. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts, for the 11th, please. — R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 8594

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 8548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8533

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. W. Stibbans, The Limes, Coltishall.—C. Bird, Sec. 8519

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, July 14th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 8561

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis Xavier, July 14th. Ringing 2 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Egan, 6, Norwood Grove, Liverpool, 6.—G. Howlett. 8585

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.— T. J. Lock. 8562

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting, Saturday, July 14th, Oxford. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets from A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks (5s. 6d.),

not later than July 11th. Choristers, as usual, please contact M. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Ringing: Merton (8) 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' (6) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., Magdalen (10) 4 to 5 p.m., St. Giles' (8) 3.45 to 4.45 p.m., St. Mary Magdalen (6) 5 to 6 p.m., New College (10) 5 to 6 p.m., Carfax (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6 to 7 p.m., Iffley (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., Radley (6) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., Cathedral, before service and 7 to 8 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Retiring Gen. Sec. 8502

PETERBOROUGH and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Kettering and Market Harborough Districts.—Joint meeting at Weston by Welland, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by July 9th to Miss J. Luck, 40, Broadway, Kettering. 8582

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Polebrook (5), July 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 8597

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, Saturday, July 14th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 8578

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Evershot, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Melbury Osmond (5) bells available from 6 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mrs. E. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 8571

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Stretton, not Atcham, Saturday, July 14th (Atcham meeting postponed). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones by Wednesday, July 11th. 8551

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Downham, Saturday, July 14th, at 3.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8568

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, July 14th. Tea, 3s. each, only for those who notify by 10th Mrs. Gill, The White Hart Hotel, Clayworth, Retford. Buses from Retford.—H. Denman. 8575

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Stonham Aspal, July 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business: Election of new secretary, Debenham District. Names for tea, by Thursday, July 12th, to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal. — J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 8567

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Hersham, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., at Walton, followed by tea and meeting. Names by July 11th to Mr. G. Barnett, of 42, Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames. Walton bells after. —W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8493

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Westbourne, on July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 8593

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Gulval, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30, Gulval, followed by tea (1s. 6d.). Bells: Gulval (8), Madron (8), after 3.30; Paul (6) Ludgvan (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8), Lelant (6). Replies, if coming, by Monday, July 9th. Rev. H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 8467

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 8504

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Pylle, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting Notify for tea before Tuesday, 17th. —W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 8584

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. For free tea notify by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8589

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We thank the 136 Postal Subscribers who have remitted this week the extra postage (1s. 3d.) on 'The Ringing World.' Many have kindly paid for those who have forgotten. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, or to the Editor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bidford-on-Avon, with Salford Priors, July 21st, after tea. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is important that I have names for tea by Wednesday, July 18th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8572

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Harwich, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 18th, please, to W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkestone, Harwich. 8579

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Leatherhead and Southern Districts (respectively) joint meeting, Dorking (8) and Ranmore (8), on July 21st. Dorking bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ranmore bells available after tea. Names for tea by July 19th to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—A. Smith and D. J. Parr, Dis. Secs. 8586

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Langdale, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside. Note change of date.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8591

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford (8), July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. in Bull's Head. Names for tea (accommodation strictly limited) must be sent by Tuesday, July 17th, without fail, to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. (Tel. Melton 723).—B. G. Warwick, Gen. Hon. Sec. 8587

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gaywood, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8590

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lambourn, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Would those requiring tea please send names before July 18th to Miss P. Gaunt, 38, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berks. 8581

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Downton, July 21st. Bells 2.30 and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Britford also from 7 p.m. Names for tea, without fail by 17th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8526

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, All Saints', Pontefract, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8566

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Break for tea 5.15 p.m., for which make own arrangements. —R. S. Payne, Southwold. 8574

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, July 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Bell Hotel.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8592

LAXTON, NOTTS.—Dedication of rehung ring of six on Sunday evening, July 29th, at 6.30 by the Rev. W. H. Snow. Please make a note! 8576

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8546

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District. — Supper and social will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, October 27th. All members and friends welcome. Please book this date. Further details later.—R. J. Seabrook. 8560

QUARTER PEALS

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cork (first quarter) 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, Miss M. A. Birch 3, P. Rowe 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. H. Eplett 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, Miss P. R. Hosken 8. First 'inside' for 3 and 4. Rung after Evensong.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old, All Saints', four extents of Plain and 180 Grandsire: Pat Rowe (first quarter, aged 11) 1, M. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. D. T. North 1, S. N. Bristow 2, D. T. North 3, J. Martin 4, G. Salter 5, G. J. Gammon 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, C. Webber 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5 and 8. Rung for Parish Gift Day.

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BY R. F. B. SPEED

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62534	2			2	
65324			1	2	
54326	1			2	B
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24653		2B			
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RICHARD WHITE OF APPLETON

IN the passing of Richard White, of Appleton, the Exercise has suffered a severe loss, and one which will be keenly felt by numerous ringers. Born at Besselsleigh, near Appleton, in Berkshire, in 1878, son of Frederick and grandson of Alfred White, he followed like them the trade of a bellhanger, and his whole life was devoted to bells.

Familiarly known as Dick to his friends, he was greatly beloved by all who knew him; a man of great integrity, a ringer of outstanding quality and one of the finest of master craftsmen. In writing of him the greatest difficulty is to describe effectively his true worth: he was big in every way, a true Christian and a true gentleman; and, like all great men, he was graced by sincere humility and modesty. But above all he was a happy man, full of natural wit and good humour, and even in his latter years he never appeared to be growing old. His home had an ever open door to ringers, and visitors to Appleton tower will always remember the cordial welcome they received from him.

Dick White rang his first peal in 1893. He was then 15 years of age and assisted his brother, Stedman, to ring the badly going tenor at Great Tew, in Oxfordshire, as a cover to a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. So began a peal ringing career of remarkable achievement, not so much in the number of peals successfully accomplished, but in their length and quality. So far as can be ascertained he rang just over 230 peals, most of them at Appleton. In over 100 of them he rang the ninth bell, while his brother, Fred, rang the tenor. How magnificently they rang them is well known, not only in the Oxford Diocese, but by the Exercise in general.

A few of Dick White's long peals deserve especial mention. He rang the ninth at Appleton to 10,043 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours 5 minutes on November 19th, 1921, and on April 22nd in the following year the world's record returned to Appleton when a mixed band of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 21,363 Stedman Caters in 12 hours and 25 minutes. This still remains the record length of Stedman Caters, although recently exceeded by an even greater length of Major. In the year 1932 the Grandsire Caters record was regained by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Appleton when a peal of 16,271 changes in that method was successfully accomplished in 9 hours and 20 minutes on December 27th. In these record lengths Dick, as usual, rang the ninth.

Possessed of fine physique and the keenest of ears his striking was faultless. But perhaps one of his greatest achievements was the participation in the ringing of the record peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on August 24th, 1946, in 8 hours 48 minutes. He was now 69 years of age and some members of his family tried to dissuade him from ringing, saying he would kill himself in making the attempt. Dick just smiled and said: 'Ah well, if so I shall die happy.' He rang the eleventh bell on this memorable occasion. In later years he was to be found ringing one of the smaller bells with the same ease and accuracy as in the record peals, and in his last peal, one of Stedman Caters, rung on the 'March-the-Fourth' ringing day at Appleton this year, he rang the treble.

As a master craftsman Dick White had few equals and he was proficient in working in either metal- or woodwork. In 1909 he inherited from his father the family business, which under his capable management prospered and flourished. Many are the rings of bells rehung by him; from Yorkshire in the north to Hampshire in the south, and from Somerset and Devon in the west to Suffolk in the east. In Oxfordshire alone over fifty rings of bells were restored by him since 1909, and he was even more active in his native Berkshire and the adjacent parts of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. Very appropriately the Rt. Rev. Dr. Riches, Bishop of Dorchester, offered thanksgiving prayers 'for the skill, craftsmanship and devotion of the White family' at the recent dedication of a new cast iron frame and an augmented ring at Langford. Dick continued to work in the bellhangers' shop until a few weeks ago. His last new cast iron frame was installed at Warborough where he supplied new gear and augmented the bells to form a ring of eight. The last tower in which he worked personally was Hanborough, where he added a treble to make six; and he turned and fitted gudgeons to headstocks for Mapledurham bells, which are still in process of being rehung.

Dick White will be sorely missed—in his own native village, in the church from which he was never absent on Sundays, and in the belfries of England. As a valued member of the General Committee his loss will be keenly felt by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. But, perhaps, most of all ringers will miss him on the 'Fourth-of-March' ringing day, where for so many years his outstanding personality and his anecdotes of the old days were so greatly enjoyed. The 'Fourth-of-March' is noted for its traditional songs.

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One of the more recent of these commemorates the 10,043 Grandsire Caters peal and those who took part in it. One verse runs:—

'Richard White rang the ninth, a bellhanger by trade;
He's been ringing bells since he was but a blade;
He was a young man, and was strong and was well;
And that was the reason that he rang the ninth bell.
Hurrah! for the Appleton Ringers I say;
Who rang a ten thousand on a November day.'

His passing removes the last link with the first 'March-the-Fourth' ringing day, for Dick had rung with those who knew the ringers who rang on that never to be forgotten occasion in 1818. Appleton will not seem the same without him. May he rest in peace. F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	7
MURIEL REAY	2	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	J. L. GARNER HAYWARD	9
CLAUDIA CRITCHLEY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	11
HAROLD MARCOM	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	WILLIAM H. COLES	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	3	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	8
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
RONALD D. SHORT	5	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In two methods: 2,600 Cambridge and 2,440 Yorkshire with 102 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
MRS. A. E. MARSH	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	9
GORDON BENFIELD	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal for the Association and for all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	8
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHARPE	6
FREDERICK C. WHITE	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	8
PHILIP WALKER	4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	9
ALFRED H. WEBB	5	EDWIN W. DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.
Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Richard White. A tribute of affection from ten of his old friends. 'Farewell, Dick, until we meet again.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ALFRED BALLARD	7
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
DOREEN DUTTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
S. ANTHONY JESSON	5	†RONALD G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal in the method.
A compliment to Josiah Morris (now in Leicester Royal Infirmary), who attained his 89th birthday on July 1st.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

*GEORGE NORTH	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	7
†JAMES H. LILLEY	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	8
‡JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	§FREDERICK PAGE	9
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY	5	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § 350th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
†ARTHUR PEAKMAN	2	JOHN LLOYD	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	FREDERICK HANDLEY	8
*FREDERICK JUKES	4	THOMAS HEMMING	9
‡BERNARD LAWTON	5	*STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.
* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

HERBERT EPLETT	*Treble*	MALCOLM CLOKE	5
ALFRED GREENOUGH	2	JAMES BLOND	6
HENRY BISHOP	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
FREDERICK SMITH	4	EDWARD SAWYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
JOHN WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
A wedding compliment to Denis Heapy and Sheila Livesey, married at this church prior to the commencement of the peal.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., June 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

MRS. M. E. BROWN	*Treble*	*MICHAEL VERNON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
FRANK K. MEASURES	4	FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the wedding of Nancy E. Marklew (ringer at this church) to John Bramley (ringer at St. Margaret's, Leicester), which took place on Saturday, June 16th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN E. COOK	7
†JOHN M. JELLEY	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Bristol 'inside.'

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	JOHN CHILCOTT	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
RONALD D. SHORT	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
STEWART F. W. KIMBER	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

*GILLIAN REA	*Treble*	PHILIP N. TUBBS	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Stedman.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Treble*	†CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
JOHN HILL	2	RALPH BIRD	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*JAMES M. BAILEY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 25th peal for the Association. † 175th peal.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt

*FREDERICK J. PAYNE	*Treble*	OWEN BALLARD	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	†STANLEY HONEYBALL	6
*RICHARD SEABROOK	3	SAMUEL TWITCHETT	7
PETER MAYLE	4	FREDERICK KEMP	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.
Rung to commemorate 25 years' ministry at this church by the Rev. F. S. Swithinbank.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*CAROL HALL	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
CHARLES McGUINESS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal. The first peal in the method for the Association, in the county, and by all the band except Charles McGuiness.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., June 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*WILLIAM H. CURSON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 KNOSSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Ashtead with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	PETER D. BEEDIE	6
*MARGARET B. MESLEY	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	ALBERT C. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First touch of Surprise Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*EUNICE A. HILEY	*Treble*	*DAVID G. WRIGHT	5
*JOHN HILL	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
*RALPH BIRD	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
*DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to the glory of God on St. Peter's Day and on the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK N. BROWN	5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
THOMAS R. BUTLER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.
In memoriam Frederick H. Dexter. It is 50 years since the first peal of Stedman was rung on these bells, the only surviving member of the band being Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	2	*W. LESLIE WELLER	6
*GEORGE FRANCIS	3	†WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal of Superlative. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*RUTH M. JACKSON	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JANET GODFREY	*Treble*	†LESLIE COBURN	5
ARTHUR DAY	2	FRED C. JACKLIN	6
†AMY COBURN	3	DESMOND PAINTER	7
FRED W. ELLIS	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
All except the ringer of the tenor are members of the Sunday service band.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*BARBARA LAWSON	*Treble*	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	5
†LAURENCE CLEMENTS	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
JOHN BAGNALL	3	‡RAYMOND SUART	7
ALAN CAPSTICK	4	†ARNOLD JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method on eight bells.
Rung for the appointment of Laurence Clements as captain of this tower.

MONMOUTH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
JOHN E. MORGAN	3	*DAVID J. KING	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	*ROBERT E. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* 25th peal together. Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung on the 70th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was in the same method and was conducted by the father of the treble ringer. Also for the 250th anniversary of the installation of the bells by Abraham Rudhall in 1706.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	*PETER BERESFORD	6
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	†EDMUND MALIN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	*GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,600 changes of London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of eight-spliced. First peal of Surprise on the recast bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's and 1,440 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

TREVOR A. BEVIS	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
ARTHUR YARROW	2	STANLEY SHIPP	5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

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

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	H. E. GEORGE JEANES	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	*FRANCIS J. WHITE	5
SIDNEY W. WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal in two minor methods.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
STANLEY SHIPP	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

The first peal in the method by all the band.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Norwich and 1,440 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	TREVOR A. BEVIS	4
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	2	ARTHUR YARROW	5
WILFRED E. YOUNGS	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung to celebrate the gift of a son (Adrian Louis) to Mr. and Mrs. Russell, both local ringers. Also to commemorate 25 years' service at Woodchurch by Mr. Ernest Town, local captain.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) Grandsire, and 12 six-scores (four callings) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANTHONY BAX	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	3
*TERENCE BARTON	2	ALBERT DUNK	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Piper, churchwardens at the above church, and also birthday compliments to Mrs. A. Dunk and Mr. J. C. S. Benson.

AMPNEY CRUCIS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., June 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ROOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Old, ten of Plain Bob (four callings), ten of April Day (three callings) and 12 of Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN DOWDESWELL	*Treble*	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	3
MERVYN DAY	2	PATRICK BARTLETT	4
WILLIAM A. GODWIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAZEL J. COCKRILL	*Treble*	REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	4
HANBURY F. CARTER	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
MRS. H. F. CARTER	3	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal.

Rung for St. Peter's Day and in memory of Frederick H. Dexter.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Single Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	HAROLD RAXTER	5
FREDERICK NURDEN	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BUNNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

SYDNEY ADAMS	*Treble*	ALLAN SIMPSON	4
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	WALTER NICHOLS	5
MARGARET E. HILL	3	CHARLES W. TOWERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. TOWERS.

First peal on the reconditioned bells. Believed to be the first on the bells.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 48, 50, 34, 52, 37, 29, 28). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	††‡JOHN M. JELLEY	4
*JOAN K. BROWN	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ 100th peal together.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

STANLEY SHIPP	*Treble*	HENRY C. FOSTER	3
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY.

First peal as conductor.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MARY R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	4
*JULIE M. TUNBRIDGE	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
*PATRICK G. BRAUND	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

MARION S. CAPEY .. .. *Treble*	KENNETH LAWSON 4
GWEN I. RUSBY.. 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

A compliment to Frank G. Bloomfield, B.Sc., upon the successful completion of a three-year course at the King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

AUBREY T. BAREHAM.. .. *Treble*	JACK H. BRETT 4
ERNEST W. BROWN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
THOMAS BIRD 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT No. 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

*VALERIE WILLARD .. .. 1—2	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7—8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 3—4	*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 9—10
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 5—6	*VIVIEN BARNES .. .. 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Stedman 'in hand' by ringer of 1–2. First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' as conductor.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 26, 1956, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. 1—2	DAVID HOARE .. .. .. 3—4
*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal on the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On June 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Halliday 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, N. Bennett 3, A. W. Stone (cond.) 4, J. Coffey 5, J. P. Schoolden (first of Triples 'inside') 6, D. Ogden 7, R. M. Edwards 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Manchester to the church.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ogbourne (first quarter) 1, T. Phillips 2, P. Blake 3, J. Young 4, D. Smith (first quarter) 5, K. Lewis (first as cond.) 6, J. Lott 7, R. Lewis 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and for the silver wedding of the parents of the ringer of the fifth.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. North 1, J. Riddleston 2, A. W. Bond 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, C. Norris 5, H. Stalham 6, W. A. Riddington 7, F. J. Lewis 8. Rung for the patronal festal Evensong.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St Martin's, Place Bob, Grandsire and Bob): M. Harmer 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulkner 6.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Finch 1, Isobel Inman 2, Ruth A. Carey 3, P. W. M. Jones 4, J. Knight 5, M. V. White (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor for all except 3rd. First quarter of Minor by the Southampton University Guild.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): B. Cheeseman 1, E. H. Amey 2, R. J. Vardy 3, S. W. White 4, E. P. T. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Lily Cross, a member of the P.C.C. and wife of the churchwarden.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Sylvia Heasman (first quarter) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Mrs. T. H. Norris 3, Shirley Dorey 4, R. E. Waters 5, C. E. Slade 6, R. G. Bell 7, T. H. Norris (cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 5 and 6. Rung for opening of church garden fete.

CRESSWELL, DERBYS.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Richardson (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Mary E. Barlow 2, D. A. Smedley 3, R. Fletcher 4, S. L. Barlow 5, G. L. Chambers (first as cond.) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Miss H. Talbot (first 'inside') 3, N. Brown 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, G. Gray 2, H. F. Saunders 3, Miss A. Banks 4, D. J. Thomas 5, P. Westwood 6, C. George (cond.) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Mr. H. J. Saunders, a member of St. Mary's, Dover, band for 58 years.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Rollison (first quarter) 1, F. Lee 2, Mrs. R. Reynolds 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, L. J. Baldock 5, J. Rollison 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, J. Hayes 8. First quarter by a local Sunday service band for many years. An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Cowling, oldest member.

EWELL, SURREY.—On June 24th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, C. W. Munday 2, D. Spittle 3, J. E. Beams 4, R. C. Spittle 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, J. Whitehorn 7, G. Hill 8. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Beams, who were married in this church on June 27th, 1931.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Haynes 1, C. Hinton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. R. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, B. Saunders (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Ivy Ballard and Mr. William Alfred Yates.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hoskins (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss A. Lowings 3, J. Carrott 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. Also on June 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, Miss A. Lowings (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Plain Bob, 360 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire and 240 April Day): F. Millier 1, Rosemary Hutchings 2, J. Weadon 3, Marjorie Legg 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek Millier, ringer at the above tower.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. S. Cockell 1, J. Lucas 2, D. Barr 3, S. Cockell 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, H. Cockell 6.

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Exwood (first of Minor) 1, Miss I. Inman 2, P. W. M. Jones 3, M. V. White 4, J. Knight 5, R. E. Finch (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung on the back six by members of the University of Southampton Guild after meeting short for a peal attempt. A coming-of-age compliment to Miss M. E. L. Beamish and R. E. Finch.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, F. Wright 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, B. G. Barton 4, A. Livingston 5, C. Claydon 6. Rung for patronal festival.

SHOREDITCH, N.—On June 24th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. Belcher 1, B. K. Lunn 2, A. F. Thirst 3, W. Williams (cond.) 4, J. Chilcott 5, L. W. Wiffen 6, M. Moreton 7, James Phillips 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Crampion 10, John Phillips 11, B. Baker 12.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 1st, 1,259 Little Grandsire Caters: G. W. Debenham 1, C. F. Sayer 2, A. R. Tysoe 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, T. J. Southam 7, H. V. Frost 8, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 9, A. Ewer 10. First in the method by all the band. Rung for the patronal festival of St. Peter.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): S. Chambers (first quarter) 1, A. Wilson 2, A. Gibbs (first of Doubles) 3, W. Whitmore 4, E. Whitmore (cond.) 5. For the Eve of St. Peter's.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On July 1st, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, Miss E. Wooldridge 2, K. Minter 3, J. Chapman 4, S. Howard 5, R. Sanders 6, R. F. Story (cond.) 7, J. Simmons 8. First of Stedman by 2 and 3. In memoriam Reuben Charge.

THORNFORD, DORSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire).—R. J. Vardy 1, P. Cox 2, D. Sweet 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Bown 5, E. H. Amey 6.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 300 of Plain Bob): J. Bonnett 1, Evelyn Adams 2, F. Hicks 3, C. Bonnett 4, I. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. McLeod 6, H. J. Wilde 7, E. Constable 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 7. For Evensong on the 61st anniversary of the consecration of the Church (St. Leonard's).

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne West 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, D. H. White (first 'inside') 3, H. Collings 4, T. K. Price 5, K. W. Price (cond.) 6. Rung for the conductor, who is flying shortly to Iraq.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Cully 1, A. T. Wicks 2, M. Bailey 3, W. Bevan 4, S. Grant (cond.) 5, W. Daniells 6. Rung for Devizes Deanery Festival service.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Sykes 3, D. Elwick (first of Minor) 4, G. W. White 5, S. R. Elwick (first as cond.) 6, F. Lamerton 7. First in method and Minor 1, 3 and 7. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Sykes.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): F. J. Bailey 1, Miss D. Hulbert 2, R. Lucas 3, M. Williams 4, W. Dare 5, A. Ryan Price 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Eddie Bailey, a Whitchurch ringer, and Miss Freda M. Walsh, married June 16th.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. V. Sheppard 1, J. Riley 2, J. Wood 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred G. May.

DONCASTER

The annual outing of St. George's, Doncaster Guild of ringers took place in South Lincolnshire on Whit Monday.

At St. Vincent's, Caythorpe, the party was given a warm welcome by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Ison). This fine ring of eight was soon ringing out to various touches, including a fine course of Cambridge Major.

St. Michael's and All Angels', Edenham, was reached after a drive through beautiful country and the ringing included a touch of Superlative, which turned out to be the highlight of the day.

A pleasant drive through the Fen country, where some of the tulips were seen, led to St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, with its well-known light twelve. The ringing here included rounds on twelve. Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Major.

After an excellent tea at the Greyhound Hotel, Spalding, the company set out for the final tower, St. Andrew's, Ewerby. So ended a good day's outing with uninterrupted sunshine, and many thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the ringers who met the party. D. A. C.

FARINGDON, BERKS

Ringers and friends from Faringdon, Shrivenham, Stamford-in-the-Vale, Buckland and Aldenham (Herts) journeyed to Bath on June 16th, proceeding later to St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Evercreech and Trowbridge via Longleat.

Lunch was taken at Wells and tea at Evercreech. The best ringing of the day was on the fine twelve at Trowbridge. The outing was arranged by Mr. F. H. Whipp and Mr. D. Vincent. Thanks are due to all incumbents and secretaries for their assistance. F. H. W.

OUTINGS

HITCHIN AND DISTRICT

On Whit Monday a party of ringers and friends from Pirton, Great Wymondley, Clifton, Norton, St. Ippolyts and Stevenage had a pleasant coach out to the Thames Valley.

Ringing took place at Great Missenden, Hughenden, Marlow, Henley, Boyne Hill (Maidenhead), Beaconsfield and Amersham. Thanks are accorded to the tower keepers and all who made the party so welcome.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

The Twerton-on-Avon ringers held their annual outing on June 23rd and were accompanied by many friends. The recently-rehung five (tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp) at All Saints', Clevedon, were a joy to ring. Our visit ended with an excellent fall in peal.

At St. Andrew's, Clevedon, we were met by Mr. James. This Taylor octave (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.) go very well.

After tea we made our way to St. Mary's, Yatton, where we found Mr. Price waiting to welcome us. The eight bells (tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D) are glorious. All too soon time came for us to leave.

Our last tower was St. Andrew's, Blagdon (8 bells, tenor 19¼ cwt.), where Mr. Andrews met us.

Thanks are due to Mr. R. O. Fry for the excellent arrangements and to the local men who met us. A. F. L.

ST. ANN'S, STAMFORD HILL

Hertfordshire was the venue chosen for this year's outing, which took place on June 2nd. Visitors included Mr. Peter N. Bond, who acted as Ringing Master.

Touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge were rung at St. Ann's until it was time to leave. At 12.30 p.m. the tour commenced, and a convoy of cars conveyed us to Hoddesdon (8, 12 cwt.), where we found the bells already 'up.' Stedman Superlative and Grandsire Triples were rung and the bells lowered in peal. Our second tower, Great Amwell (6, 7 cwt.), has a pleasant ring. Methods up to Superlative were rung at Hunsdon (8, 10 cwt.); these bells were not easy to strike. Next we visited Standon (6, 17 cwt.), the heaviest six of the tour.

Half-way, at Braughing (8, 19 cwt.), was marked by tea—which we enjoyed in the churchyard. There were no onlookers to watch us eat. The entire local population appeared to be concentrated in the Village Hall, where a wedding was being celebrated. A good course of Yorkshire was rung before leaving.

At Great Hormead (6, 14 cwt.) we rang some touches of Kent, York and Plain Bob on the easy-going bells despite a sudden failure of the electric light. The bells at Ardeley (6, 12 cwt.) were next raised in peal and rung to Plain Bob and Cambridge, following which we paid a visit to Westmill (5, 7 cwt.) with its anti-clockwise circle. Difficulty was also experienced at Great Munden (6, 11 cwt.). Our tenth and last tower was Little Munden (6. 13 cwt.), where courses of London and York came as a climax to an exciting afternoon.

The thanks of us all go to the authorities at the towers concerned, and also to Mr. Ernest J. Rowe for his excellent arrangements. M. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, now leaving Kington Magna after 48 years, has something strong to say about increased postal charges in his parish notes: 'By raising the postage on printed matter to the outrageous figure of 2d. they (the Government) have destroyed the last despairing vestige of civilisation in our long-suffering country.'

Mr. Kenneth W. Price, of Weston-super-Mare, leaves for Iraq today.

Errata.— The quarter peal at Ashford, Kent, on June 12th (page 422) was rung to the memory of Mrs. H. Wickens, and not as printed. The error is regretted. It was at Halling and not Holling, Kent, that the peal of Minor (page 420) was rung.

Apropos the site of the Ring o' Bells, referred to in this column last week, there are two claimants. Mr. M. Ward, of Bottesford, states that it is at Swinton, Mexborough, Yorks, opposite the church, and Mr. Charles Clegg informs us that it is at Winkleigh, Devon, where All Saints' Church has a ring of eight with a 20 cwt. tenor.

The De Profundis bell at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Christchurch, New Zealand, weighing 2¼ tons, which crashed in October, 1936, has been repaired by Mr. D. M. Thompson and an associate. There was a crack of about two inches and this has been repaired with a nickel alloy.

The suggestion made at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild to establish a College of Campanology is developing. Details of the 'Manual of Ringing Training,' the handbook of the College, particularly in regard to the elementary part, will be published at an early date. Information should be sought from the Registrar, College of Campanology, 24, Doyle Avenue, Portsmouth.

Mr. F. G. H. May, a member of the Central Council for nine years, who died at Capetown on July 2nd, aged 81 years, was the uncle of Mr. Peter May, the England cricket captain.

Scarborough Parish Church bells will be heard prior to the broadcast of the morning service from there in the North Home Service on Sunday, July 22nd, at 9.30 a.m.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. inform us that the weight of the tenor bell of Baslow Church as weighed at the foundry in 1923 is 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Aston on June 30th was a birthday compliment to the Master of the Guild, Mr. Frank E. Haynes. and Miss Juliette Hayward, daughter of J. L. Garner Hayward.

The only other peal of Superlative rung at Bolney was conducted by J. W. Washbrook on May 13th, 1891, in 2 hours and 55 minutes, on the oldest ring of bells in Sussex, and our 'Pat' was thrilled to clip this time by two minutes.

The peal at Loughborough Bell Foundry of Yorkshire Royal (June 29th) coincided with the engagement of Nancy Toon, of Hinckley, and Roger Hayward, of Stoney Stanton, both having been 'tutored' by Alf Ballard. We congratulate them and wish them 'all the best.'

After the peal at Bedford on June 25th, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jeffries kindly entertained the band to supper. The visitors were very grateful to Mr. S. Foskett and the local band for forgoing their practice night to that the peal could be rung The peal was rung on Mrs. Poole's birthday, and other birthdays were Mrs. Lock's (June 17th), Mr. Lock's (June 23rd) and Mr. P. A. Corby's (June 22nd).

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PIONEERS OF THE RAILWAYMEN'S RINGERS GUILD at the inaugural meeting at Crewe on June 23rd. Kneeling on the right is Mr. W. Frank Stenson, who with Mr. Sydney Foskett, of Bedford, organised the meeting.
[Photo by permission of 'Crewe Chronicle.'

The Worcestershire Association Receive Civic Honours

Inclement weather did not prevent an excellent attendance on the occasion of the Northern Branch meeting at Bewdley, one of the gems of the upper Severn Valley, on June 16th, when the gathering was honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress at the service and afterwards at tea.

Bewdley had been without a full band for some considerable time before the arrival of Mr. Raymond C. Sayers, late of Claines, who, with Mr. T. F. W. Harris as secretary, reorganised the St. Anne's Guild of Voluntary Church Bell Ringers, so that the bells are once more rung regularly for Sunday services.

The bells, a fine-toned eight with a tenor of approximately 18 cwt., were made good use of before the service, at which the Rector, the Rev. Ronald A. Jones, gave an excellent address upon the functions of ringers and the value of their ministry to the well-being of the Church.

Tea was afterwards served in the Town Hall, and approximately 70 sat down to enjoy the first-rate meal provided by the local ringers and their ladies.

The Association Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, referred to the great honour bestowed upon the gathering by the Mayor and Mayoress in being present with them, and in thanking them hoped that they had enjoyed what was to them, probably, a unique occasion. At this point the Mayor was unfortunately compelled to hurry away to keep another appointment and was unable to make the full reply he would otherwise have done.

At the business meeting, reference was made to the passing of two very valued members of the Association in the persons of Messrs. William C. Dowding, Kings Heath, and Donald Potter, leader of the Bromsgrove band, and the members stood in silence for a short space.

Several new members were elected and Cradley was chosen as the venue for the next quarterly meeting on September 15th. The secretary gave a résumé of the proceedings at Leicester on the occasion of the Central Council meeting and referred to the position of 'The Ringing World' as then given, asking all members to give the journal the maximum support possible, particularly in making every effort to secure new subscribers, and to bear in mind the Editorial Committee's request for more local news, a request which had hitherto met with very little response.

The Bow Bells Appeal was then dealt with and it was decided that each tower secretary should be asked to make a local collection for the fund, as was being done in other areas, in time for the next quarterly meeting, when the total collected would be forwarded to help the fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright to all concerned in the excellent arrangements which had been made, and the meeting was then declared closed, members dividing themselves between handbells in the Town Hall and the heavier metal in the tower.

B. C. A.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

On June 9th the Society held its monthly meeting at St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, which was a joint meeting with the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association. Some 48 members attended. The eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.), which were retuned and rehung in 1952, were raised and rung to various methods during the afternoon.

A short service was conducted by the Curate, who welcomed the Society on their first visit to Scarborough, and made apologies for the Vicar who was on an out-of-town engagement.

Tea was served in an adjoining café and was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. A. E. Sellers, the president, in the chair. Mr. Sellers asked the members to stand in remembrance of Mr. George F. Williams, of Hull, and went on to say what a great loss the passing of this brilliant ringer, conductor and composer, who was the first president of the Beverley and District Ringing Society, and the prime-mover in its foundation, would be to the ringing community.

After tea ringers returned to the tower for further ringing, until time to cease the bells, bringing another successful meeting to a close.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The annual meeting of the Society took place at Lichfield on June 23rd. Presenting the committee's report, Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary, said it had been a most encouraging feature during the year to see an increasing number of young ringers attending the Society's meetings.

Mr. G. Hughes, Ringing Master, stated that the number of peals rung, 50, showed an increase of 14 over the previous year. These peals had included a good proportion of young ringers and learners in a variety of methods.

Mr. F. Brotherton, hon. treasurer, reported that the Society's balance in hand of £68 9s. 7d. was an increase of £8 11s. compared with the previous year. A donation of £4 4s. had been forwarded to Bow Bells Appeal.

Summing up the year under review, the Society's president, Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford, said that the results showed steady progress and the officers were to be congratulated on their efforts.

The officials elected for the year 1956/7 were: Ringing Master Mr. G. Hughes, clerical secretary Rev. C. H. Barker (for the 41st year), lay secretary Mr. F. Bennett, hon. treasurer Mr. F. Brotherton, peal secretary and auditor Mr. E. Speake, Central Council representatives Messrs. B. G. Key and G. Hughes.

Meetings for the next 12 months were provisionally arranged as follows: August, Kings Bromley; October, Tutbury; January, Sedgeley; March, Penkridge; May, Penn; and the annual meeting at Lichfield in June, 1957.

Thanks to the Archdeacon for taking the chair, and Prebendary Cresswell for taking the service at St. Mary's and allowing the use of St. Mary's schools for tea and the meeting concluded the proceedings.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

F. C. A. B.

According to 'Ringing Towers,' Mr. Marsden Horden, of St. James', Turramurra, is now on his way to England, where he will be residing for the next four years or so. We are sure he will receive a welcome from any tower he visits.

AN AUSTRALIAN RINGER IN ENGLAND

SINCE I arrived from Australia, 18 months ago, I have been convinced that there is no better way of seeing England than as a bellringer. My whole picture has been built up from my experiences in or on my way to or from church towers. Guide-books have been used in conjunction with a 'Dove,' and my guides were ringers who know and love their churches and districts. While I have probably missed many of the points of interest sought by the orthodox traveller, I cannot help but feel that mine is a far truer and lovelier picture.

From Hawkshead, Lancs, south to Kenwyn, Cornwall, and west to Walmer and Canterbury, I have met with the kindness of ringers that is so often taken for granted, but which can be truly appreciated by someone as far away from home as I. Through visiting towers while on touring holidays, going to meetings or on various outings I have rung in over 80 towers, and in my diaries I have always found it difficult to record adequately the welcome of the local ringers and the beauty in and around these historic churches.

The casual 'snatching' of half a dozen towers on outings arranged by my home tower here, Christ-the-Saviour, Ealing, and others to which I have been invited, amazes me when I think of such an outing from St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. For a similar 'bag' the return journey would cover about 1,200 miles, the nearest towers being at Ballarat, Bendigo, Yass and Sydney.

It is a pity that my ringing is not yet of a sufficiently high standard to be of much use to the Exercise; but this fact in itself would prove to any other ringing visitor to England that ringers are tolerant people. And if perhaps, when letting down bells in peal, I am ringing hand-stroke and everyone else back, it at least affords the opportunity for pointed remarks about Australia and similar upside-down nations!

I have tried on several occasions to convince other travellers who have not been as happy as I, that only by following up some such interest can one ever hope to know something of England—or, for that matter, of any other country. None has been prepared to give up the vague frivoling of ordinary tourists, who must be lost and lonely when the weather breaks or their arches fall. My membership of a local tower and Association, and the knowledge that there are friends in a dozen nearby towers always gives me that comfortable feeling of belonging here.

Among the unforgettable memories of my first year or so in England are those of Winchester, as shown by our guide, Mr. G. A. Pullinger; carols sung by the Kenwyn ringers last Christmas; stories of London churches told by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey before he went to Canada; the alarming sight of Southwark Cathedral bells ringing; the small children of Wrotham seriously cleaning the church's ornaments, while the Stanmore ringers rang overhead; the Pilgrims' Way churches of Puttenham and Seale; and, of course, the incomparable setting of any English church in spring . . . . to name just a few.

There is a type of person in all countries with whom people like ringers have nothing in common, and on one occasion I found myself surrounded by three or four of them. I was introduced as an Australian, and once the rest had digested this, my hostess also volunteered the information that I was a bellringer. One good lady was really shaken, and eventually cried, 'But the ringers here are the people of the village.'

When left to my own thoughts I chose a kinder and truer meaning to this statement, knowing the value of my delightful friends, the local ringers, who had only that morning offered to help me through a quarter peal on my next visit. 'People of the village' . . . . be it the tiniest hamlet or London, the greatest village of them all, I do not think that better words, kindly and correctly used, could be found to describe bellringers. F. C. B.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

A meeting of this Branch was held at Knutsford on June 23rd, when over 70 members and friends were present from a wide area. The six bells were in full use from early in the afternoon until the service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. M. Harris), who gave a very fine address.

A typical Knutsford tea, served in the Parish Hall, was enjoyed by all. The business meeting was under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who welcomed the Branch to Knutsford. The deaths of Allen S. Gordon (Stockport St. Mary) and Edward A. Jackson were reported, and the meeting stood for a moment in tribute to their memory. Mrs. D. B. Sproson, of Hyde, and Adrian Hough, of Knutsford, were elected members of the Guild.

The secretary reported on the proceeding of the annual festival for the benefit of those who were unable to be present, and made an appeal for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' drawing attention to the leading article of the previous day. It was agreed to make the meeting at Bowdon on September 29th a joint meeting with the North Western Branch of the Ladies' Guild. The meeting concluded with a very cordial vote of thanks to all who had contributed to its success. Members were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough looking so well and whilst the number of young members was considerable, one touch at least contained two octogenarians, Mr. Alfred Barnes (87) and Mr. John Wheadon (84). C. K. L.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
Joint Meeting at Plymouth

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches held a joint meeting at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on June 30th, the event being well supported by members of both Branches and visitors.

The fine ring of ten was made good use of throughout the afternoon, a short service being later held in St. Andrew's Chapel. This was followed by a bountiful tea in the Abbey Hall.

Mr. T. G. Myers welcomed the visitors on behalf of the South-West Branch, and Preb. E. V. Cox, the president, and Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, suitably replied, returning thanks to Mr. Myers for making such excellent arrangements.

Further ringing took place in the evening, and included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Western District Annual Meeting

The happy couple who were married at All Saints', Bingley, on June 16th, were no doubt pleasantly surprised, upon leaving the church, to hear the bells ringing out their greetings. This by no means unusual coincidence occurred when the Western District held its summer meeting. The word summer was on this day something of a misnomer as a steady drizzle descended. In spite of this, the meeting was an outstanding success, and a very representative attendance of about 60 members was recorded.

Ringing continued throughout the afternoon and there was a good variety of methods catering for all. The visitors' tastes were further catered for in the excellent tea which had been arranged by the local company. The vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, took the chair at the business meeting, when votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of Bingley for their kind hospitality.

This being the annual meeting of the District, the election of officers then took place. The officers due to retire were the hon. District secretary, Mr. A. E. Marsh and Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and H. Lofthouse, of the District committee. These were all re-elected for further terms of three years, and Mr. J. Ambler was re-elected to serve on the general committee of the Association for a similar period. Miss M. Barker was obliged to retire from the committee as she will shortly be leaving the district, and Miss S. Schofield was elected to serve for the unexpired portion of Miss Barker's term of office.

The usual date for the September meeting coincides with a general meeting of the Association to be held at Ripon. Rather than move the date of the District meeting it was agreed that an effort should be made to organise an afternoon bus trip to Ripon on September 15th and so give some additional support to the general meeting. It is hoped that as many members as possible will rally round and ensure the success of this venture.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION
Cheltenham Branch

The majestic church of Chipping Campden, bathed in sunshine, was an ideal setting for the June quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch on June 23rd. It was the first Branch meeting to be held there for nearly 20 years.

It proved to be a popular choice for during the afternoon and evening more than 50 ringers visited the tower to ring on the heavy eight. Among the many visitors who came from the surrounding counties of Worcestershire, Oxfordshire and Staffordshire was P.C. W. F. Scudamore, of Winterbourne, the Association general secretary, who, with his family, was paying his first visit to the Branch since his election as general secretary earlier this year.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. O'Loughlin, who in an inspiring address spoke of the great Christian work performed by ringers. A special vote of thanks for allowing the use of the bells was accorded to him at the business meeting which followed tea. It was disappointing that so few Branch members were present at the business meeting. Ringing continued until about 8 o'clock. E. M. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLAIN BOB MINOR TESTS

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago one of your correspondents wanted to know how many 720's of Plain Bob Minor there were with no 65's at backstroke. When associated with a six-bell tower I tried not to repeat a calling and I seem to have called about 50 720's with the tenor always the right way. Many years ago I made a pack of 60 cards representing the 60 leads of Plain Bob. In recent weeks I have been playing 'Patience' with them, and so far about 190 different 720's or variations have appeared with the required conditions. This does not exhaust the possibilities by any means.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Lochgilphead, Argyll.

BOW BELLS APPEAL

Dear Sir,—Last March you were kind enough to refer in your columns to the appeal for the restoration of Bow Bells and St. Mary-le-Bow Church. Since that date I have received contributions from no less than 45 Associations totalling £125. May I, through the courtesy of your columns, express to them all our very sincere thanks. We shall keep a permanent record of those who have contributed in our Church here, and will be glad to welcome any other gifts which may be sent to us, and to create a link between this Church and all whose interest in the craft of bell ringing has led them to help restore our famous ring.—Yours, etc.,

HUGH EVAN HOPKINS.
Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

THINK OF THE POOR SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—Having had a short experience of acting as a Guild Branch secretary, I feel that I am voicing the opinion of others who do similar work for their Guilds in organising meetings, etc.

Do ringers, I wonder, stop to think what their secretaries have to put up with organising these meetings, and in particular the difficulties in arranging teas?—if they did I am sure they would not be so reluctant sending their names in. Caterers find it very helpful if you can give them the exact numbers to avoid waste.

I feel that the get-together at tea once a month is just as important as the ringing, so I appeal to ringers to give this matter some thought and in future spend 2d. on a post card rather than turn up and embarrass your secretary.—Yours faithfully,

J. L. GARNER HAYWARD.

Coventry.

EARLY MORNING RINGING

Dear Sir,—Whilst making every allowance for Mr. Rowe's objections to what he calls 'inconsiderate ringing,' he has surely chosen two very bad examples with which to illustrate his case. New Year's Eve and Christmas morning—the latter especially—have been associated with the ringing of bells for centuries.

When we go to church on Christmas morning to ring in the Festival, there are few houses in which there are not lights at 6 a.m. in the children's bedrooms. So why bring the poor children into the discussion? They are examining the contents of their stockings and the sound of the bells is a fitting accompaniment to that pleasant task.—Yours faithfully,

W. GARNER.

Ashford, Kent.

NO INDISTINCT JANGLE

Dear Sir,—Of late there have been several letters in 'The Ringing World' regarding early morning ringing on festival days and New Year's Eve. In this village it has always been the custom to ring for early services on festivals, and we have our few critics who object to it, and would have one believe they hate the sound of bells at 6 a.m. But, let us miss one festival morning and those same people are the ones who create because we didn't ring.

Owing to the closeness of a railway level crossing we do not ring in foggy weather: occasionally this has meant no ringing on New Year's Eve, then our critics really 'go to town' and blame us for not ringing. Therefore I would say don't take your critics seriously.

One point I would like to mention: On a ringing tour yesterday I stood near the church, and although the touch was well struck the sound of the bells all merged in together was hideous, and that same ringing at 6 a.m. would have made any bell-lover living near the church see red. Yet that same ring of bells rung at a slower pace so that each bell was clear sounded lovely.

Therefore, to those who get undue criticism I would say, look to your striking and ring slower than normal so that each bell can be heard clearly and distinctly.

It is too easy to say: 'These bells want ringing fast': perhaps they do handle better if rung quickly, but after all let us not forget the people outside who are forced to listen to what is very often an unmusical noise.

Finally, I would like to add that circumstances alter cases, and whether or not early morning ringing is practical must depend on local reception; but clear and distinct bells are received much better than an indistinct jangle.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

MR. W. E. BOX REPLIES

Dear Sir,—May I crave your indulgence yet again to say a few brief words to the gentlemen who upbraid me for my views on ringing early in the day?

Their attitude seems to me to reveal an incredible intolerance coupled with a strong tinge of mediævalism. It was, not so long ago, an immemorial custom for people to live in disgusting hovels, lacking sanitation, and easy prey for frightful diseases but, as I cannot imagine either Mr. Grover or Miss Oliver advocating a return to such conditions, I fail to see why they should be so anxious to retain the atmosphere of the Middle Ages in the belfry when their efforts almost certainly only irritate the very people they are trying to attract.

I am afraid, although it was certainly not my original intention to start a controversy on ecclesiastical history, that I cannot accept Mr. Grover's assertion that man's rise from barbarism to humanity is the particular monopoly of the Christian religion, for quite apart from the ancient civilisations of Egypt and Babylonia, etc., in the pre-Christian era, my reading of history has shown me that the 'black night' of the thousand years following the collapse of the Western Roman Empire in A.D. 476 was the so-called 'Age of Faith' (or, better, Age of Filth) with its accompanying cruelty, vice, superstition and ignorance, and all that when the Christian Church was absolutely supreme. Nor is the record of our own Church of England much cleaner as a little study of social conditions from 1550 to 1900 will quickly show. Let us not in seeing the mote in our brother's eye overlook the beam in our own.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY

Dear Sir,—On p. 414 of 'The Ringing World' dated June 29th, one reads: 'Saffron Walden Society (Estd. 1623)—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields.'

I live over 50 miles away from this very pleasant Essex town with its near-7,000 souls, but the notice was sufficient to attract me to go and listen—the 333 years, 'Great Ringing Day,' 12 bells, the service and the name of Pitstow were all a draw.

I arrived while the service was in progress, and I crept in by the west door of this beautiful church, with its inspiring tower and spire reaching, perhaps, 150ft. There, in the lofty nave, with sunshine streaming through the windows, sat 18 people, and I guess that not all of them were or had been ringers. The preacher had undoubtedly taken trouble beforehand with his sermon—it was a good one and extremely well delivered.

The organist—not the regular one—played very nicely from the three-manual console, which is wonderfully concealed on the centre of the rood screen high above the floor. (Up there he must feel in a position of full control of everything, although unseen by 99 per cent. of the congregation, I expect.) Those 18 people sang very nicely.

The service over, the congregation turned towards the tower. I found that I did not know a single face. One of them approached me in a friendly way. I found that he came from Biggleswade (Bedfordshire), so he was roughly 30 miles from home. I was anxious to meet that Essex lady who likes to get on the tenor even if it weighs well on for two tons—see p. 409 of 'The Ringing World,' June 29th, 1956, for instance—but, no luck!

I wandered round the church outside wondering if I should hear 12 rung. Presently the back eight started up (tenor behind) and soon had to stand. Then eight again, and again, always tenor behind.

So, after noticing that, as well as the sound of the bells, we got some clickety-clicks from the bell chamber—loose clapper(s), perhaps—I set out for my 50-odd miles home, but not before I had a pleasant two minutes with Mr. Parish, who told me that he couldn't ring that day because he had had an accident, and showed me his name on two of the peal tablets at the base of the tower. He is a tenor ringer, and rang his first peal half-muffled for Queen Victoria's funeral in 1901. Let's hope he will soon be fit to climb the stairs again. (If he feels a bit off-colour his looks don't pity him!)

I admit that I was not as Saffron Walden from 2.30 to 6 p.m. so I do not know how many ringers were there then, nor who they were, but the number I did see disappointed me, and I feel sure that the preacher and Mr. Pitstow were disappointed, too. Also, I didn't hear the sound of the front four bells at all! It was a warm, fine day, so the weather ought to have brought ringers out. I trust it was not lack of interest, but simply so many other attractions and engagements which made the party so small on this Great Ringing Day. It would be nice to know.—Yours very truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

SPLICED RUTLAND, YORKSHIRE AND NEW CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that the 9th course has been omitted from the peal on p. 384. This should be 24365 R x R produced from 43265 by a bob Home.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 428)

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

It is the avowed intention of these papers to encourage the conductor to experiment with his calling, to invent his own touches, and to practise calling the bells round. It is time now to approach more closely to these aims, and the matter that must be considered first is the question of calling the bells into rounds. Until the conductor has at his command an easily remembered and easily manipulated means of getting the bells into rounds from any position he will hesitate to venture away from the well-trodden paths of musical sequence and the well-worn touches of the text books. We must therefore now proceed to the principles governing the gathering together of the bells into their plain coursing order, and it will be necessary at the start to make some reference to the sequence of Odd and Even rows in Grandsire Triples. In Grandsire Triples the rows are alternately Odd and Even, which means that, while bobs and plain leads only succeed each other, the handstroke leads of the treble are Odd and the backstroke leads are Even, because the bells are In Course. After a single has been called the reverse is the case, and all the handstroke leads of the treble are Even and the backstroke leads are Odd. The important result of all this is that when the bells are Out of Course rounds can come only at handstroke, and when the bells are In Course rounds can come only at backstroke. There are, of course, many more things dependent on, and affected by, the Odd or Even nature of the rows in Grandsire Triples, but for the time being let the above facts concerning the coming round of the bells suffice, and let us proceed to the actual calling round.

The process is a perfectly logical one, but where it starts will depend on the position of the bells. Let us assume that the bells are nowhere near the plain course order, that 5, 6, and 7 are not coursing each other but are widely scattered. There are three stages.

1. Getting 67 together to produce a course end 000067.
2. Getting the 5th into line to produce a course end 000567.
3. Rotating 234 to produce 234567.

We take each of these in order.

1. *Getting 67 together.* In Grandsire, as in many other methods, in order to get two bells together it is necessary to keep one of them plain hunting until the other one comes to it. Applying this principle in the present case we shall call 7 into the hunt, and then call 6 Before. This will produce the position 067000, and 6 and 7 will be in their required coursing order. (The student should prick this out on paper and satisfy himself that the procedure produces the stated result.)

We now come to Stage 2, which is not quite so simple as Stage 1.

2. *Getting the 5th into line.* This follows the general principle, and so 5 must be got into the hunt and left there until 6 and 7 are in the correct relative position. But 5 has to be placed in the hunt without disturbing the order of 6 and 7, and it is here that some care has to be used so that the work achieved in Stage 1 is not undone.

The safest plan for the beginner is to call 5 into the hunt *by means of a single* and not by a bob. By following this rigidly the conductor can be sure of calling 5 into the hunt without disturbing 67; and though doubtless he will speedily discover the places where a bob might with advantage be used, it will be well for him to adhere to the use of the single in the early stages of experiment.

At the moment in Stage 1 when the 6th is called Before the position of the three back bells is bound to be one of the following:

067050 567000 067500 067005

In the first of these 567 are in their plain course order and will come to lead 6-7-5. There is therefore no need to put 5 in the hunt.

In the second, the bells are not in plain course order, but 5 is already in the hunt and so is favourably placed. It must be left where it is for a short time.

In the third and fourth contingencies the 5th is not in line with 6 and 7, nor is it in the hunt. It can be got into the hunt, nevertheless, very quickly, and the conductor must be alert and ready at this point to make a quick decision. From 067500 a single called immediately puts 5 in the hunt. From 067005 a bob would put 5 into the hunt, but as we are proposing to use only the single for this part of the work, we must allow one more lead to go by plain, watch for 5 coming down in front of the treble and then call the single. [*To be continued.*

WEDDING

MR. W. A. YATES—MISS K. I. BALLARD

The picturesque Church of St. James, Paulerspury, Northants, provided a pleasant setting on June 23rd for the wedding of William Alfred, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates, of Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham, and Kathleen Ivy Ballard, of Plumpton End, Paulerspury. The church itself was filled with a large number of relatives and ringing friends.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. P. Foster, wore a gown of white taffeta and lace and carried a bouquet of Talisman roses. Roger Keeley was best man. The service began with the singing of the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation,' with the choir leading the bride to the foot of the chancel in procession. The Rector, the Rev. J. Lewis, paid fitting tribute to both bride and bridegroom for their active church work in his brief address.

As the newly-wed couple left the church a short touch was rung on the bells by the local band, of which the bride was a member.

The reception was held in the village schoolroom. Mr. L. Flynn proposed the toast to the bride and bridegroom, to which Mr. Yates suitably replied, and the best man followed in the traditional way, toasting the bridesmaids and reading a large number of telegrams from all over the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates have made their new home in Dodford and plan to spend their honeymoon later in the year at Lyme Regis.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

For the first time since 1945, the bells of Weybridge Parish Church were available for a meeting on June 23rd. Rounds to Double Norwich were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Spencer, with Mr. H. D. Hillier at the organ.

After tea, Mr. W. Shepherd took the chair for the business meeting, in the absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson, who is in hospital. Five new members were elected from Weybridge, one from Send and one from Chobham.

As Mr. Dodson will be unable to ring for some time Mr. J. King was appointed as assistant Ringing Master for the rest of the year. The secretary said he would send the meeting's good wishes to Mr. Dodson for a speedy recovery.

In the evening, ringing was at Oatlands Park, where rounds to London was rung. E. A. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

A very pleasant meeting was held at Bolsover on June 16th, when members were present from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Cresswell, Handsworth, Rotherham and Thrybergh.

During the afternoon and evening the lovely light ring of eight was put to good use. With the help of the gentlemen, methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. Two touches of Bob Minor were rung by the ladies.

After a very substantial tea in the Church Hall, a warm welcome was extended to the Ladies' Guild by the Vicar (Rev. W. Speakman). He said that he had been trying to decide what qualifications were required to make a good lady ringer—brain, brawn, or a good figure. He finally decided on the last one!

At the business meeting four new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on September 8th in the Leeds area.

Grateful thanks were given to the Bolsover band, and especially Mr. A. B. Cooper, for making the excellent arrangements E. B.

Central District

A large gathering of members and friends met in a blaze of sunshine outside St. Mary's, Beddington, on June 30th, and eight of the ten bells were soon ringing in various methods, including Cambridge and Stedman. After a short service everyone adjourned to tackle a really tremendous tea.

At the business meeting three new members were elected, and Mrs. T. J. Lock was unanimously proposed as this District's candidate for the presidency of the Ladies' Guild. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Curate for taking the service, to Mr. Jennings for making the arrangements and supervising the tea, and to all his willing helpers. Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., the piece de resistance being a well struck course of Grandsire Caters by ten ladies.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester District, which was held at Stockbridge on June 30th, was an extra special occasion for it coincided with the local captain's (Mr. S. B. Carey) completion of 50 years as a ringer at Stockbridge. Many ringers came from a wide area to do him honour, and the bells were kept going under the leadership of Mr. R. Smith, Ringing Master.

The Rev. N. A. S. Tupholme, Vicar of Stockbridge, took the service and, in his address, said that Mr. Carey's record was an example all should try to copy.

Tea was held in the Town Hall, where the ringers were joined by Bishop Lang (Assistant Bishop of Winchester), the Rev. Mr. Uppington (former Vicar of Stockbridge) and other local dignitaries.

After tea, Mr. Carey thanked everyone for turning up, and said that the tea had been donated by his sons, daughters, sons- and daughters-in-law. He spoke briefly of his career as a ringer, mentioning that he had served under seven rectors. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (District chairman), Bishop Lang, the Rev. N. A. S. Tupholme and others made suitable replies.

One ringing member was elected—Mr. Forder, of Old Alresford, and one honorary member—Miss H. D. Roxburgh, Headmistress of the County High School, Winchester.

The secretary reported arrangements for the District outing, which is to be held on September 8th.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH

For their annual outing on June 23rd Newark Parish Church ringers decided to visit Shakespeare's country.

Leaving Newark at 8 a.m., St. Nicholas', Kenilworth (6, 14¼ cwt.), was reached by 10.15 a.m., despite a long delay due to a traffic jam. The bells are rather heavy, but go reasonably well, and Minor and Doubles methods were rung, with the exception of Cambridge Surprise, which would not go, possibly due to the Ringing Master being unable to count his dodges!

Stratford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity (10, 19 cwt.), the next tower of the day, was reached by 12 noon. Here we were greeted by the Vicar and one of the local ringers. The Vicar, who was once a curate at Newark, said he was very pleased to be able to welcome a party from Newark and that he hoped they would enjoy ringing on his bells. Grandsire and Stedman Caters followed, and the time allotted passed all too quickly, and it was with deep regret farewell was said to this fine ring of bells.

A pleasant couple of hours was then spent in Stratford, including a visit to Shottery, to see Ann Hathaway's Cottage. It was here that our Oxford friend was nearly left behind.

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter, Leamington Spa (8, 16 cwt.), with its fine, slender, very tall brick tower almost detached from the church, was also visited. Due to the bells being extremely high in the tower it sways alarmingly when the bells are rung. Here the Rev. Father came up to see us ring, saying it was the first time he had seen the bells rung up. It is recommended that visiting ringers have some practice on the third before attempting to ring the second, which due to the sway of the tower it is almost impossible to keep up.

Homeward bound via Coventry, a call was made at All Saints', Allesley (8, 11 cwt.). A very fine eight, which perhaps we did not do full justice to, probably due to the previous ringing at Leamington and a large tea.

The last call was the ground floor ring of St. Michael's, Stoke (Coventry) (8, 13¼ cwt.). Ringing here was much improved, and with the help of some of the local ringers Double Norwich was rung.

Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Double Court Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

Many thanks are due to the incumbents and the ringers who so kindly met us, and to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the organiser of this pleasant day's outing. W. L. E.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS

When planning an outing several weeks in advance, it is not possible to foretell the mood of the clerk of the weather. This year he frowned upon the North Stoneham band, and it rained solidly all day. Despite this—or because of it—an enjoyable day was had with some fine ringing at Highclere, Newbury, Marlow, Denham and Windsor.

An excellent high tea was taken at Denham after the rather heavy ring there had tested the skill of many of the band, used to a light ring in the home tower. Members of the Southampton University Ringers' Association, together with friends from neighbouring towers, joined with the Stoneham band, and there was no lack of response to 'catch hold.' Ringing ranged from rounds to advanced methods, with the lady members acquitting themselves with honours

Grateful thanks are expressed to those tower captains, ringers and incumbents for their co-operation. L. W. S.

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

On June 16th Dartford and District ringers chose to make a trip to Cambridge for their outing, and although the weather was far from pleasant a very good day's ringing was enjoyed by some 30-odd ringers, who were accompanied by a few friends.

At Bishop's Stortford we were met by the Vicar and local ringers. This pleasant ring of ten was kept going from rounds to Royal without difficulty.

After lunch the afternoon's programme of three towers in Cambridge took us first to the grand twelve at Great St. Mary's, where only a short period was taken owing to the proximity of the market. Here Mr. Quinney had arranged everything for our convenience. St. Andrew's was visited with mixed feelings, but although these bells are soon to be rehung, some good touches were obtained. Good use was then made of the easy-going six at St. Benet's.

After tea a stop was made on the homeward journey at Harlow, a very good eight, which provided some of the best ringing of the day.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Surprise Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Kent Royal, and the final touch of the day, Cambridge Surprise.

As we understand that four parties of ringers were in Cambridge, a special vote of thanks must go to those tower secretaries who arranged the ringing so that little or no overlapping took place. This in addition to thanks to all clergy and local ringers for the use of bells and belfries. R. G. B.

THERE WERE 122

of our postal subscribers who last week remitted the extra postage (1s. 3d.) for the current year. We again thank those who kindly sent a little extra to provide for those who forgot. There is still time to remit either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, or to the Editor, c/o 'The Ringing World,' Guildford.

ELLAND, YORKS

Elland Parish Church ringers and friends spent Whit Monday very pleasantly with a coach trip from Yorkshire into Lancashire.

After a brief ring on the five bells at Skipton the route was through the delightful limestone country of the Yorkshire Dales to Hornby, with a good eight in its octagonal tower, and lunch at the Royal Oak.

The Lancashire countryside made a strong appeal and ringing took place at Ribchester, Downham and Whalley (a fine old parish church truly in keeping with its fine ring of eight bells). It was really a delightful outing.

HELMINGHAM AND DISTRICT

On June 30th 'Pipe's Pilgrims' jet coach took off at 5.45 a.m. for a tour of Herts and Beds. All Saints', Edmonton, where the party was met by the Vicar (the Rev. S. W. Wright), was the first stop. At Rickmansworth the handy ring of ten was made good use of in the short time before lunch.

The fine ring at Hemel Hempstead was much appreciated as were the light bells at Totternhoe. Here a bounteous tea, organised by Mrs. Scott and her lady helpers, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Luton, with its fine ten, was a grand finish, and courses of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were rung, also Yorkshire Major. Home was reached on July 1st, some 270 miles having been covered.

ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL

The annual outing of the St. Ambrose Ringing Guild, or rather the outing organised by the St. Ambrose Ringing Guild, and well supported by ringers from other Bristol Guilds, was held on June 16th, and the places visited were Yeovil, Kingston, Swanage and Evercreech.

A coachload of 41 ringers and friends left St. Ambrose Church at 8 a.m., en route for Yeovil, which was reached at 10 a.m., where we were met by Tom Setter, and a very enjoyable hour was spent on this very nice ten. After enjoying a very nice lunch at the White Horse Inn, Swanage, the ringers indulged in an hour's ringing at the parish church, where we were welcomed by Mr. Lott, and then we made the short journey to Kingston for an hour on the glorious ring of eight, returning to Swanage for tea.

The weather had not behaved itself all day until now, having been a continuous downpour all day, but it improved when we had to leave Swanage at 6 p.m.; but more rain met us on the way to Evercreech, which we reached at about 8.15 p.m., and were welcomed by Harry Sanger who had everything ready. Some nice ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m., when a move was made to the Bell Inn where a sumptuous supper had been prepared, to which the party did justice.

After supper the Vicar of St. Ambrose (the Rev. M. H. W. Hocking) thanked the ringers for their work during the year, and remarked how pleased he was to have the bells rung for both morning and evening service every Sunday. He also had a very pleasant duty to perform by presenting a Book of Common Prayer, with Hymns A. & M. Revised, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Charlie Baker, who had been captain of St. Ambrose tower for nine years, a position he resigned at this year's Guild meeting.

Mr. Reg Hooper, the present captain, thanked the secretary for organising the outing, and Mr. Skidmore thanked the visitors for their always willing support to these functions. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. John Jefferies thanked the St. Ambrose Guild for their welcome, and spoke of the close association that had always existed between St. Ambrose and Mangotsfield Guilds. He also thanked the incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells, with a special word of thanks to Harry Sanger.

A move was made for home at 10.30 p.m., which was reached before midnight.

NOTTINGHAM

The weather on June 23rd for the Nottingham and District ringers' outing was ideal—warm and dry, but not too hot. The first tower visited was the recently-augmented eight at Donington, which we found rather difficult to handle. During the short journey from here to Boston an excerpt from Holt's Original was rung on handbells in the coach.

At the famous Stump we much admired the fine ten, the well-kept ringing room and the view from the top of the tower. After an excellent lunch at the White Hart we enjoyed some good ringing on the easy-going eight at Sutterton. The next stop was at Spalding, where we had the best ringing of the day on the pleasant octave.

After a substantial tea the last tower of the day, Heckington, was reached ahead of schedule. In this beautiful church we had over an hour's good ringing. Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Spliced Triples, Mixed Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Little Bob.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents, to the local ringers who met us at every tower, especially Mr. W. E. Clarke, of Boston, who arranged the lunch, to the Ringing Master for the day (Mr. F. A. Salter) and finally to the hard-working pair who arranged the whole outing, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson.

B. M. B.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD WHITE

Mr. Richard White, the well-known bell-hanger, died at his home in Appleton, Berkshire, on June 25th, aged 78 years. The funeral took place at Appleton on June 28th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Joyce, Rector of Appleton, assisted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. C. F. Cross (chairman of the North Berkshire Branch of the Guild).

The village church would scarcely hold those who came from far and near to pay tribute to the memory of a dearly beloved friend. All the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were there, as were those of the North Berkshire Branch, and representatives of other firms of bellhangers.

The service was simple and sincere, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by W. F. Judge, W. Hibbert, F. Sharpe and A. H. Webb, on a deep-toned octave of handbells made by Richard White's father.

Afterwards a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the tower bells, as reported in our peal columns. Mr. White's wife predeceased him by a few years, and he leaves one daughter and four sons, one of whom, Frank, will (D.V.) carry on the great bell-hanging and ringing traditions of the White family.

MR. F. G. H. MAY

Mr. Frederick George Heywood May, who died in Capetown on July 2nd, was born on January 4th, 1875, at Avening, Glos, and learned to ring there and at Cirencester, scoring his first peal at St. Michael's, Gloucester, on November 21st, 1895, when he rang the tenor to Grandsire Caters. Progress was rapid, for three years later he became Master of the Bristol and Gloucester Association, and followed this by being secretary until 1905.

Leaving Gloucester for Bristol, he founded there, on November 6th, 1900, the St. Nicholas' with St. Leonard's Guild, and served the following nine years on the Central Council. By 1913 he had rung over 300 peals, his probable total being 666, mostly accomplished in the West, the last at Stroud on August 4th, 1919. He went to South Africa in 1925 as an accountant and had travelled widely in this country. His funeral was attended by members of St. Mary's, Woodstock, who also sent a wreath.

An Appreciation

A composer and noted conductor who favoured Stedman Caters, he extended Cambridge Surprise Royal to Maximus, and was in the first band to ring it. A College and also a Cumberland Youth, a member of more than ten teritorial Associations, he had conducted many 'firsts' and the last peal at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

His friends of old were great names—Challis Winney, John Hesse, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (whom he had the unusual pleasure of correcting, and saving the peal), William Pye (the best man on the heavy end he had ever met), John Austin (the competent and respected leader of the St. Michael's Juniors), Sidney Romans, and the brothers James (of whom he wrote 'My vote would go to Edward, who was in my day a slave to mathematics').

Nothing gave him greater pleasure in recent years than receiving from Mr. Croft, of Southampton, his long-lost copy of 'Clavis'; this was made possible by Mr. Spencer, a Merchant Navy ringer. Some years ago he had patented a perpetual calendar.

Always a keen follower of English cricket, especially the fortunes of Gloucestershire and his nephew, Peter May, he remembered (with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) W. G. Grace, (not the least for the great doctor's violent language).

Mr. May kept meticulous records of his peals, and I hope his first books which are in England will not be lost to the Exercise. A. V. S.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WATERS—HAFFENDEN.—The wedding between S. Geoffrey Waters and Jill Haffenden will take place at St. Michael and All Angels, Marden, on Saturday, July 21st, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 8610

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE. Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955. With love and gratitude we remember him. 8603

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ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, HESTON.—Change of practice night. Please note change of practice from Thursday to Tuesday evening at 8. Visitors welcome. 8600

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in August.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8619

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford (6) on Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to: Mr. A. G. Cannings, 2, Church Street, Bathford, Bath. 8520

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Dando, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8569

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—July 14th. Chiddingstone (8) (Withyham and Frant not available). Tea at Castle Inn.—Chas. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8577

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, July 14th, Battle (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 8563

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, July 14th, Widford, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam. 8573

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 8548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, July 14th.—Cyril S. Jarrett. Hon. Sec. 8533

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 8562

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Evershot, July 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Melbury Osmond (5) bells available from 6 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mrs. E. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 8571

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Downham, Saturday, July 14th, at 3.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8568

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Stonham Aspal, July 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business: Election of new secretary, Debenham District. —J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 8567

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. 8504

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Pylle, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 17th. —W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 8584

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Wrington, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8620

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Husborne Crawley, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Bedford–Aylesbury buses hourly past church. All welcome.—H. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8617

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Farndon, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. per head) reserved for those notifying by first post July 18th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 8604

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Taxal, Whaley Bridge, July 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. (note change). Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise before July 17th Mr. G. Cook, 165, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. —C. K. Lewis. 8630

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bidford-on-Avon, with Salford Priors, July 21st, after tea. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is important that I have names for tea by Wednesday, July 18th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8572

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Bovey Tracey, Saturday, July 21st. Names for tea, please.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8608

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Chester-le-Street, SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Saturday, July 21st. Names to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. —C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8599

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Ripley, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. J. Brown, 33, Slack Lane, Ripley, Derbyshire. —B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8609

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8616

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambrdge District.—A meeting will be held at Dullingham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, from 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Harwich, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 18th, please, to W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkestone, Harwich. 8579

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Leatherhead and Southern Districts (respectively) joint meeting, Dorking (8) and Ranmore (8), on July 21st. Dorking bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ranmore bells available after tea. Names for tea by July 19th to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—A. Smith and D. J. Parr, Dis. Secs. 8586

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, July 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8605

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Meeting, July 21st, at Goodrich. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Miss M. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow, Ross. 8606

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Ashtead Surprise. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at North Mymms, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8622

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Miles Platting, 3 p.m., July 21st No. 82 bus from St. Peter's Square or Piccadilly. Cups of tea. Note change from Mossley.—R. Benson. 8630

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford (8), July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. in Bull's Head. Names for tea (accommodation strictly limited) must be sent by Tuesday, July 17th, without fail, to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. (Tel. Melton 723).—B. G. Warwick, Gen. Hon. Sec. 8587

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—July programme. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, 21st, St. Mary's, Leyton (8) (Church Road), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Short service. Tea, own arrangements, 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Woodford (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesday, 25th, St. John's, South Hackney, E.9, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.—Bullock, Sec. 8624

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea on July 21st at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Non-members cordially invited. Names, please, to Mr. Sayers, Fairway, Boughton Monchelsea.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 8613

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, July 21st, Hampton, 3 to 5 p.m.; Feltham, 6 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 8611

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gaywood, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8590

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lambourn, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Would those requiring tea please send names before July 18th to Miss P. Gaunt, 38, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berks. 8581

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Tew (8), July 21st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 8555

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning on July 21st at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 8626

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Tew (8), July 21st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Mr. E. C. Pearson retires after 25 years as hon. secretary. All ringers welcome. Notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 8555

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Downton, July 21st. Bells 2.30 and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Britford also from 7 p.m. Names for tea, without fail by 17th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8526

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), July 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 8625

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Break for tea 5.15 p.m., for which make own arrangements. —R. S. Payne, Southwold. 8574

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, July 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Bell Hotel.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8592

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8) (Newick unavailable), Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by July 18th to K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec., 17, The Gattens, Burgess Hill. 8629

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Binstead, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 18th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 8627

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly Meeting, Eckington, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. —W. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 8615

KNEBWORTH, HERTS. — Sunday, July 22nd, at 6 p.m. Service of thanksgiving for restoration of bells. A cordial invitation to all. Cup of tea available. Regular practices held each Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. 8634

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting, Batcombe, July 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 8632

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8628

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, on Saturday, July 28th. Full details later.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8623

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Cudham, Saturday, July 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8614

LADIES' GUILD. — Hereford District. — Meeting at Weston-under-Penyard (6), Saturday, July 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by July 25th to Rosemary Jarrett, 22, Bulmer Avenue, Garden City, Hereford. 8565

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Anstey, July 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 26th to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. 8633

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather (8), July 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 25th to Mr. P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 8612

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, to Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 8618

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Great Barton (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 21st. —K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8598

MARKSBURY, NR. BATH. — Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Sunday, July 29th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 8635

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STEDMAN CINQUES ON HANDBELLS

THE article by J. F. S. on the above subject clearly shows that peals of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' have not been as plentiful since the first peal was rung 102 years ago, and this is borne out by the fact that 30 years elapsed between the second and third peals. After 1888 Birmingham called a halt until 1916, but during the early years of this century the three brothers Pye, William, Ernest and George, together with Bertram Prewett and a 9–10 ringer, rang peals of Stedman Caters 'in hand,' mostly in the City of London.

In March, 1910, the writer was invited by Arthur T. King, president of the Middlesex Association, to take part in a peal at his office in Old Jewry, and after a peal of Stedman Caters it was plain to see that when Ernest Pye was available a peal of Cinques was possible. The date of April 18th was fixed for the attempt at the same meeting place and the outcome of this meeting resulted in the writer receiving the congratulations of the band and three umpires on his first of Cinques 'in hand.' It was then a secret ambition arose within my mind, that of ringing each of the six pairs to a peal of Stedman Cinques, yet it was not to be, for one pair never came my way and 11–12 became the only pair which eluded me for a peal.

From 1910 to 1915 quite a number of peals in this method were scored in London and are recorded as examples of skill in the art of handbell ringing when double-handed peals began to increase. Perhaps the two best remembered peals of Stedman Cinques in which the writer took part was the 6,063 on March 22nd, 1913, and a short course composition on May 4th, 1914. The 6,063 is, strangely enough, still the longest length 'in hand' and has stood for 43 years. Those who rang this peal with me have passed on, but their names will not easily be forgotten; they are William Pye, Ernest Pye, George Pye, Bertram Prewett and Alf Grimes. One of the two umpires is still with us, that well-known veteran Reuben Sanders.

The short-course peal was a 5,049 consisting of 69 courses instead of the usual 38, and was the first to be rung on handbells. It was rung by the same band at the same meeting place and the same rate of striking prevailed as in the previous mentioned peal, yet there was a remarkable difference in the composition. Instead of the calls being made chiefly by the front bells, the back bells were called upon to make plenty of bobs, which produced a remarkable difference from the set courses usually rung. Short course peals of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' have been rare events, and it is hardly to be wondered at seeing that plenty of concentration is needed for nearly 3¼ hours, yet we were all conscious when the peal ended that something new in a composition had produced many changes seldom heard in a twelve-bell peal, and it was a pity that more umpires and witnesses could not be present to testify something out of the ordinary in double-handed Stedman Cinques.

A few months after the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 the writer heard a touch of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' performed by members of the St. Stephen's, Westminster, band of handbell ringers, who were highly skilled both in tower- and handbell ringing, and such a performance created a lasting impression on his mind, for such results were the reward of constant practice and good teamwork. At that time there were two bands in Westminster who practised the same evening and it sometimes happened that members of St. Margaret's and St. Stephen's bands paid visits to one another at the meeting places after tower-bell practice, and this was the means of cementing many friendships, having chats together, also sitting round for touches on handbells, thus creating opportunities for those who desired to rise in the realm of handbell ringing.

J. F. S. gave us a good review of Birmingham's noble part in the history of this subject since the two earliest peals performed in London, and one can rightly say that 'Brum' is known as the producer of many good things over a number of years, among them being Stedman Cinques. Probably I have guessed the identity of J. F. S. aright when I assume he has divided a busy life both in Birmingham and London and is still happy to take a pair of handbells whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Many pages in the book, 'Stedman,' are devoted to history, but very little space is devoted to Cinques on handbells, and I trust a little added information will be of interest.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

G. WM. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	2	JAMES PHILLIPS	8
JILL R. PARSONS..	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	9
JOYCE A. PARSONS	4	FRANK E. DARBY	10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW.. ..	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
ALFRED B. PECK..	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ..	6
PETER BORDER	2	WILLIAM A. STOTE	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ..	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	8
GILLIAN A. WILLIAMSON ..	4	JAMES F. CLARKE	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.. ..	5	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung as a compliment to A. H. Beamish on his birthday, also to mark the coming-of-age of Margaret E. L. Beamish.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5019 LITTLE GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. SPICER.. ..	6
CHARLES F. SAYER	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.. ..	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	8
HAROLD V. FROST	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ..	9
GEOFFREY DODDS	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ..	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
The first peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)
On Fri., June 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 4½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
PHILIP WALKER	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT.. ..	6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ..	5
*JOHN HALLIWELL	2	GEOFFREY F. GARNETT ..	6
*MRS. P. M. J. HUDSON ..	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	7
*MRS. G. MILLS..	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	CHARLES E. WILMINGTON..	6
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN.. ..	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
TERRY EARLE	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* 100th peal together.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in D.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON.. ..	2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ..	6
*CHARLES CLEGG	3	IVAN KAY	7
HAROLD HAMER	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (No. 15). Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First of Stedman Triples.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5760 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALEX RICHARDSON	*Treble*	†IVOR JENKINS	5
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW..	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	7
WILLIAM A. SMITH ..	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'
This composition contains 130 singles and no bobs.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	*Treble*	JOHN W. RAWSON	5
ALAN G. FOSTER..	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON.. ..	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	4	DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also a 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rawson.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., July 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN ..	*Treble*	†STANLEY JENNER	5
*CYRIL W. HANCOCK.. ..	2	EDWARD J. JENNER	6
RICHARD D. DIVALL.. ..	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
STANLEY G. PONTING ..	4	JOHN T. MEDHURST.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	*JOAN K. BROWN	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to welcome Audrey Mary Warwick, daughter of the conductor, born July 3rd, 1956.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5066 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
*MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
FRANK K. MEASURES	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
MICHAEL E. BROWN	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* 400th peal for the Guild.
Rung for the golden wedding of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., and Mrs. Farrow, of East Lulworth, Dorset. Mr. Farrow was Rector of Stoney Stanton from 1924 until 1935, during which time he did much for ringing in the district.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
ERNEST RAWSON	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
J. FRED MILNER	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Warwick on the birth of a daughter.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

BRENDA M. BALLS	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
MRS. L. D. MILLS	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
*A. EDWARD LEGGETT	3	EDWIN C. HYNARD	7
†BERNARD FAIRHEAD	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.
Rung to welcome Wendy Elizabeth Millatt, born on June 19th. 1956, and also a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler, of Colchester.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minuotes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	GORDON BENFIELD	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEOFFREY F. BRYANT (U.C.)	*Treble*
*GRAHAM MCKAY (Kings)	2
*A. REX AGG (Ext.)	3
*JOHN ARMSTRONG (London Hospital)	4
*PETER P. BROWN (Northern Polytechnic)	5
ALAN F. THIRST (I.C.)	6
DENIS N. LAYTON (I.C.)	7
JOHN R. LEEMING (Kings)	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DENNIS N. LAYTON.
* First in method. First of method on the new bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	FRANK E. WALKER	5
RALPH BIRD	2	*STEWART S. W. KIMBER	6
*JOSEPH E. CONSTANT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. BARNETT. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Triples in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	W. LESLIE WELLER	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
Specially rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichester to this church for Confirmation.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

GEORGE MARRINER	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	6
*DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
†DEREK G. SPITTLE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Double Norwich.
Rung on the 54th anniversary of Mr. A. H. Winch's first peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

EDGAR THOMAS	*Treble*	CHRIS. HAWKINS	3
GWYN FRANCIS	2	S. V. REES	4
E. SAGE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHRIS. HAWKINS.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Raymond Lewis and Marlene Griffiths on this day.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents R. Canterbury (eight callings), ten extents Grandsire (ten callings), five extents April Day (three callings) and four extents Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD GARNER	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	4
JOHN F. MURFIN	2	BRIAN R. MANNING	5
PETER J. SKINNER	3	EDWARD H. WILLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob, rung alternately with different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	*Treble*	*DENNIS BOUNDS	4
*RICHARD E. G. LUTON	2	FRANCIS G. WILTON	5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Minor.
A wedding compliment to Bernice Strange, a ringer at this tower.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

LAURENCE WALMSLEY .. *Treble*	*RICHARD PRICE 4
STANLEY WALMSLEY 2	JOHN BAILEY 5
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE 3	FRANK STEAD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First in the method.

Rung to mark the baptism of Janet Elizabeth Hall, niece of the ringer of the third.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., July 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

STANLEY G. HONEYBALL .. *Treble*	THOMAS BIRD 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Tenor*

* 250th peal.

Rung non-conducted and silent. Witness: Marian Mills.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Tessa Ballard, daughter of the local tower captain.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) Kingston Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Pleasure, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

EVELYN D. ADAMS .. .. *Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

Rung as a second birthday compliment to Elizabeth Mary, daughter of the conductor and Mrs. E. M. Hicks.

BERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob, and two each of St. Clement's, College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN KIRKHAM .. .. .. *Treble*	‡DONALD E. COBB 4
ALLEN TWYMAN 2	JOHN SCHOFIELD 5
†BEVAN W. WILLGRESS .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First in more than one Minor method 'inside.' ‡ First in more than one Minor method. First in more than one Minor method on the bells.

Rung by a band from R.A.F., Locking.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings), 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

MERVYN DAY .. .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN 4
JOHN DOWDESWELL 2	THOMAS F. STONE 5
MRS. W. A. GODWIN 3	HAROLD POPE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A GODWIN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss R. Cheesley, of the local band.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 64 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Frodsham, Windermere, Double Oxford, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree College, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Braintree, Humber, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (5) Barham and Oswald Delight; (6) Walsingham, Lammas, Olney, Fulmer, Cromer, Steventon, Olney and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (7) Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. *Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
HOWARD SCOTT 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The greatest number of methods rung to a tower-bell peal by the Association and by all the band. The treble ringer 'completes the circle.'

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 42 methods, being: (1) College Bob, Marple, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston Delight; (2) Vale Royal, Abbeyville, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (3) Balmoral, Chepstow, Fotheringay and Skipton Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double and Plain Bob; (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kingston Sandal and Capel Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. .. *Treble*	JOHN WARNER 4
ALAN R. SYDER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
WALTER ARNOLD 3	*TERRY EARLE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 90th peal. The most methods rung in a peal by the Essex Association.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Lightfoot, London, Beverley, York, Bourne, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS .. .. .. *Treble*	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 4
WALTER AYRE 2	EDWIN J. UPTON 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in G.

TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. *Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 4
FRANK D. MACK 2	ALAN F. LEE 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FELIX H. ERITH .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
*GEORGE W. BARNES 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in seven methods.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*ALAN CRABTREE	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	4
†MRS. G. S. MILLS	2	ALLAN SMITH, SEN.	5
*JOHN PARTINGTON	3	HAROLD HAMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH, SEN.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of 'The Rochdale Observer.'

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 11 240's and ten extents of Grandsire, three of Reverse St. Bartholomew, three of April Day and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*STANLEY SUTTON	*Treble*	HERBERT SUTTON	4
†FRANK R. MORTON	2	J. DEREK SMITH	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	3	*THOMAS P. BARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in four Doubles methods. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung to commemorate the induction of Rev. J. H. Backhouse by the Bishop of Stockport on June 12th.

ST. STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*PAMELA CLARKE	*Treble*	THOMAS O. GREASLEY ..	4
PETER M. GILES	2	J. DAVID CLARKE	5
A. ANTHONY JAQUES ..	3	BRIAN BUSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 3, 1956, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 3—4
*JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2	WALTER AYRE .. .. .. 5—6
*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 3—4	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 1, G. S. Morris 2, A. Scott 3, W. H. Poole 4, H. G. Keeley 5, E. Morris 6. The first quarter of Minor on the bells.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Barker (first of Triples) 1, P. Barker 2, A. Armstrong 3, H. Butler 4, A. E. Barker 5, G. Bradbury (cond.) 6, W. Benton 7, E. Borley 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication, by the Bishop of Lichfield, of the Church of St. Aidan, West Chadsmoor, the seventh daughter church in the parish of St. Luke's, Cannock.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Shingfield (first quarter) 1, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 2, W. M. Mann 3, L. Lawrence 4, C. E. G. Banham 5, E. R. Shingfield 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Dennis, of Caston, to Mr. F. L. Le Serve, of Balham, London.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 540 Grandsire, 480 Bob): Mrs. Swift 1, Lucy Badcock 2, M. Swift 3, P. G. Badcock 4, E. G. Swift (cond.) 5, K. Vickers 6. For the patronal festival. Also on July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Bob): Mrs. Swift 1, M. Swift 2, Lucy Badcock 3, K. Vickers 4, E. G. Swift 5. Jointly conducted by 2 and 3.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lester 1, B. Chivers 2, R. Lester 3, C. Snowden 4, L. Foster 5, A. Cooke 6, R. Ward (first quarter) 7, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At the Church of Christ the Saviour, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. C. Brown (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Price (first quarter) 2, Miss B. Nolder 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, W. E. Eveleigh 5, R. Ransom 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, S. H. Price 8.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Mansfield 1, I. F. Markham 2, I. J. Dickin 3, K. D. Perkins 4, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 5, E. P. Cockerill 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. Rung for Evensong as a farewell tribute to the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Oliver) on his retirement.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, C. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for evening service and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson on their golden wedding anniversary.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5 callings): H. Goldsmith (first quarter) 1, Miss Matthews (first 'inside') 2, Miss K. Yeo 3, G. Beeney 4, E. Breed (first as cond.) 5, A. N. Robinson 6.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On July 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Pratchett 1, M. Carter 2, J. Voss 3, M. King 4, G. Ellis 5, A. Warren (cond.) 6. Rung for patronal festival and gift day.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, E. J. Whiting 3, C. Clarke 4, J. W. Allen 5, W. Purser 6. Rung as a compliment to Norah Elizabeth Curtis and Cyril Clarke upon their engagement.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering (cond.) 1, M. E. Downs 2, J. C. Wallis 3, W. T. Grice 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head 6, G. Pearson 7, T. Cullingworth 8, B. F. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10. And on Easter Sunday, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. R. Manser 1, W. T. Grice 2, H. S. Wickens 3, F. Leeson 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, M. E. Downs (first of Stedman) 7, T. Cullingworth 8, B. F. Baker 9, H. Smith 10.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Birch 1, H. Sutton 2, R. A. Trickett 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, A. A. Jaques 5, T. P. Barlow 6. Rung after the induction service of the Rev. J. H. Backhouse by the Bishop of Stockport.

PEATLING PARVA, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (240 Morris's, 8 callings Grandsire): Norma Measures 1, H. Measures 2, J. Woodward 3, A. Broughton 4, G. Broughton (cond.) 5. Rung for morning service by Gilmorton ringers.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Walshaw 1, N. Tompkins 2, R. Johnson 3, A. Sharples 4, O. Davies 5, J. Thornley 6, A. Lomas 7, W. Thornley 8. Rung for the church's anniversary celebrations.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On July 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): W. J. Brunt 1, Eva A. Appleby 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, Rosemary J. Seabrook (cond.) 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, B. W. Fairhead 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On June 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. E. I. Merrett 3, J. Merrett 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Merrett, who are leaving the district.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On June 2nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, F. G. Wheller 2, S. Hardy 3, F. Gorringe 4, P. G. Braund (first as cond.) 5, B. Aldridge 6. First 720 for 1, 2 and 3. Also on June 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, F. G. Wheller 2, Miss C. Wakefield 3, S. Zobel 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day, one of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 420 of Grandsire): G. M. Wood (first quarter) 1, P. Newing (first in five methods) 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, E. J. Sharp 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association.

STAFFORD.—On July 7th, 2,160 Prittlewell Surprise Royal: E. Malin 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, H. Bennett 4, A. Pritchard 5, F. W. Grocott (cond.) 6, I. Nicholls 7, N. Lomas 8, F. E. Wilshaw 9, L. Trevor 10. Rung in place of an unsuccessful peal attempt as a tribute for upwards of 50 years' service to the Exercise by J. Warrilow (Stafford) and C. Page (Stoke-on-Trent).

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 24th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: E. Sutton 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, H. W. Bishop 5, R. G. Townsend 6, R. C. Westney 7, F. G. Wilton 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, J. Durham 10. Rung on the occasion of the annual visit to the tower of Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On July 8th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. M. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, R. Lumsden 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yates 1, D. H. Baker 2, R. Bowles 3, O. T. Northwood 4, T. A. Yates (first as cond.) 5, G. Northwood 6. Rung for morning Communion service.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Painter 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, F. Jacklin 5, F. Ellis 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

Kent was visited this year by the Braintree St. Michael's Guild for the annual outing on June 16th. On arriving at Bromley, we were met by that veteran, Mr. I. Emery; we very much enjoyed the lovely ring at this church. Miss D. Colegate welcomed the party at Sevenoaks, which was the next stop after lunch. Then on to Tonbridge, where we were met by Mr. White, after which we went to Tunbridge Wells, where Mr. B. Collinson greeted us.

The journey was resumed after a break for tea, and at Godstone the Rector not only met the party, but joined in the ringing.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Plain Bob Major to London and Bristol Surprise. Home was reached at approximately 11.30 p.m., and, although it had been wet all day, a most enjoyable day's ringing had been provided. Special thanks are due to Mr. Martin, of Bromley, Miss D. Colgate and Mr. B. Collinson, who gave me so much help in making arrangements. G. W.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE

On June 23rd, Coleshill ringers, together with ringers from Handsworth, Kingsbury, Castle Bromwich and Nottingham, spent an enjoyable day touring the Cotswolds; there was ringing at five churches.

Broadway was the first stop. The 'Old Church' was eventually found some distance down the lane, and good use was made of the six bells. Painswick, with the church standing among the yew trees, was the next place to be visited, and after a ring here the party met for lunch. The towns visited in the afternoon were Bibury and Shipton-under-Wychwood, where tea was also arranged. Finally, after a good hour's ringing at Chipping Norton, the party returned home.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

Joined by friends from the Biggleswade and neighbouring districts, Maulden, Beds., ringers visited the Weald of Kent for their annual outing. The pleasing Gillett 8 (20 cwt.) at Wrotham, below the North Downs, were first, and a good course of London Major was rung. Maidstone traffic made us a little late at Wye, near Ashford, but this lovely old Lester and Pack 8 (20¼ cwt. in D) were put to good use, including an excellent course of Superlative. Their tone reminded some of certain famous Somerset peals of similar weight.

Fortified by a satisfying lunch at Ashford, we tackled Kent's heaviest eight at Tenterden (30 cwt. in D flat). Ringing was not so balanced on these, but, then, they are no playthings, and need time to get accustomed to them, for they sound very impressive when rung in measured, even fashion. A journey through some of the most beautiful wooded and orchard country of the High Weald brought us to the musical eight (19 cwt.) at Horsmonden, recently augmented from a fine six, where the keen locals, the Lambert brothers, met us and took part in Bristol. There is a remarkably low ringing chamber ceiling, but it does not seem to interfere with the handling.

We ate to repletion at nearby Goudhurst before hastening to the last tower, the Annunciation, Chislehurst (8, 20 cwt., Taylor's, which are a ringer's delight in tone and 'go,' though much bricked in for the outside listener). We opened here with an immaculate course of Yorkshire and ended with a very good lower-in-peal. So ended a most enjoyable day, with some of the best ringing we could remember on an outing and on good bells. Thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers who accommodated us and to Ron Sharp for his excellent arrangements. D. P. J.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral company, together with friends from All Saints' and St. Marie's, left Sheffield at 8.15 on Saturday, June 30th, the first stop being Melton Mowbray. After a short delay whilst a wedding was in progress, good use was made of the ten bells, which were already raised. After a short run to Loughborough, the next item was a substantial lunch.

The party was then conducted round Messrs. J. Taylor's bell foundry by Mr. C. Harrison, who explained the various processes and answered a number of questions. Clearly the average person little realises the vast amount of experience, technical knowledge and craftsman's skill that goes into the making of a ring of bells. A 50 cwt. bell, hung to be mechanically swung, as well as to give a pre-determined series of chimes, was an interesting showpiece. The foundry campanile was the next item of interest, and, after a little practice, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were accomplished, much to the delight of those taking part, on these ultra-light bells. The Parish Church was then visited and an hour's ringing here very much enjoyed.

The next stop was Grantham, and after tea the magnificent tower, crowned with its beautiful spire, 280ft., was visited. The ten bells here (tenor 32 cwt.) are really first class, and all too soon the time passed and a day's ringing finished with lowering them in peal Methods rung included Plain and Little Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Double Norwich, etc. The company tender their thanks to the tower keepers and Mr. C. Harrison and Messrs. Taylor's.

H. O. C.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK

On Saturday, June 30th, the Marsham ringers, accompanied by ringing friends from Aylsham and Cromer, took their annual outing.

Our Rector and Association President, the Rev. H. Lillingston, gave us a surprise by turning up in a brand new Austin car, which apparently had such an effect on the Secretary that he missed the turn to our first tower, Bergh-Apton (6), causing a late arrival and a frantic search for the Rectory to obtain the key. However, all eventually managed to squeeze into the quaint ringing chamber (17 adults, one infant and a dog), and, after shutting ourselves in, we managed to give everyone a ring.

Next stop was Loddon; here Mr. Barrett had kindly arranged for Mr. Copeland to meet us, and we enjoyed some touches of Bob Major, Oxford, Treble Bob and rounds for beginners on this excellent eight

After a picnic lunch at a roadside inn, which entailed struggles with a Primus stove to heat the infant's meal, we finally made our way to Beccles, where we were welcomed by Mr. Goate, who had the bells all ready for us. Everyone enjoyed this grand ten, and courses of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Bob Royal, also rounds, were rung. Some of the party visited the church and inspected the quaint old ringer's jug, which now has a home there instead of in the tower.

Ringing at Pakefield (8), our next tower, was certainly below standard, due, we imagine, to waiting for the local band to finish some good ringing for a wedding and also to being a change from the heavier bells at Beccles. An excellent tea was taken at the pleasant restaurant overlooking Oulton Broad, and after a stroll by the sea we proceeded to St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, where two local ringers met us, and some good touches of Kent and Bob Major were brought round.

Here our Cromer friends left for home and we, at the special request of the Rector, went on to Catfield (5) to try out some Doubles methods. We found the very large ropes and bad 'go' of the tenor did not assist us, but we had a fine demonstration by the Rector on how to miss one's sally, and W.M. nearly collapsed amongst the choir surplices.

However, home was finally reached about 10 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. We wish to thank all incumbents and local ringers for their kind assistance. H. F. C.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

A coach, loaded with ringers from Nottingham and district, set out at 7.45 a.m. on June 23rd to explore part of the neighbouring and friendly kingdom of Lincolnshire.

We stopped for an al fresco breakfast beside a field of sugar beet, making the writer feel really at home; then on to our first call at Donington. Here Mr. Cyril Wander unlocked doors and introduced us to the belfry. Mr. F. A. Salter, our Ringing Master for the day, took charge, and soon the eight were going to various Triples and Major methods. We did not really settle down here, neither did the weathercock!

At St. Botolph's, Boston, with its famous 'Stump,' containing a lovely ring of ten bells, Mr. W. E. Clarke met us and showed us the ropes. We also have to thank Mr. Clarke for arranging a very good lunch and for making plans for our ringing at Sutterton in the afternoon. Good use was made of the eight bells here, while some members went to meet the Rector at his Garden Fete beyond the church.

At Spalding, where Miss Lawson, the verger, was busy pulling up the bells for us, we enjoyed touches of Double Norwich and Spliced Triples. Tea at the Greyhound and then a ride to Heckington. Mr. Dixon was waiting for us and we spent a most enjoyable hour ringing on this lovely eight. Home was reached safely and happily after various adventures not really connected with ringing!

The grateful thanks of the party are due to all those who met us, to the clergy, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Simpson, who organised the trip so efficiently C. W. T.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch Meeting

Milton Abbey was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch. The 8 bells were rung prior to the Guild service at 11 o'clock, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Collis. In his address the Vicar spoke on the history of bells from the 6th century until the present day. He said that to-day there are too many silent bells.

Tea was served at the Dale tea gardens and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Wheeler, Vicar of Frampton, in the unavoidable absence of both the Chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and the Vice-Chairman, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held at Maiden Newton on August 18th, subject to confirmation by the Rector, and that a by-meeting be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on September 15th. Branch practices were suggested for Litton Cheney, July 28th; Charminster, August 11th; and St. Peter's, Dorchester, August 25th.

New members accepted were Mr. J. James (Upwey), Miss J. Tuffin and Mr. C. Bongard (St. Peter's, Dorchester).

The Chairman thanked all who had helped to make the meeting a success and the Rev. C. J. Collis suitably replied.

Ringing continued throughout the evening under the direction of the Ringing Master.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and six-bell contest were held at Longwood on June 30th.

Four teams rang in the competition, and the judge, Mr. H. Nutt, gave his decision as follows: Liversedge, 69 faults; Meltham, 128 faults; Friezland, rang-out; mixed band, 89 faults. No. 1 company, Liversedge, were the winners.

At the annual meeting, held afterwards, a proposition to donate 2 guineas to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund was carried.

The balance sheet showed a gain in the funds of £1 13s. 11½d., to everybody's satisfaction.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, and a resolution to the effect that the secretary write to all tower secretaries whose members are in arrears with their subscriptions was passed by the meeting.

Finally, members returned to the tower for further touches of Major and Minor and rounds for the learners.

Weston Favell, Northants, Ringers' Outing

A party of 14, including Mr. B. S. Cope and Mr. P. I. Chapman, visited some little-known towers in Leicestershire, the journey being made by private cars. At the first tower, Saddington (5), the party was augmented by Mr. H. Millward (Foxton) and Mr. D. Griffin (Oxendon).

Other towers visited were Arnesby (5), tricky bells with no guides to the long pull; Willoughby Waterleys, a lighter five with two trebles a bit too much for the juniors; Peatling Parva (5) and Spratton (5), the best bells of the day.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex Division

Saturday, June 30th, was the date suggested for the meeting of the Sussex Division to be held at Aldrington, but the sun must have been the reason for the lack of the ringers.

Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and at 5 p.m. an enjoyable tea was served in the Scouts' Hall. Thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mrs. Mepham and her helpers for the tea, and Messrs. H. and S. Brown for making the necessary arrangements.

A short meeting was held, at which three new members were elected. Mention was made of the quarter peal attempted at Buxted on June 9th—the nearest Saturday of the first year of the re-formation of the Sussex Division.

During the day 12 methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Bexhill on September 29th. K. M. Y.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on June 30th. Ringing in the standard methods took place on these recently rehung bells during the afternoon and evening. The attendance was not as large as usual, but 23 members and friends, including visitors from Thorne and York, had tea together in the Village Hall, where cups of tea had been provided by members of the local band.

The business meeting was held later in the tower, at which the thanks of the Society were conveyed to all concerned with the local arrangements for the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Calverley on July 28th.

ACTIVITIES IN EAST DEVON

On the afternoon of June 7th a party of East Devon ringers had a trip in the Tiverton area and rang at Holcombe Rogus (6, tenor 17 cwt.), Burlescombe (6, tenor 17 cwt.), Ashbrittle (6, tenor 8 cwt.), Bampton (6, tenor 15¼ cwt.), Stoodleigh (6, tenor 9 cwt.), Washfield (6, tenor 10¼ cwt.), Calverleigh (6, tenor 5¼ cwt.). Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

An evening trip into Dorset was arranged on June 23rd. Ringing took place at Broadwindsor (6, tenor 14½ cwt.), recently rehung, and now a lovely ring, Stoke Abbot (5, tenor 14¼ cwt.) and Netherbury (6, tenor 20 cwt.). The countryside was looking at its best, but on the run home a violent thunderstorm was experienced.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Pat Chapman, of Kettering, Northants, who recently spent a weekend in Surrey, had an unfortunate experience at Bletchingley. An attempt for a peal of Yorkshire was terminated after ten minutes' ringing through the seventh clapper staple losing its nut. On going up to investigate, Pat stood on the belfry floor, not realising it was only plasterboard, and immediately fell through to the clock room—a drop of some 12 feet! Fortunately his massive figure—he weighs 15 stone—saved him from serious injury, and he only sustained some nasty bruises. He was soon ringing again at Fairwarp, and taking part in a peal at Rotherfield the next day.

Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen rang his 100th peal with one of his former pupils, Miss Hilda G. Snowden, at Bocking on June 30th.

Miss Marie R. Cross is the new hon. general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. At the Guild Festival on Saturday, Mr. T. Trollope, of Oxford, now 96, who is a foundation member of the Guild, was elected a vice-president.

The centenary of 'The Rochdale Observer' has been honoured by a peal. This peal, which was rung at East Crompton, enabled Mr. Stephen Ll. Parry to complete Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. We hope when the 50th year of the founding of 'The Ringing World' is reached in 1961 there will be a great rejoicing.

It is interesting to recall in connection with the Railwaymen's Guild that in 1898 all the ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, worked in Crewe Locomotive Works. The only survivors of that band are Mr. J. Simon and Mr. A. Crawley. Christ Church has always been known as the Railwaymen's Church, and at one time Mr. C. J. Bowen-Coope, chief mechanical engineer and locomotive superintendent, L.N.W.R., was not only a regular ringer there but also president of the Chester Guild.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Stoney Stanton as a golden wedding compliment to the Rev. R. P. and Mrs. Farrow, included six ringers who had rung peals with him when he was Rector of this church. The conductor, Mr. Alfred Ballard, was one of the many he taught to handle a bell.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. C. Ernest Turner has had to return to hospital.

A peal of Minor in seven methods, silent and non-conducted, was rung at Cavendish, Suffolk. Congratulations to all concerned.

Ten verses for a footnote to a wonderful performance of A.P.C.'s. Thank you, 'your Riverence,' but surely this was not his first in the method? Thus saith George Gilbert.

Keele bells have now been removed to the Loughborough Foundry for refitting and retuning, and are expected to be restored to the tower during the autumn.

The band of All Saints', Poplar, has been reformed with a range in both age and ability. All visitors are welcome although the standard is only rounds. Practice night will be Tuesday, though this will be slightly irregular until October.

Sgt. F. E. Roberts, 10 Air Formation Signals Regt., Sergeants' Mess, R.A.F. Station, Goch, B.F.P.O. 43, writes that it would be a pleasure to meet any ringers in the R.A.F. passing through this transit camp on the Dutch-German border. With enough notice they might be able to arrange a handbell session.

When the Bishop of New York (the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, D.D.) preached at Haslemere, Surrey, Church on Sunday, he was most interested in the bells and the way they were rung for the service. This was his first visit to a country tower in England. On other occasions he has been to St. Paul's or Westminster where the ringers cannot be seen in action.

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Presentation to Mr. F. W. Rogers

IN spite of rather overcast weather in the morning, over 100 ringers gathered together at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the above Guild on July 7th.

The bells of Ryde itself were available, together with other churches on the island, and several ringers, equipped with their own means of transport, took the opportunity of making a tour of the island's towers.

The service was held at All Saints' Church, conducted by the Rev. R. H. Bassett, with the address by the Rural Dean of the Isle of Wight (Canon A. Cory). During tea a pleasant ceremony took place. The Archdeacon rose to say he had been pressed into service to make a presentation on behalf of the Guild to Mr. F. W. Rogers in appreciation of his (Mr. Rogers') 25 years' service as general secretary (1930–1955). The presentation took the form of a model bell, suitably inscribed, and mounted in a small frame. With this, the Rural Dean also presented Mr. Rogers with a pen and pencil set and a cheque for £7. Mr. Rogers was taken completely by surprise, but thanked the members for their gesture and said they 'shouldn't have done it.'

Shortly afterwards, the business part of the meeting commenced, with the Master (Mr. F. W. Rogers) in the chair, supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. A. S. King) and the hon. general treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed). A letter of apology for non-attendance was read out from Mr. G. Pullinger, vice-president, due to his wife's illness. He mentioned that this was only the second time he had missed a meeting since 1918.

The treasurer gave a broad outline of the accounts and balance sheets. He said the receipts from the Districts were a bit up. There was an increase in the year's working of £12 whilst the trading account showed a profit of £5 16s.

Mr. C. H. Kippin, one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, gave a brief and amusing account of the recent Central Council meeting.

All the officers were re-elected.

FIFTY YEARS' MEMBERSHIP — A RECOGNITION

A recommendation by the Executive Committee that an addition to rule be made instructing the general treasurer to close his accounts on February 28th was accepted by the meeting. Another recommendation by the Executive Committee, that 20 per cent. of the surplus on a year's working be put into the Special Purposes Fund, was also accepted. It was also decided to accept, after modification, a proposition from the Andover District that all members who had given 50 years' membership to the Guild should automatically become life members without further payment.

Four appeals for financial assistance towards the cost of bell restorations were heard by the meeting. They came from Swanmore, Cheriton and North Stoneham—each of which was granted five guineas—and from Bow Bells, to which a token grant of one guinea was made.

It was decided to hold the 1957 annual meeting at Bournemouth on the first Saturday in July.

Mr. York-Bramble gave a brief description of a 'College of Campanology' which, he said, had been founded at Portsmouth. A number of eminent ringers had been approached seeking their support, and anyone interested either as students or instructors were invited to communicate with the Registrar of Portsmouth University.



PERSONALITIES at the summer festival of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations indulging in a little handbell practice in the Clock Tower at St. Albans of Grandsire Caters as rung at the Cathedral service. Left to right: T. J. Southam, G. Dodds, Walter Ayre, C. W. Woolley and H. V. Frost. [Photo by permission of 'Herts Advertiser.'

The Master then rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Guy, who had helped in the local arrangements, to Canon A. Cory and the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Bassett) and other incumbents who had granted the use of their bells, to the Friends of St. John, for the catering arrangements, and to the organist; after which he declared the meeting closed.

WEDDING

MR. BRUCE ROGERS — MISS SHIRLEY STEVENSON

It was something of a ringers' occasion when Mr. Bruce Rogers, of the St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Company of Ringers, married Miss Shirley Stevenson, of Highcliffe-on-Sea, Hants, at St. Peter's Church on July 7th. The service was fully choral, and there were many ringers in the belfry ready to ring out the wedding bells at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Vicar, Canon A. L. E. Williams, officiated at the service, and the organist was Mr. Andrew Pearmain, a former colleague of the bridegroom in St. Peter's belfry, but now a chorister in St. Paul's Cathedral choir. Mr. John V. Davis, also a member of St. Peter's ringers, was best man, and the bride was attended by Miss Ann Cowley and Miss Binkie Brudenell as bridesmaids. She was given away by her father, Mr. Duncan Stevenson, O.B.E.

The reception, held at the Carlton Hotel, was attended by over 100 guests, including Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, and members of St. Peter's Company.

The couple were given a rather boisterous send-off from the hotel, which was witnessed by scores of holiday-makers making their way homewards from the cliffs and beach. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rogers are spending a honeymoon in Jersey and will reside in London.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

In spite of indifferent weather and small attendance, a very good annual meeting was held at Sketty, Swansea, on Saturday, June 30th.

The president, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Glynn Simon, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, gave an account of the ringing throughout the diocese. It is very pleasing, he said, to see the efforts made to get the bells rung for Sunday services. He was particularly interested in the young band of ringers at Devynock, Brecon. 'We must serve these young ringers, and everything should be done to keep them interested in the Art. I know personally how difficult it is to be able to ring a bell,' he said. It is hoped that Cefn bells would be ringing again very soon.

An offer had been made for the six bells at Abergwesyn, but the Bishop had hoped that the bells would have been bought by the Parish Church of Brynmawr. It was still not too late for them to do this.

After a great deal of discussion, the 'Ringing Competition' may be revived in 1957.

A splendid tea was served in the Stuart Hall, for which the local bellringers were warmly thanked.

At the afternoon service the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Williams, gave an interesting address on 'Service to the Church,' and he said enthusiasm of the young members often turned to apathy, and in the end staying away from the church.

The business meeting was presided over by the Bishop—all the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Master, and Mr. S. Edwards, of Talgarth, was elected to this office.

The 1957 annual festival is to be held at New Radnor. J. A. H.

ON TOUR IN SOMERSET

ON Saturday, June 16th, a party of old and new ringing friends met at Yeovil for the start of a ringing week in Somerset. Mr. Tom Setter was waiting to greet us at St. John's Church, and soon, with two local lads standing in with us, the music of Stedman Caters was rolling forth from these grand bells. Two of the back-enders, in an effort to preserve their hands from blisters, commenced the peal with chamois leather covers attached to their back-ropes, but the string holding these soon failed and the covers ended up on the floor, much to the amusement of the band. The peal attempt ended abruptly after some two-and-a-half hours at a moment which coincided with the opening of a nearby hostelry, where several local ringers joined us.

Our party then journeyed to Glastonbury, where at the Crown Hotel we were to make our headquarters for the week. Without handbells for the first evenings, we were delighted to find a piano in the lounge, on which Frank Price gave us a rendering of several popular classics, and also an excellent course of Little Bob Maximus, at 28 to the minute.

WRINGTON'S HOSPITALITY

Early on Sunday morning we drove to Wells for service ringing at St. Cuthbert's, where the resident ringers very kindly handed over the tower to us, which enabled us to ring a course of Yorkshire Major and three courses of Stedman Triples on this fine eight. After lunch, we rang for Evensong at Wells Cathedral, with Bob Royal and Stedman Caters as the methods in this heavy ring. It was here that we were joined by Bill and Hilda Kingcott, who kindly took us back to Wrington for tea. Ringing for evening service commenced at 5 p.m., and with an hour-and-a-half's ringing, we rang a course of Cambridge Royal, followed by Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters. An evening with handbells and supper concluded a delightful day's visit. We made our way back to headquarters via a cross-country route, which at times had us steaming a circular course, and when it had been noted that we were passing through West Harptree for the second time, it was decided that Roger's navigator's badge should be withdrawn.

Monday's ringing commenced at Frome, where we received a warm welcome from Miss Eunice Overend, who joined in the ringing. Yorkshire, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman sounded well on these weighty bells. Beckington was our next tower for a peal attempt, and Plain Bob Major came successfully home after 2 hours 53 minutes.

The chamois leather blister-preventers, which had, on this occasion, been secured to the ropes with boot-laces, lasted for an even shorter period of time, and with whip-like cracks the covers themselves broke off. Needless to say, they were abandoned for the rest of the week.

On Tuesday morning, an hour's ringing at Cheddar was enjoyed. Mr. Small, the tower secretary, kindly left his work to meet us and join us for Erin Triples. Then on to Banwell, for an attempt at Cambridge Major on these fine bells, an attempt which came to grief after 50 minutes' good ringing. Before lowering the bells, we rang some Spliced Cambridge and Plain Bob, and two varieties of St. Clement's Triples, and then journeyed on to Bath to join the organiser's youthful band at Twerton-on-Avon for practice.

QUALITY BUT NO PEAL

The next morning, the journey to Bridgwater was via Street, where we called in to borrow a set of handbells from Mr. Billy Marsh, the secretary of the Glaston Branch. The noble eight at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, were rung to a variety of methods, and it gave us great pleasure to meet Canon B. F. Sheppard, who stayed to ring a course of Double Norwich with us. The afternoon peal attempt was at Drayton, where the quality of the Stedman Triples evoked favourable comment from our London Stedman expert, but unfortunately the bells had to be brought round after two-and-a-half hours owing to a change-course.

Thursday saw the party at Dunster in the morning, visiting the fine parish church, which is kept in spotless condition. One wishes that all our churches had such devoted caretakers. The Cloister Garden, laid in memory of the fallen of two World Wars, delighted the rosarian of the party. The afternoon peal attempt was at Minehead, where we rang Stedman Caters in 3 hours and 16 minutes on this melodious ten. The members of the band wish to record the peal as a compliment to Mr. Jack Pugsley, the Ringing Master of the Dunster Branch, and 83 years young, who was recently elected an honorary life member of the Diocesan Association for his outstanding services to ringing over the past 65 years. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Thorne met the band out of the tower and took us to their local club to quench our thirst in the most appropriate manner. Roger and Dick took the opportunity of having an extra pint to celebrate their 25th peal together.

THE SETTLEMENT OF A BET

Our homeward journey was via Taunton, where we stopped at St. Mary's for a touch of Stedman Cinques, with the help of Arthur Reed and Bill Gigg. A friendly get-together at the Staplegrove Inn was started by George Coles buying pints for all the Minehead peal band in settlement of a little bet. It was at that moment that it was realised that the Welsh member of our party was missing, and Father William was hastily despatched back into Taunton to collect him. Whilst in the Taunton area, it was our privilege to borrow the late James Hunt's famous handbells, on which was rung the record length of Stedman Caters, conducted by Alfred H. Pulling, details of the performance being engraved on the tenor.

On Friday morning, an hour's ringing at Street included London Major and Mike Moreton's new method, Camden Treble Bob Triples, after which we went on to Mark to score Double Norwich Major as our final peal of the week. Arriving back in Glastonbury, we were just in time for a quick ring at St. John's, before a dinner and social evening at which we were joined by Mr. Bill Marsh.

Our sincere thanks go to all those who contributed towards making our week a success, especially all incumbents and towerkeepers. We were particularly pleased with Mr. R. O. Fry's organising ability for a ringing programme where the emphasis was on the quality of striking in comparatively simple methods, rather than the gaining of peals. R. J. B.

A RINGING DAY IN THREE COUNTIES

A small party of young ringers, drawn from Crayford, Kent, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston, and Lichfield Cathedral, Staffs, spent May 5th visiting some 5- and 6-bell towers in Shropshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire. Means of transport was provided by a car and motor-bicycles.

The pleasant village of Sheriff-Hales, with its black and white cottages, was our first stop. Here we found a good going six with a tenor of 9 cwt. in A flat, housed in a tower rebuilt in 1721.

A road through fine scenery and stretches of woodland along the Severn Valley brought us to Quat Malvern. This church, dedicated to St. Andrew, possesses a Norman font, a north chapel over 600 years old, and a 13th century priest's doorway. However, the tower is more modern, being brick built with round louvres. It contains a good six, all cast by A. Rudhall in 1700.

Nearby Alverley has a churchyard surrounded by massive walls, together with a wall-stile alongside the lych gate. The foundations of the tower of St. Mary's Church are Norman, but the rest is of a later period. The approach to the ringing room is up a tall steel spiral staircase, and here we found a nicely kept set of handbells. The six tower bells are not too easy to handle, although the tenor is only 11 cwt. in G., and were cast in 1779 by T. Rudhall.

After taking the road through Kidderminster, where we had lunch, and Worcester, we arrived at Stoulton. The church is dedicated to St. Edmund, King and Martyr, and it contains a modern six, excellent in every way, with a tenor of 7¼ cwt. in B flat. St. Michael's Church, Great Comberton, has a 13th century tower doorway, a 15th century window above, a 600-year-old font, and two Jacobean chairs. The bells, however, although unringable until very recently, have now had the treble recast and the rest rehung with new fittings by J. Taylor and Co. They have done a good job, although it is a pity the noise could not be lessened in the ringing room.

The next bells we rang had also had a recent overhaul—the six at St. Peter's, Wellesbourne Hastings. Here yet another excellent job had been accomplished, and they are now all that could be desired. They were a ring of six by H. Bagley in 1681, with a tenor of approximately 9½ cwt.

In contrast, the last place to be visited for the day has a fund in operation for the restoration of the five bells, with perhaps the addition of a sixth. The parish church of Studley lies some distance away from the village, together with an old gabled house by the banks of the River Arrow. The church is 700 years old, but to ringers the most interesting feature lies in the fact that the bells are hung in a straight line and rung from a bridge-like affair suspended above the vestry behind the organ. These bells are not fit for bands to visit regularly or to be rung for any length of time, but the Vicar kindly gave us permission to ring them for a short while. The tone for a ring of five cast in 1688 by M. Bagley is very good, but rehanging is long overdue.

Home was reached at about midnight after a very enjoyable day, which could not have been possible but for the co-operation of the various church officials and incumbents. C. M. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED'S MASTER RINGER

Dear Sir,—During the course of a recent business journey in the north of England I was enabled, through the courtesy of Mr. C. Manderson, the Master Bell Ringer of the town, to inspect the ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) hung in the bell tower of the Town Hall, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

These bells are the most northerly ring in the country, being approximately only two miles from the Scottish border, 335 miles from London (by road) and 12 miles from the nearest ring at St. Aidan's, Bamburgh (8).

Mr. Manderson was unaware of the exact date these bells were hung for ringing, but probably early in the present century the present oak frame and fittings were installed. This now is very dilapidated owing to the action of the weather and woodworm. Several of the wheels are broken, and altogether the services of the bell hangers are badly needed here.

The bells were sounded up to a few years ago by means of chiming hammers, but this apparatus is now out of order, 'clocking' being done at present by means of ropes tied to the clappers.

There is no record of any peals having been rung on these bells or of even a short touch, in fact the only record of any description in the ringing room is a photograph of the group of ringers who rang in 1911 for the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. This photograph shows eight ringers, of which Mr. Manderson is the youngest, grouped round the Master Bell Ringer of that time, Mr. George Payne, the latter complete with uniform and tall silk hat; but there are no details as to what method was rung on that occasion, and Mr. Manderson confessed that he could not now recollect any details.

The office of 'Master Bell Ringer' must be peculiar to this ancient town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, certainly I know of no other place in the six northern counties where there is one. The holder of this office is elected by the Town Council and receives a yearly honorarium. He is supplied with a uniform consisting of a tall silk hat, a buff-coloured coat with brass buttons, a pair of navy blue trousers, and a pair of black boots, in which he is expected to turn out at most civic functions. Mr. Manderson told me with pride that it was his duty to walk immediately behind the Mayor, carrying the town's wreath to the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

His ringing duties consist of ringing the curfew for a quarter-of-an-hour every evening, ringing before every Town Council and committee meeting, and twice on Sundays for 25 minutes before church services. Incidentally, none of the churches in this town have more than one bell, and these are sounded for five minutes before service time, after the Town Hall bells cease.

The Town Hall itself was in the process of being renovated and redecorated in preparation for the forthcoming visit of H.M. the Queen. It is a great pity that these bells are not in better ringing order so that they could add their music to the general rejoicing on this special occasion—the first time for many years that a reigning monarch has visited this historic old town.

I trust your readers will find some little interest in the foregoing, and my thanks are due to Mr. Manderson for his knidness and pleasant courtesy on the occasion of my visit.—Yours sincerely,

THOMAS OGDEN.

Sfiaw, near Oldham.

CAMELEOUS HUMPS

Dear Sir,—The indignant correspondence, which has resulted from some, apparently misguided, lady's endeavours to describe the presence of belles in the belfry through an article published recently in 'The Ringing World,' has made it alarmingly plain that as ringers probe further into the mysteries of rope and wheel and the latent possibilities of Surprises and Delights, so the blank stupor which overcomes their physical features infects their inner souls. Thus it is to their detriment that, in attaining their heart's desire in negotiating Double Norwich Court Bob Major, they lose the attribute which is reputed to typify the Britisher—good-natured humour. It is extraordinary that the one characteristic, which is presumed to be indicative of our island, is lacking in those who indulge in the art and science which is peculiar to their country.

Much criticism has been levelled at the national traits of other lands, but through history the Englishman has been admired for his upright good humour. It was an undisputed fact that Olde England could laugh at herself —and enjoy the joke!

REMIT TO-DAY

Will postal subscribers whose subscriptions were due on July 6th please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months, £1 8s.; six months, 14s. 6d.; three months, 7s. 6d.

Our ringing tradition is nearly as old as our history, and it is not unnatural that the tourist should consider practitioners in the Exercise to be significant of all that Britain can offer. But for some mysterious reason, the belfry is completely devoid of the good-natured humour to be found in other British pursuits.

Surely, the very fact that surnames are superfluous in ringing circles is evidence enough of a friendly spirit?

The fault—if so it be—no doubt lies in the most experienced ringers, who live and sleep in a happy world of indecipherable permutations. Let us hope that the novices among us will cling to the momentary smile caused by the lady who was too abashed at her bravado to sign her name! Otherwise, it will be farewell for ever to the bulldog, and a sad existence with the sour pekinese.

Sages of the belfry, we salute you for your manipulation of your bells, but you do our national spirit discredit if you cannot appreciate a bright and apt dig in the ribs; let us hope that we may resist your froustiness, which seems as contagious as your campanology!

Ladies, since we are now accepted in the sanctum sanctorum of the ringing chamber, let us at least preserve some degree of our femininity in charming our superiors back to humanity! —Yours, etc.,

BEAU PEPE.

WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. K. Buckingham's letter in your issue of June 29th, I understand that the above are hung in a campanile on the Curfew Tower. Since this is neither a consecrated building nor a place of worship, it seems appropriate to classify these bells as a 'secular' ring, regardless of their use.

Incidentally, Ernest Morris in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' also describes the Castle bells as a 'secular' ring.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

ST. MARY'S, DENBIGH

Dear Sir,—Recently in his article on Peals in North Wales the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead referred to St. Mary's, Denbigh (8), as being 'unconquered.'

The story is that these bells have never been rung since they were hung. Reasons given to me have been that there are springs in the rock under the tower, and that the bells are too heavy for the tower.

I have passed this tower many times and have been puzzled by the above. Recently I was able to make a personal call and found out that the bells were ordered by R. Williams, borough surveyor, and were cast and installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1873. The tenor is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F, and from the chimes I judge these to be a beautiful ring.

The following facts may be of interest. The church, indeed the whole town, is built on a mountain of limestone which comes right to the surface, and the tower, not a very high one, looks as strong and as solid as the mountain itself.

I cannot help but feel that the reasons given have been handed down from 1873 and there may have been prejudice against the bells at that time. The key to the tower was not available so I cannot say what state the bells and fittings are in.

I have expressed my views and opinions to one local churchman and these might start the ball rolling, but if a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee should be in the area at any time he might be able to do even more and get to know the truth, as I feel sure a qualified inspection would reveal it.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Cheshire.

A WEEK-END IN GERMANY

Dear Sir,—Cpl. George Morris, of Malvern, Worcs, and R.A.F., Saarbruck, A.C. Glyn Jenkins, St. Woolos', Newport, and R.A.F., Wildenrath, and I enjoyed a pleasant campanological weekend at Goch on June 23rd and 24th.

On the Saturday afternoon we were able to inspect the belfry of St. Mary Magdalene (R.C.) Church in this town. We were told that of the original bells, two were taken for war purposes; since then, one was acquired from a neighbouring village, so that now three bells hang in the massive wooden frame. In the empty pit lies an old headstock, probably in the same drunken position as when it was discarded 15 or so years ago.

Electric motors swing the bells about waist high, by means of sprocket and chain; the chain is joined to a wire rope, in turn attached to a thin wheel made up of angle iron. Such things as stays and sliders are never required, of course.

There seemed nothing particularly outstanding about the bells; their weights were perhaps about 8, 12 and 17 cwt.

For the rest of the weekend, Mr. George Morris's handbells were put to good use. Although our numerous peal attempts, stretching over a total of more than 100 minutes, failed, the standard of striking improved enormously, and on Sunday morning many churchgoers expressed appreciation of the service ringing—Bob Minor and rounds on eight—relayed from inside by loudspeaker. We hope to meet again soon for another peal attempt.—Yours sincerely,

ERIC ROBERTS.

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 444)

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

At the risk of vain repetition we will summarise this part of Stage 2. As soon as the 6th is called Before (in Stage 1) the conductor must appreciate the position, and be certain

1. If 5 is already in the hunt, or
2. If 567 are already in plain course order, or
3. Whether 5 will come down in front of the treble the next lead, or
4. Whether he must wait one lead longer for 5 to come down in front of the treble.

The quickest decision required is, of course, at 3, but the whole matter rests on a realisation of the position of the bells and the power to take the necessary action.

Ex. 3.	Ex. 4.
267534	267345
S 542367	236574
534726	S 542736
etc.	574623
	etc.

The two cases 3 and 4 are illustrated here, and should show quite clearly how the 5th is placed in the hunt by singles from the two positions.

With the 5th in the hunt we can now do nothing until the 7th comes down in front of the treble, and this will come sooner or later. From the position 567000 it will take some leads, but in Examples 3 and 4 just quoted it will happen very quickly; in fact, a glance at Example 4 will show that 7 comes down in front of the treble the very lead after 5 has been called into the hunt with the single. The important thing is that 7 must be called *Before with a Double*, and so the conductor must be thoroughly alert to catch the 7th as soon as she comes to make thirds. As soon as 7 is called Before the position will be 675000, and the call at the succeeding lead is for the purpose of getting 6 out of the hunt. We give here three specimen fragments showing what might happen in this Stage 2 and the way in which 5 is got into the hunt and 7 called Before with a Double.

567234	267345	267534
526473	236574	S 542367
542367	S 542736	534726
534726	— 675342	— 675234
— 675234	— 236475	— 426375
— 426375	243567	432567
432567		

We have now arrived at 000567 and are ready for Stage 3.

The above is rather wordy, perhaps, and contains a great number of things to be thought of very quickly. But as our emphasis is on principles and not just on rules it is essential that the reasons for procedure be fully understood: and with pencil, paper, and patience, the student must practise these movements until he has a clear mental picture of what is happening.

We come now to the final stage, Stage 3.

3. *Rotating* 234 *to produce rounds.* With 567 at Home the position at the course end may be any one of the following six:

234567, 423567, 342567, 243567, 324567, 432567.

234567	234567
253746	— 752634
275634	— 467352
267453	436275
— 342567	423567
354726	— 754623
375642	— 367254
367254	326475
— 423567	342567
452736	— 753642
475623	— 267453
467352	246375
— 234567	234567

In the first three of these the bells are In-Course and no singles are needed to produce rounds at backstroke. The two specimen touches given here should make it clear how rounds can be reached, and should also show that one method may sometimes be quicker than the other. For instance, from 342567 rounds will be reached in the quickest time by B.B.P.P.; but from 423567 the best procedure is a bob at Home.

If the bells are Out-of-Course, so that one of the latter three course ends appears, then two of the little bells must be turned over by the use of a single. From 324567 the calling B.B.S. will give 234567. From 243567 the same calling will give 423567, and from 432567 we may secure 342567. Once the bells are In-Course the final step should be clear.

The explanation has now covered the three stages necessary for calling the bells round when 5, 6, and 7 are widely parted. Should 67 be already together it will be clear that Stage 1 can be dispensed with, and the conductor will be able to proceed straight away with getting 5 into the hunt. Should 567 be together then the only process needed is the rotation of 234 to produce rounds.

The complete formula then is:

Call 7 *Into the Hunt and* 6 *Before. Call* 5 *Into the Hunt* (*by a single*), *and* 7 *Before with a Double.* This will produce 000567.

This formula should be learned by heart and repeated over and over again until it springs readily to the mind while ringing.

Of the three stages of the calling only Stage 2 presents any difficulty, and this will be no great embarrassment to a conductor who is capable of calling a bell into the hunt with bob or single. The principles examined here do not necessarily provide the shortest way of bringing up rounds, nor do they exclude the possibility of falseness in the touch. They do, however, give means that will serve for any occasion and any position of the bells, and they are free from long lists of rules and alternatives. As the conductor gains experience, an increased knowledge of touches and an enhanced confidence in handling the bells will reveal to him certain convenient short cuts. Some of these possibilities will be referred to in the notes that follow.

For those who wish to carry the study of this matter a little further it may be worth while drawing attention to the following point relating to Stage 3, the final manœuvre by which 2, 3, and 4 are rotated to bring rounds. A useful and easily remembered short cut may here be employed. In any course with 567 in the plain course position either 2, 3, or 4 must be in the hunt. If 4 is in the hunt a call at the course end will inevitably produce either 324567 or 234567. If, therefore, in the process of calling round, as soon as Stage 2 is accomplished, 4 can be got into the hunt without disturbing 567, then it is clear that at the course end rounds can be got immediately either by a bob or a single, *whichever brings* 2 *into the hunt.* The conductor has no need to consider whether the bells are In-Course or Out-of-Course. Provided 4 is in the hunt he can produce rounds at the course end either by bob or single. It is clearly, then, of great advantage to get 4 into the hunt at the earliest moment; and, as we shall see, it can be done very quickly.

Consider the possible positions of the bells at the moment when Stage 2 is completed and 6 and 7 are together.

In Stage 2 at the moment when 7 is called Before the position is this (as has been previously shown): 675000, and 4 must be in one of these places:

A. 675400. B. 675004. C. 675040.

A call at the next lead is imperative in order to preserve 567 in their coursing order. If the position is either A or B the 4th may be immediately called into the hunt by bob or single (whichever will do the trick); if the position is C, then a further call, an added single, will place 4 in the hunt. Once 4 is in the hunt a bob or single at Home will bring rounds. In order to make this quite clear we set out below the six possible contingencies at the moment (in Stage 2) when 7 is called Before. From these six possibilities we show: (*a*) How to put 4 into the hunt; (*b*) How to secure rounds.

675423	675432	675324
S 436275	S 426375	— 436275
423567	432567	423567
452736	453726	452736
475623	475632	475623
467352	467253	467352
— 234567	S 234567	— 234567
675234	**675243**	**675342**
— 426375	— 326475	— 236475
432567	S 453726	S 452736
453726	475632	475623
475632	467253	467352
467253	S 234567	— 234567
S 234567		

The above is worthy of study by reason of its simplicity and speed of operation. The working rule may be stated briefly: As soon as 7 is called Before get 4 into the hunt. If the next call (bob or single) will not do it, then boldly add another call (a single), and do not fear the consequences. You will not upset 567, and you are bound to get 4 into the hunt. Call 567 home (as you have already learned to do), using bob or single, whichever brings 2 into the hunt, and the bells are round.

(To be continued)

MR. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD'S 500 PEALS

Of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's 500 peals no fewer than 152 have been rung on 12 bells, including 115 of Stedman Cinques.

TOWER BELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (3), two methods 2 (1), three methods 5 (3), Kent 3 (2), Oxford 1 (1), Cambridge 3, London 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 10 (7), Stedman 15.

Major.—Plain Bob 10 (4), Spliced Treble Bob 2, Oxford 2, Kent 3 (2), Double Norwich 10, Cambridge 22, Superlative 5, London 12, Bristol 5, Yorkshire 24, Ipswich 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 3, Ashtead 2, Lincolnshire 6, Painswick 1, New Cambridge 1, Belgrave 2, Hinton 1, Aldenham 1, Whitminster 1, Hallam 1, Tring 1, Apsley 1, Warwickshire 1, Cranbourne 1, Trowbridge 1, Staffordshire 1, Norfolk 1, Ramsey 1, Cassiobury 1, Truro 1, Shirley 1, Quinton 1, Bromford 1, Olton 1, Witton 1, Icknield 1, Calthorp 1, Bearwood 1, Aldridge 1, Greet 1, Jaffrey 1, Weatheroak 1, Zetland 1, Queslett 1, Bourneville 1, Xanthus 1, Catesby 1, Valbourne 1, Jesmond 1, four Spliced 2, six Spliced 2.

Caters.—Stedman 23 (2), Grandsire 7 (3), Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Kent 2, Cambridge 23, Yorkshire 20, Belgrave 1, Rutland 1, Lincolnshire 1, Solihull 1, Painswick 1, Pudsey 2, Harborne 1, Langley 1, Staffordshire 1, Oakham 1, Saltley Delight 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 113 (7), Grandsire 1, Erin 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 22, Yorkshire 7, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Pontefract 1, Pudsey 2, two Spliced 1.

HANDBELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 5 (5), Stedman 1 (1), Plain Bob 1 (1), two methods 4 (4), three methods 4 (4), four methods 2 (2), five methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 17 (11), Grandsire 1 (1), Canterbury 1 (1), two methods 4 (4).

Triples.—Grandsire 2 (2), Stedman 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2 (1).

Caters.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 8.

Total.—Tower 436, Handbell 64 (conducted 75).

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL'S SUMMER TOUR

The area chosen for this year's tour was North Gloucestershire, and accordingly the party met at Cambridge for lunch on June 15th. Whilst one member went off in search of luggage the Master had left on the train; the remainder of the party cycled to Slymbridge. Here the tower secretary got the tenor up wrong and ringing was not improved by the newness of the ropes. Our next stop was Moreton-Valence, a hard going six; and so on to Quedgeley, the first eight of the tour. As the ceiling here is low, the sallies acted as muffles at backstroke, which did not help the striking, but fairly good Triples were managed. After supper had been obtained in Cheltenham, we went on to Bishop's Cleeve, where we were joined by friends from the district, including a past Master, who helped us considerably for most of the tour. The Master demonstrated her skill in trebling up light eights, which was not appreciated round the back end, but after this good Double Norwich and Triples were brought round.

Saturday dawned wet and stayed wet all day. The day's first call was at St. Mark's, Cheltenham. Next came Deerhurst, with its tenor rung in a separate room, where some spliced London and Cambridge was attempted but lost. Our last call before lunch was Tirley, which has a clock made of farm machinery: and so to refreshment. At Eldersfield the past Master demonstrated his skill by turning the tenor in to London, while at Chaceley another showed his inability to set bells when ordered. After the light six at Bushley, we pushed on with all speed to Tewkesbury, where tea awaited us. We have to thank Mrs. Sprackling for providing us with this welcome meal before ringing Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters at the Abbey.

The early risers attended Communion at the local church, and after breakfast we proceeded to Cheltenham to ring for morning service at St. Mary's. After touches of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters, we attended the service. Charlton-Kings was our first stop after lunch, and then on to Prestbury, where we were amused by the verses round the walls. Good courses of Bristol and Cambridge were rung here, and then on to Winchcombe, where difficulty was found in ringing a tenor hung close to the wall.

Monday's early birds climbed the hills to see the view and tried to rouse the countryside in doing so. The light eight at Leckhampton were quickly got going and the six at Badgeworth enjoyed by our rapidly diminishing party. The climb up to Churchdown made us glad we didn't normally ring there, and so to Gloucester. After some searching we discovered St. Mary-de-Lode and its key, and so the tour finished with a course of Cambridge. Those of us that were left cycled slowly back to Bristol to enjoy a musical evening before going home after a most enjoyable weekend in spite of the weather.

A. J. S.

ONE OR SIX BELLS?

At a church where service ringing had just started for Evensong, the conductor called 'Go Bob Minor.' After about two courses of very rough striking the conductor called 'Stand,' and told the band that it was a jangled effort, etc.

He was preparing to go again when an Eastern gentleman in Western clothes put his head around the curtains and said: 'Excuse me, is there one bell or six bells up there?'

The conductor beamed after his previous remarks, and one well-known ringer was heard to say: 'Gosh, was it that bad?; I guess —— (the conductor) was right.'

WHITSUN IN DEVON

The 'Vrends of the Exercise,' whose tour in 'Zummerzeet' was reported last year, met again from distant parts of the kingdom to sample some of Devon's fine towers, deep flowery lanes, red soil and rolling moors, in a three-day tour by car and motor-cycle. Banwell (8, 23), near Weston-super-Mare, preceded a run through the Mendips and Quantocks to Old Cleeve (8, 18) and Dunster (8, 22), a renowned beauty spot, where lunch was of salad and Devon cream. Some very good Caters were rung on the fine ten at Minehead (20 cwt.), whence there is a grand view over the bay, before heading inland to Twerton through lovely hilly country on the edge of Exmoor, calling at Timberscombe (8, 12¼) and Bampton (6, 15½) on the way. Twerton's (8, 26) are some of Taylor's best, and are always a treat to look forward to, and Silverton (8, 17) had the same qualities. The day ended well at Broad Clyst (8, 21).

The accommodation at the King's Arms, East Budleigh, was excellent, and the party joined the locals at the nearby church (6, 8) for Matins. After dinner some went to sample the glorious bells of Exeter Cathedral (13, 73 cwt.) before joining the rest for Kenn (6, 13) and Ideford (6, 8), and a Devon tea at Bishopsteignton, where ringing took place both before and after the Evensong service. The latter, it must be admitted, was in friendly rivalry with the local ringers, who demonstrated close-lead call-changes, but readily gave credit for the 'scientific's' best efforts at London Minor, etc., and wished it could always be as good.

After farewells next morning to mine host at East Budleigh, the first call was at the home of Bilbie, Cullompton (10, 19), where the tower and bells must be the pride of the locality, full of distinctive tone. Kentisbeare (6, 14) found out some weak spots, and lunch at Tiverton was preceded by two good sixes, each 17 cwt., at Halberton and Sampford Peverell. The key could not be found at Holcombe Rogus, but a member was nearly battle-axed by an aged lady defender when demonstrating a cannon at nearby Holcombe Court. The tricky light 8 (13) at Huntsham came next, and Troyte's grave was noted. Some got lost and arrived very late at the first of two good eights, Wiveliscombe (20 cwt., Bilbie?); then came Milverton (18 cwt.), back in Somerset, and tea, before the surprise of the tour, St. Mary's, Taunton (12, 30 cwt.), only just reopened after tower renovations and recasting of the tenth bell by Messrs. Mears. This wonderful tower combines all that is most noteworthy in Somerset towers—great size (170 feet), rich panelling, Perpendicular lines, cream and pink stonework, statued niches, and above all, an amazing crown of lace-like stonework, tall pinnacles, and even flying pinnacles standing away from the tower. The bells, mostly Bilbie's, are a very good 12, but are affected a bit by tower movement and length of draught. Thus came a fitting conclusion to a tour of good bells, good fellowship and fun, and beautiful sunny weather in fine scenery. Thanks are due to all incumbents and all who made the excellent arrangements possible.

BELLS IN I.T.V. EPILOGUE

Dear Sir,—A correspondent asks for information regarding the bells used on I.T.V. for an epilogue.

Some time ago I wrote to I.T.V. concerning this film, in which I asked the same questions. I received a reply but not an answer to my questions, only to say that the 'bells' are not models (which they most certainly are), as the 'treble' is a solid block and the clapper does not move. It also swings at about three times the pace of the others, bumping the stay both ways.

I was no wiser after I had received the letter than before.—I remain, sincerely yours,

London, N.15. E. J. ROWE.

NEWS FROM NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

Seven monthly meetings of the North Staffordshire Association have been held so far in 1956. Attendances at the January (Longton) and February (Madeley) meetings were below average owing to inclement weather and dense fog on both days.

The March meeting was at Cheadle where, as it was not possible to resume ringing at the Roman Catholic Church after tea, the Vicar very kindly gave permission for the bells of the parish church to be rung in the evening so that the numerous visitors had the opportunity of ringing at both St. Giles', the six and the eight.

Kingsley (April) was as popular as ever, and in addition to ringing many members were entertained by and involved in friendly argument with the Welsh Vicar of Whiston and Foxt (who presided at tea) and delighted by the organ playing of the Rector-elect of Kingsley.

At the May meeting at Leek, the Vicar, the Rev. G. Youell, newly appointed Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, accepted the presidency of the Association, from which office the Ven. Percy Hartill, formerly Rector and Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, retired earlier this year after 21 years' service. Considerable restoration is being carried out at Leek and it is hoped and anticipated that attention will be given to the bells during the course of this work.

Marchington, the most distant tower in the Association, was the venue for June, when a small but enthusiastic and appreciative party made the difficult journey to ring at this delightful six, where no meeting had been held for a number of years. Some, however, nearly didn't get there at all. Arrangements had been made for the Stoke–Derby train to make a special stop at Marchington, but a check at Stoke as the train was about to depart revealed that Control had failed to issue the necessary instructions. Hurried telephone calls, however, soon put matters to rights.

July 7th saw the Association at Broughton, equally inaccessible, but nevertheless some 42 ringers and friends, including visitors from Leicester and Macclesfield, were present. The weather was again most favourable and between touches the ringers explored this interesting and in many ways, unique, church or enjoyed the fine view of the Welsh mountains to the west. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Morgan, a ringer at the church, and other ringers performed the other offices of the service.

Ringing has been of a high order during the period, ranging from call-changes, Minor methods such as Woodbine and Violet, a variety of Surprise Major, to Caters and Royal.

Several committee meetings have taken place, and with regard to the Bow Bells Appeal it was agreed that collections should be taken at the individual towers to make up the Association contribution.

The death occurred at Whitsuntide of Father MacDonald, of the Roman Catholic Church, Cheadle, and an honorary member of the Association. A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at the church on June 30th, but was miscalled after two hours' ringing.

Twineham, Sussex, Ringers' Outing

The ringers and friends of St. Peter's, Twineham, had a very enjoyable day's outing on June 30th. Towers visited were Burwash, Ewhurst (Sussex), Rye and Dallington. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Doubles, Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Kent Major, with plenty of rounds for the learners.

Thanks are due to Mr. C. H. Wickens and local ringers for the use of the bells.

OBITUARY

DR. A. J. H. ILES

A former Mayor of Taunton, Dr. Alfred John Hopkinson Iles, died at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, on July 3rd at the age of 77.

The son of the late Dr. A. R. Iles, he was educated at Repton, and received his medical training at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, where he later became governor. His degrees were M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.) and F.F.R.

He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and while in London became a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Ringers. He was interested in music, having been trained at the Guildhall School of Music, and later was a regular member of St. Mary's Church Bell Ringers, Taunton.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Taunton, on July 9th. The A.S.C.Y. was represented by Mr. Arthur Prince.

MR. REUBEN CHARGE

The funeral of Mr. Reuben Charge, whose death was reported in our issue of July 6th, took place at Mitcham Road Cemetery on July 4th.

In addition to the family mourners, the following ringers were present: R. Sanders, J. Hawkins, J. Euston, S. Howard, F. Sinkins and J. Chapman. Among the floral tributes was one from the ringers of St. Leonard's, Streatham.

Mr. Charge was a member of the College Youths, Middlesex and Surrey Associations, and had many ringing friends north and south of the Thames. Born at Much Hadham, Herts, he was one of five ringing brothers, and was the last survivor. Reuben Charge never kept a record of his peals, a number of which he rang with the late brothers Pye at the beginning of the century. He moved from Hampstead to Mitcham in 1948, after the death of his wife, and joined the Streatham ringers and also St. Margaret's, Westminster.

He was a man of retiring nature and loving respect; as a ringer he was a perfect striker, and will be greatly missed. He was present at the meeting of 'Old Timers' held at Bishopsgate, E.C., last September. R.I.P.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Reuben Charge unfortunately brings to an end the well-known trio of the brothers Charge. Born near Bishop's Stortford, Essex, some 77 years ago, Reuben was the last of a family of five brothers; four of them were ringers, the best known being Cornelius and George.

Reuben came to London many years ago and was employed up to the time of his retirement by that authority known today as the London Passenger Transport Board. He was a modest and most likeable man, and his 'happy-go-lucky' disposition made him many friends, both at his work and in the capacity of a bell ringer.

In his early days he quickly advanced in the art of campanology, and was often peal ringing in the company of the brothers Pye. He was for many years a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Middlesex County Association, and of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, in the heyday of their activities.

A brilliant striker, his keen ear would instantly detect a repeat in the ringing. It is said he was never known to 'call a touch,' but his powers of observation were such that he knew when a 'call' had been made in the wrong place or accidentally omitted.

It will never be known how many peals he took part in, as he kept no personal records. The writer of these lines had the pleasure of taking part in three peals and over 100 quarter peals with him, the latter mostly for church services: he was very keen on Sunday service ringing. He will be greatly missed, but his memory will live for a long time in the minds of those who knew him. R. N.

QUARTER PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At the 'Waterloo Tower,' on July 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. A. Russell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, E. Milsted 3, H. Luck 4, A. Hinkley 5, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 6, J. Tumber (cover) 7.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. W. Wiffen 1, F. Claydon 2, Miss H. G. Snowden 3, J. Warner 4, A. Syder (first quarter), 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, T. Earle 7, W. Arnold 8.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Shaw 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, A. Keller 3, J. Chaddock 4, H. Wagstaff 5, N. Chaddock 6, D. Cooper 7, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 30th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, Mrs. L. D. Mills 2, A. E. Leggett 3, B. Fairhead 4, U. W. Wildney 5, F. G. Oliver 6, L. D. Mills 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by 3 and 4. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. H. T. Pye, of the local band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Miles 1, A. L. Ryman 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6, G. J. Jennings 7. First in method for 1 and 3. Rung on meeting short for Major, with tenor covering.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 of Grandsire Doubles: R. Holmes 1, H. C. White 2, F. Absolom 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, N. Dicks 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. R. White, of Appleton.

DEDDINGTON, OXON. — On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor R. L. Gines 1, W. Ivings 2, C. C. Clarke 3, W. J. Cross 4, J. H. Gregory 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Richard White, of Appleton.

LITTLE MILTON, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Spicer (first quarter) 1, R. Arnott 2, H. Badger 3, V. Holloway 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, P. Reynolds (first quarter) 6.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Smith 1, P. Bray 2, Miss R. Smith 3, Mrs. R. Smith 4, E. Bray 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. For Evensong and Patronal Festival.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley King (first quarter) 1, A. Streeter 2, Freda Hankey 3, W. Dunn 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, W. Clarke (first quarter) 6. Rung for St. Peter's Day.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Kingston 1, W. Smart 2, J. Booth 3, K. Sheldon 4, P. Foster (cond.) 5, E. Kingston 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. A. Yates and Miss K. Ballard.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Jervis (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Sylvia Wickenden 3, Janet Adamson 4, Mrs. Wm. Butler 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. Rung for the Civic Service.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — At St. Ann's Church, on July 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Rowe (11) 1, H. Howson 2, Miss A. Smith 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3.—Also on July 8th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Turner 1, E. J. Rowe 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, T. Riddlesden 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reuben Charge.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On June 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Clarke 1, Pamela Clarke (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley (first as cond.) 4, B. Box 5, C. Wise (first quarter) 6.

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MEETINGS

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The interim meeting as arranged and advertised for July 21st at Gaywood has had to be postponed as the work being done in the tower and the rehanging of the bells will not be completed.—C. F. T. 8656

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Pylle, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 8584

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Taxal, Whaley Bridge, July 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. (note change). Tea 5 p.m. —C. K. Lewis. 8630

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bidford-on-Avon, with Salford Priors, July 21st, after tea. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8572

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8616

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambrdge District.—A meeting will be held at Dullingham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, from 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Harwich, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8579

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Leatherhead and Southern Districts (respectively) joint meeting, Dorking (8) and Ranmore (8), on July 21st. Dorking bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ranmore bells available after tea. 8586

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, July 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8605

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Ashtead Surprise. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at North Mymms, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8622

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford (8), July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. in Bull's Head. Names for tea (accommodation strictly limited).—B. G. Warwick, Gen. Hon. Sec. 8587

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—July programme. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, 21st, St. Mary's, Leyton (8) (Church Road), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Short service. Tea, own arrangements, 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Woodford (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesday, 25th, St. John's, South Hackney, E.9, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.—Bullock, Sec. 8624

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, July 21st, Hampton, 3 to 5 p.m.; Feltham, 6 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 8611

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8) (Newick unavailable), Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8629

POSTPONED. WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, meeting at Eckington on July 21st is postponed till Saturday, August 11th.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 8648

KNEBWORTH, HERTS. — Sunday, July 22nd, at 6 p.m. Service of thanksgiving for restoration of bells. A cordial invitation to all. Cup of tea available. Regular practices held each Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. 8634

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, July 26th, St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham Common, 7.15–9. Visitors and learners especially welcome. Practice as usual during August. — Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8658

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 28th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. John's, South Hackney, 3 p.m. sharp.—A. B. Peck. 8644

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cheddar, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Waverley, West Lynne Road, Cheddar. 8637

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Wybunbury, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by July 25th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8663

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Sudbury, on July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—own food. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8638

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Marham, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8653

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8628

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at Tytherington, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, to W. F. Scudamore, Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 8653

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Childswickham, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 24th to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8643

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Lydney, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 25th, to Mr. Bryn Nash, 16, Queen Street, Lydney, Glos.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 8650

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — Meeting at Dunsfold, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Hascombe open in evening. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Fincher, Ivy Cottage, Dunsfold, by previous Wednesday.—A. M. Cox and M. E. Collins, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 8657

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Practice ringing evening at Mathon, July 28th. Bells (6) available 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. Ward, Hon. Sec. 8639

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Cudham, Saturday, July 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8614

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Those who require tea must inform Mr. H. A. Kingsnorth, Woodside, Perry Wood, Selling, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, July 25th, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8646

LADIES' GUILD. — Hereford District. — Meeting at Weston-under-Penyard (6), Saturday, July 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by July 25th to Rosemary Jarrett, 22, Bulmer Avenue, Garden City, Hereford. 8565

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Anstey, July 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 26th to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. 8633

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6. Shortened Evensong at 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Good Rudhall 8, ton tenor.—Thornley, Sec. 8636

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Calverley, July 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify by Wednesday D. Thorpe, 6, St. Stephen's Road, Calverley (Tel. Idle 1436), by Wednesday. —J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8640

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. 8651

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather (8), July 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 25th to Mr. P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 8612

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, to Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 8618

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice at Lane End, July 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before 24th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8661

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Preston on Saturday, July 28th. Names for tea by 24th to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Estean, Market Overton, near Oakham. 8647

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at Wymeswold, Leics, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mrs. Downs, Church Street, Wymeswold, by Wednesday previous. 8662

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, July 28th, 3.30 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8654

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Great Barton (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 21st. —K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 28th, changed to Southover, Lewes. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8642

MARKSBURY, NR. BATH. — Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Sunday, July 29th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 8635

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal Chart, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Seal (6) also available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 1st to Mr. G. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal. 8641

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Bank Holiday Monday, August 6th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names by August 2nd to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 8655

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea by August 2nd to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 8649

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8546

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SNATCH AND GRAB

TOWER grabbing is a pastime in which we all indulge at some time in our ringing careers. Few of us fail to be stirred and tempted by the sound of bells coming from a strange tower. Others master the most complicated navigational problems in weekly pilgrimages to meetings and finally are more expert perhaps at translating Bradshaw and transport time-tables than at ringing. Even the most considerate and self-sacrificing family man will have a surreptitious look at Dove's before departing on his holidays.

'Snatching,' however, is a peculiar accomplishment, a technique which from the accounts in 'The Ringing World' is increasing in popularity and application; it is an activity for the enthusiast and one which can be most rewarding and beneficial providing it is undertaken with due circumspection and organisation. Its object is to 'collect' as many towers as possible within a given space of time, and if the optimum results are to be obtained certain essential conditions emerge of which the experienced snatcher will already be aware, but which are, nevertheless, worth while recapitulating.

Since time is of prime importance, towers with eight or more bells should not be included in the programme. Touches on eight or more bells take time; in addition, the methods and their musical qualities are too absorbing to be compatible with a snatch—to cut short the ringing would fail to do justice to the bells in any circumstances, to prolong the ringing would defeat the object of the exercise. The number of ringers required, moreover, would be too large for this intimate and delicate operation.

Indeed, the only towers which may be legitimately snatched are fives and sixes, and those which under normal circumstances would be relatively inaccessible and preferably, though not necessarily, rarely rung. (Towers reasonably easily reached for practice nights, peals or meetings should be excluded.) A cursary run through Dove's shows that in this field there is almost endless scope for a snatch.

With regard to conveyance it is apparent from the foregoing that private, generally reliable transport, preferably mechanised, is a most desirable adjunct. Judicious invitation can avoid the necessity to hire transport, although this can be done quite cheaply. The number of vehicles should be limited to the minimum required to accommodate the party, having due regard to the state of the vehicles concerned.

Oldish clothes, a supply of cattle-castor oil, adequate maps and sandwiches are also desirable.

The number of ringers should not exceed the minimum necessary to ring the bells well—eight at the most and of these at least one should be a beginner at a stage where he or she is able to reap the maximum benefit from ringing on strange bells with their variations in weight and 'go' and music, from the experience in raising and lowering in peal, and the practice concentrated ringing with more experienced ringers can provide. It was for this very purpose that the snatches in which the writer has been involved were first organised.

The ideal period for a snatch is, of course, a full day, finishing at the last tower in the region of 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening. In this time, with an overall distance of perhaps 100 miles, ten or more towers can be collected in reasonable comfort. Twenty-five minutes at a five- or six-bell tower has been shown by experience to be an ideal time for a visit. This is not a tower 'outing' or a sightseeing tour, and timing should be tight but adequate. Sandwiches at some village hostelry for lunch and resorting to a conveniently situated town for high tea make up the day.

These are bare bones of the plan. The reality is indescribably rewarding. The day is spent in the country, in quaint villages of infinite variety, with their gems of architecture and local craftsmanship, which whet an appetite that cannot on this occasion be indulged. There is the work of a variety of founders, some long forgotten, to be enjoyed.

There was, for instance, the 'find' of a magnificent majestic six at a church in a beautiful setting in a village near the Welsh border. Another occasion provided a five at a Victorian church with a slender, 'fairisle,' italienate tower. The fifth was half-way up in peal, but was dropped because of its 'feel.' The local inhabitant who met us said that there had been some complaints about the bell; an examination showed that all but one of the bolts in the headstock had long since sheared through and the bell revolved slowly but incisively round the remaining one! On the same day two further fives, one being 13456, the other 12346 of sixes, both waiting for a donor to complete the ring. One, unrung, had an infested ringing chamber and a member of the party had to climb a ladder to the intervening floor to raise the rope channels, which swung loosely at crazy angles as they bore on the ropes, before ringing could begin.

At one isolated six the human aspect was most touching. Two of the villagers appeared, one a former method ringer in the tower where only call changes had been rung since the war, and sat enraptured as endless Stedman Doubles were rung to their request.

Amusing incidents have their place as well. At one tower the organiser saw the Vicar in the church, introduced himself and asked where the key to the belfry might be obtained. The conversation went something like this:—

Vicar: 'I'm afraid you can't ring.'

Organiser: 'Oh, how is that? I have your letter giving us permission to do so. It is very awkward as we have come 40 miles to ring here.'

Vicar: 'I am afraid I forgot to mention it to our head ringer. What would you think if you were in his place and I let you ring without his permission?'

Organiser: 'If I were he, I should think you were a very forgetful Vicar.'

Permission was obtained, the local ringer contacted, and all went well.

On another occasion a five was visited at an odd church (the arcade ran down the centre aisle of the nave). A warning had been given about the bells, but in what connection the organiser could not quite remember (it had not been given by the vicar, but had reached him at third hand). The ropes were in extremely poor shape; that might be it. They were ranged round two sides of the tower close to the wall, two down one side and three in a straight row down the other and the ropesight poor in consequence. That was probably it. When the bells began to rise the most unmusical noise ever heard arose. The bells were out of tune with each other and themselves. It was only after some argument that it was decided that the bells were in rounds. This was undoubtedly it. 'Stand if you can,' called the treble—the 'if you can' a sort of postscript evoked by the general atmosphere in the belfry. The treble had no stay and the abrupt gymnastics of the ringer of the fourth showed that that bell had none either. On returning home the organiser found that the warning had been that some of the bells were believed to be stayless. Accurate but how inadequate! Indeed, the stories one could tell would shame the imagination of the most hardened freshwater fisherman.

The term 'snatch' has a somewhat unpleasant ring, but it is probably the most adequate one for this kind of operation, an exercise which can be satisfying to the individual, and if not beneficial in all other respects, at least not harmful in any way. For all who take part it is a tiring but enjoyable day. The opportunity to exercise one's skill and that of others by handling different rings of bells, the chance to practise a variety of methods and improve one's skill in raising and lowering in peal are never so readily available. The length of ringing time is sufficient in so many respects; it is half the normal service ringing time at the most, but adequate for touches on five and six bells; the ringing is not so prolonged as to cause objection to the neighbourhood, and often, in unrung towers particularly, sufficient to arouse the interest of the villagers in their bells and to demonstrate change ringing, we hope, of a high quality.

In the writer's experience permission to ring has never been refused on such occasions and indeed in the majority of cases the party has been only too warmly welcomed by both the incumbent and the local

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ringers. Although the stipulation not to ring too long has sometimes been made (where the tower has proved to be popular with visitors), regret has usually been expressed that the stay has been short. It is often better, however, that this regret should have been left rather than a welcome outstayed and the visits of other ringers to the tower prejudiced.

In obtaining permission to ring, the normal courtesies should not be overlooked. It is preferable to over-indulge in correspondence rather than to be inconsiderate: usually application for the bells is made well in advance and a firm time given a few days before the visit. A post-card of thanks is not out of place after the visit and is usually much appreciated.

Finally, may it be said that snatches should not be used as a substitute for peals, meetings or tower outings, but, like all good things, enjoyed in moderation for their own sake. E. H. E.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
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Tenor 35¾ cwt. in C sharp.

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WILLIAM T. COOK	*Treble*	F. BRIAN COOKSON	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	6
J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	GILES C. GALLEY	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5280 TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Liversedge Variation. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E flat.

KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
GEORGE GILBERT	4	A. JAMES GLASS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

Rung within the octave of St. John the Baptist, and on the Duke of Windsor's birthday. Also for the Queen's review of the Guards on the occasion of their tercentenary celebrations.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

WALTER M. GODDARD	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	6
NORMAN BELL	3	GWEN I. RUSBY	7
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*PETER TYSON	*Treble*	*HENRY BARNES	5
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
THOMAS TURNER	3	JOHN BAGNALL	7
RONALD WILTON	4	*GORDON RICHINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

* First peal.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
*ALICE E. LESTER	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
MURIEL S. PIPE	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First touch of Surprise Major.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
GEORGE FRANCIS	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT	6
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
†E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Rev. Peter R. Blackman and Jean Curtis, at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, the same morning. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	FRANK RAYMENT	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT	6
SAM LONGBOTTOM	3	J. HENRY FIELDEN	7
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the 50th anniversary of Ernest Simpson's first peal, Foxearth, Essex, July 6th, 1906.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., July 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	‡DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
*PETER J. SKINNER	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†PERCY J. SUTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by DAVID K. WALKLATE. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells, also 'inside,' and for 29 years. ‡ First peal of Bob Major.

Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday, 67 years as a ringer at this church and 62 years as tower captain, of Mr. Felix Sutton, father of the ringer of the fourth. Also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, sixth and tenor (18).

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	†DERMOT J. ROAF	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	*VERNON GREEN	6
CHARLES COLES	3	A. JAMES ADAMS	7
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	4	*ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

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

Rung to commemorate the visit to this city of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
PERCY SWINDLEY	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
W. GEORGE TURNER	4	†JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal.

Rung in honour of the Buckley Sunday Schools centenary celebrations, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. A. Barron and Miss D. Flynn, married at Birmingham this day.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of Rutland and London, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALAN THORNTON	*Treble*	G. FRED TERRY	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	2	JOHN POTTS	6
HORACE S. MORLEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	7
GEORGE WM. DYSON	4	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,464 Cambridge and 2,592 Superlative with 107 changes of method, J. W. Parker's arrangement of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CAROL HALL	*Treble*	*CHARLES N. LEA	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	*KENNETH LAWSON	6
*E. ALAN RAWLINSON	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

REGINALD W. WORRALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN	6
HENRY PARKER	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
CECIL RADDON	4	JOHN E. BIBBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. S. Dutton, a ringer at the above church, and Mrs. Dutton.

H. Parker has now 'completed the circle.'

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
GEORGE H. SPICE	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
PERCY J. SPICE	4	RONALD C. BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Kenward and Thomas E. Sone.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	*W. LESLIE WELLER	7
ERIC T. LEE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 50th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung on the eve of the 26th anniversary of the conductor's first peal and his 499th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	4
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5
GILES C. GALLEY	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal in more than one method.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 24 methods, with 265 changes of method, viz.: (1) St. Hilary Bob and Ockham S.C., (2) St. Hilary Bob and Broughton S.C., (3) St. Hilary Bob and Chesham S.C., (4) Blackburn Place Bob and Chesham S.C., (5) Blackburn Place Bob and Ockham S.C., (6) Blackburn Place Bob and Broughton S.C., (7) Westminster Bob and Broughton S.C., (8) Westminster Bob and Ockham S.C., (9) Westminster Bob and Chesham S.C., (10) New Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (11) New Bob and Chipstead S.C., (12) New Bob and Oakley S.C., (13) St. Vedast Bob and Oakley S.C., (14) St. Vedast Bob and Chipstead S.C., (15) St. Vedast Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (16) Huntspill Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (17) Huntspill Bob and Chipstead S.C., (18) Huntspill Bob and Oakley S.C., (19) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C., (20) St. Nicolas' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (21) St. Nicolas' Bob and Thornborough S.C., (22) St. Remigius' Bob and Thornborough S.C., (23) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (24) St. Remigius' Bob and Longford S.C., (25) Winchendon Place Bob and Longford S.C., (26) Winchendon Place Bob and Hascombe S.C., (27) Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough S.C., (28) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C., (29) St. Simon's Bob and Merton S.C., (30) St. Simon's Bob and Slapton S.C., (31) St. Osmund Bob and Slapton S.C., (32) St. Osmund Bob and Merton S.C., (33) St. Osmund Bob and Rugby S.C., (34) St. Martin's Bob and Rugby S.C., (35) St. Martin's Bob and Merton S.C., (36) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C.; and extents Nos. 28, 29, 30, 34, 35 and 36. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	†GEORGE FRANCIS	3
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	‡BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4
†W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal of Spliced Doubles. † First on tower bells. ‡ First of Doubles. First peal of Spliced Doubles, and the greatest number of methods for the Guild.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD PREECE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. HIDDINS	4
JOHN HALE	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	5
D. WALFORD DAVIES	3	*G. HOWARD UNDERHILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. G. Morgan, the new Curate. Also as a wedding anniversary to the ringer of the third.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) London Bob and Double Oxford, (2) Lytham and Thelwall, (3) College and St. Clement's, (4) Wavertree College and Childwall, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Oxford Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN DEAN .. .. *Treble* | EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2 | DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 3 | PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The greatest number of methods rung in one peal by all, with the exception of the ringer of the third.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 7, 1956. *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (2) Berwick, Hexham; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) York, Durham; (5) London, Wells; (6) Norfolk, Primrose; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.

JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Treble* | LEONARD C. BLANCHARD.. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2 | HORACE M. DAY 5
CECIL WADE .. .. .. 3 | *RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First of Minor in more than seven methods.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob, and one extent of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CHARLES B. SKINNER.. .. *Treble* | ERIC T. LEE.. 4
MARIAN SKINNER.. .. .. 2 | BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 5
HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 3 | RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Arranged and rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Peter Blackman and Miss Jean Curtis at Storrington this day.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ROY OWEN .. .. *Treble* | SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
ALBERT COATES .. .. .. 2 | JOHN COUZENS 5
ROBERT ALLCOCK .. .. 3 | TONY OWEN.. .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: two extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MICHAEL COX .. .. .. *Treble* | WILLIAM SCRIMSHAW.. .. 4
WILFRED LEE .. .. .. 2 | DAVID COX 5
PETER DAWSON .. .. .. 3 | DOUGLAS THORP .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS THORP.

First peal by all the band, in three methods.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

MICHAEL CROWDER .. .. *Treble* | SEPTIMUS NEAVE 4
*NORMAN BELL .. .. .. 2 | ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 5
†REV. D. TINDALL .. .. 3 | ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells after being augmented from four to six (dedicated March 16th, 1956, by the Venerable L. Ashcroft, M.A., Archdeacon of Stow).

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
On Wed., July 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. *Treble* | ROBIN A. HODGSON 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL.. .. 2 | ASHLEY C. P. PUGH.. .. 5
DAVID A. EDWARDS .. .. 3 | DONALD H. NIBLETT.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

Rung as a farewell to Dr. Edwards, who is leaving shortly to visit Yale University, U.S.A.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. *Treble* | HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
MRS. D. WORSMAN .. .. 2 | FRANK RAYMENT 5
PETER DAWSON .. .. .. 3 | DOUGLAS THORP.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J MARTIN THORLEY.

A welcome for Audrey Mary Warwick.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Double Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. *Treble* | LOUIS WILDERS 4
JOHN R. WORSDALE .. .. 2 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. .. 3 | JOHN E. COOK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward Linton, ringer and churchwarden of Branston.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

*VALERIE M. MASSAM .. *Treble* | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.. 4
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. .. 2 | IRVIN SLACK 5
ARNOLD COLE .. .. .. 3 | PERCY MASSAM .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

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SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three 720's Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 48, 29, 50).
Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD S. WOOLLARD ..	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
PETER S. BEDFORD	2	*JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.. ..	3	*PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Minor in five methods.

TORQUAY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Mid-Devon Branch.)
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, TORRE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings), 240 Morris's Arrangement and 22 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings), six changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM SIMMONDS ..	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS.. ..	4
†MRS. HEATHER HOOD ..	2	†WILLIAM J. HARVEY ..	5
†AUBREY L. BENNETT ..	3	‡JOHN KELLY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	4
FRANK T. LONG..	2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT ..	5
ALFRED E. HINMAN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung for Whissendine Feast.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MARIAN H. MILLS	*Treble*	MICHAEL A. MILLS	4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT ..	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
*IVAN COOPER	3	FRANK G. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Court and College, (2) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Single Court, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Reverse Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN..	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* 50th peal.
The first peal in nine methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a handbell peal for the Guild.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 13, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In thirteen methods, viz.: (1) London Bob and College, (2) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Double Court and Single Court, (4) Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (5) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN .. .. ..5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
First peal in 13 methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Horsington 1, T. Collings 2, G. Ward (cond.) 3, Miss L. Temlett 4, N. Ward 5, M. O. Roberts 6. In memoriam Mrs. Hughes, wife of Mr. J. Hughes, an esteemed ringer at St. Mary's, interred this day.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Sewell (first quarter) 1, Alison Bradford (first 'inside') 2, K. L. Brown (cond.) 3, Doris E. Lidbetter 4, B. Willgress 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (280 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 300 Spliced Plain and Reverse Canterbury): Miss B. A. Manning 1, E. Walklate 2, Miss J. G. Draper 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. Rung for morning service.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, H. Gaylard 3, W. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, W. Gigg 6, E. Morris 7, J. T. Barrett 8. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Morris 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, E. Pannell 3, Mrs. E. Pannell 4, W. Poole 5, J. T. Barrett 6, H. Gaylard 7, G. T. Lumbard 8. First of Triples for 3, 4 and 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On July 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Brenda Foster (first of Minor) 1, Julie Tunbridge 2, Judith Cox 3, Mary Andrews 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, I. H. Oram 6. First of St. Clement's for 2 and 3.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Usher 1, R. V. Robinson 2, B. R. Millward 3, A. G. Watkin 4, J. C. Jones 5, A. Lewis 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward 8. Rung in honour of the Buckley Sunday School Centenary Jubilee, 1857-1956.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ball (first quarter) 1, Jean Sturgess 2, Renée Sturgess 3, D. Jones (first 'inside') 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, J. Stevenson 6. Rung for Evensong and for the reception into the Church of Timothy Stevenson, who was christened in hospital on his birthday.

FULHAM, S.W.—On July 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, H. Belcher 3, Mrs. C. Watts 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Allsop 6, M. Moreton 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips 9, J. Bell 10.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Judith Funnell 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, Laura M. Beeney 4, G. Beeney 5, F. H. Beeney 6. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to Judith Funnell, and as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Goddard, a former captain of this tower.

HERTFORD.—On July 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Thorn 1, Miss F. Welch 2, B. Pinnock 3, C. Hayter 4, W. Foote 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, J. Kemp 7, J. Welch 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the christening of Hilary Jane, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Knowles Brown, curate of St. Andrew's.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, Miss B. Spicer 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): M. J. Hill (first quarter) 1, F. T. Warrington (first 'inside') 2, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 3, J. B. Dinenage 4, C. J. Gall 5, A. Plows 6. Rung for the patronal festival before Matins.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 120 Chase, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Canterbury, 240 Old, 180 Grandsire): M. Blason 1, L. Battison 2, J. Kightley (cond.) 3, D. Ringrose 4, A. Ford 5. Birthday compliment to J. Kightley.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Davis 1, Mrs. G. Wain (first quarter) 2, W. Swain 3, Mrs. B. Wheeler 4, G. Holdgate 5, F. G. W. Roby 6, G. E. Hancock (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Dr. J. F. W. Boden-Worsley, the late Rector.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. D. Frost 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, G. Penney 3, F. E. Ellis 4, T. J. Southam 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on July 6th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Reverse and Double Bob): B. A. Cornell 1, G. Penney 2, M. D. Frost 3, F. E. Ellis 4, G. Dodds 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On June 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): D. Laud 1, Joan Wilcockson 2, Margaret Mosley 3, T. Clark 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, A. C. Wenban 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Lyne 1, C. R. Steed 2, F. G. Kinchin 3, R. C. Chapman 4, V. B. Hunt 5, L. Hallet (first of Caters) 6, G. Ingram 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Findon (first as cond.) 9, E. H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Hayes 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, E. E. Holman 4, D. Hewitt 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong and a 13th birthday compliment to Fred W. Sykes.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Cater 1, M. Hendy 2, E. Thomas 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, J. Hawker 6. Also on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hendy 1, R. E. Scudamore 2, H. Taysom 3, E. Thomas 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, J. Hawker 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

HUNTS DISTRICT TOUR

Saturday, July 7th, was the day that the Hunts District ringers chose for their tour of John Taylor's foundry and four towers in Derbyshire. Setting off just after 7 a.m., the foundry was reached ten minutes early, and the party were welcomed by Mr. Marcon. They were most interested in all departments and an hour soon slipped by. Through a most unfortunate time error, the party were unable to ring on the foundry campanile, but were somewhat compensated by ringing at the Loughborough Parish Church.

After a perfect lunch they set off for Derbyshire. The first tower was Breaston and this pleasant six were soon ringing out merrily. Spondon proved to be another pleasant ring. On to Allestree for tea, where the view over the Derwent Valley appealed to all.

Duffield's was a really grand ring, and amongst various Major methods, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung. For some of the members this was their first ring on ten bells. The one hour there passed much too quickly. At the last tower of the day, Shardlow, many Minor methods were brought round. Home was reached by most just before midnight, and many thanks are due to the incumbents and those who met the party. H. S. P.

RAINHAM RINGERS AND FRIENDS

Rainham ringers and friends from Frindsbury, Chatham, Newington, Bobbing, Sittingbourne and Queenborough held their annual outing on July 7th. Another two members who had travelled from Bath joined the coach at various stops along the route, the last being picked up at Stockbury.

Starting at 7.30 a.m., a good journey was made via Key Street, Maidstone, Wateringbury, to Brenchley, in a new 41-seater coach. Just before 9 a.m. the party were welcomed to All Saints', Brenchley, by one of the churchwardens. Soon this handy ring of eight was being rung by some of the company, while the rest partook of refreshments kindly laid on in grand style by Mr. and Mrs. Wells at the Bull Hotel.

The journey then went through 'the Garden of England' to Salehurst, which was reached at 10.30. Here we were greeted by Mr. Avery, who has recovered from illness in hospital. A good hour's ringing was enjoyed before making tracks, under the guidance of Mr. George Kenward, to Rye. Lunch was partaken of at George's Cafe, Rye, and for once ringing at Rye Parish Church was missed; instead, the little church at Iden, with a fine ring of six (tenor 15 cwt.), was visited. It was here that George learned to ring many years ago and also called his first peal, along with his very old friend, Mr. Wood, who looks well despite his years. The Rev. A. Douglas Wing also gave us a welcome.

Then came the glories of the South Downs as the coach sped along the open road via New Romney, Dymchurch, to Hythe. After climbing the steep steps of this ancient town, St. Leonard's Church was reached on time, and the party were greeted by Mr. Bidnell. A good ring was enjoyed before tea was partaken at Slade's Hotel. Next came the very old and pretty village of Chilham, where the Rev. Sir Reginald Champion welcomed the visitors. Another good hour's ringing was enjoyed. During the day touches had been rung in the usual standard methods, with rounds for the younger members.

On the homeward journey a short stop was made at the Halfway House for refreshments, where Bert Dunk found some 'singing beer' for along the road to Sittingbourne.

Thanks are due to all incumbents for the use of their bells and to all who kindly met the party at the different towers. F. J. C.

BRANSTON, LINCS

A very full programme was arranged for Branston ringers on July 7th, the occasion being their annual outing.

As Matins was being said at Dunham-on-Trent (5), ringing was not possible here, but Tuxford (8) bells were going into changes at 9 a.m. and a pleasant hour followed. The light six at Cuckney are housed in a tower large enough for a heavy ring of 12. After ringing here a good lunch was enjoyed.

The long climb to Gamston's ringing chamber was an aid to digesting lunch. A good hour was later spent on the recently rehung six at Ordsall. After an excellent tea, West Retford (6) was visited. Ringers of vast girth should avoid this tower or they will find themselves stuck midst ringing chamber and ground floor, for the spiral staircase is very narrow.

The last towers (and the best) of the day were the two new rings of six at Rampton and East Drayton. The ringing at both towers was very much enjoyed. Methods rung during the day were: Major, Kent and Plain; Minor, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Lightsfoot, Rossendale, Stamford, Ipswich, Bourne, Norwich, Netherseale, Cambridge, College Bob IV., Kent, Oxford, Oxford Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers for the use of the bells and to Louis Willders for organising such a grand outing.

J. E. C.

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT

Saturday, July 14th, was the date chosen by the St. Paul's, Burton, band and their colleagues from nearby towers for their tenth annual outing. After the long tours of previous years, the trip this year consisted of a visit to four Warwickshire towers.

Leaving Burton in heavy mist, at lunch time we arrived at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield (8), at 1.30 p.m. for 45 minutes' ringing before proceeding to SS. Peter and Paul, Coleshill (8). Later in the afternoon we stopped at St. Nicholas', Kenilworth (6). And so to Warwick for tea and the privilege of ringing at St. Mary's (10). Well over an hour was spent in this lovely tower and a very high standard of ringing was maintained throughout.

Successful touches of Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's Doubles, Cambridge Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a course of Plain Bob Royal were rung during the tour.

Unfortunately, continuous rain in the evening spoilt the proceedings somewhat, but, by and large, it was a most successful outing.

HERTFORD RINGERS IN EAST ANGLIA

On June 30th the Hertford College Youths and friends spent a most enjoyable day's outing in East Anglia.

Leaving Hertford at 6.30 a.m., the first stop was at Stowmarket, where the eight of St. Mary's were rung to methods to suit all. At Framlingham an hour's ringing on the eight of St. Michael's was enjoyed before leaving for Lowestoft.

All were ready for the fine lunch at The Scotsman, and the afternoon was spent ringing on the eight of St. Margaret's. After tea we left for Diss. The fine eight of St. Mary's were rung for an hour before leaving for home. A short stop was made at Newmarket for refreshments, and Hertford was reached at 10.15 p.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and the local ringers who made the outing enjoyable.

J. W. T.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

On June 30th, Worcester Cathedral band, joined by ringers from the other Worcester towers and Cheltenham, travelled northwards on their annual outing.

Unfortunately we started a little later than planned, and along some tortuous roads, which seem inseparable from beautiful countryside, we were unable to make up lost time. When we arrived at St. Chad's at Shrewsbury it was a great help to find that most of the bells had been raised for us. St. Chad's has quite a good ring of twelve, recast in 1914, with a tenor of 39¼ cwt.

Our next tower was to have been St. Mary-without-the-Walls, at Chester, but, as we came nearer to the city, the traffic became ever thicker and we moved slower and slower. Consequently we got very far down on our schedule and thought it advisable to omit St. Mary's in order to be on time at our next checking place. Our slow progress through Chester did, however, give us an opportunity of studying the remarkable construction of its shopping centre. These continuous balconies could surely be very attractive and advantageous in our modern shopping centres.

Liverpool was now our destination, and on the way some handbell ringing was attempted. After getting five people in such a position that each could see one other, we succeeded in ringing Grandsire Caters. As we approached Birkenhead, all eyes were fixed on the horizon, looking for the great Cathedral at Liverpool. We were not disappointed: its tower stood high above the city, upright, aloof and proud. And then it disappeared, and we were speeding through the Mersey tunnel, a new and exciting experience for most of us. We emerged in Liverpool and were soon having lunch. Then we rang on the magnificent twelve, tenor 42 cwt., at St. Nicholas'.

The next journey was dull in comparison with what we had already seen, but the road was good and nothing delayed us, so that we arrived in Manchester—sunny Manchester—in good time. (It is possible that some people were a little disappointed to find the sun shining.) What town councillor does not dream of a building like Manchester Town Hall, and what ringer would not consider the burden of rates more tolerable if his town owned a ring of bells like the twelve here? With a tenor of 42¼ cwt., they are a joy to ring on, and we had our best ringing of the day. But we should like more information about these bells, please, Mr. Taylor: what is the secret?

After tea we moved on to Leek, where St. Edward's Church contains a ring of ten, tenor 18¼ cwt. The bells are difficult to strike and sound poor from inside the tower, but a little better from outside. At first we were only able to ring eight because the treble stay had been broken; its clapper was tied and it seemed impossible to get to the bell because of a temporary floor laid on top of the 'H' frame, but later we moved some boards and put things right.

After some refreshment there only remained the journey back home, and, in spite of what was probably the record length of 'Bluebells are Blue,' we found that we only knew sixty miles of songs. Still, it was a very enjoyable day and we should like to thank all those who in any way contributed to its success. G. E.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Oxford Bob): W. E. Green 1, J. F. Pearson 2, A. Ingall 3, L. Thompson 4, G. T. Speed 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6. Rung to the memory of Edward Lintin, buried this day at Branston.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, H. Clarke 4, R. J. Truin 5. Rung for the Rector's first anniversary.

BARKSTON, LINCS.—On May 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. E. Cook 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. Bampton 3, R. Stephenson 4, G. Ingleby 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stokes.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Armstrong 1, A. W. Beard 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, J. Armstrong 4, I. Goulter 5, S. Holgate 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. H. Lucas 8. For Evensong.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On July 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Brown 1, F. Dewey 2, S. Jessop 3, W. E. Clarke 4, D. White 5, F. P. Harwood 6, F. Leggott 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8, J. Petch 9, T. Freestone 10. Rung for the clergy reunion service.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): H. Preece 1, M. Edmonds 2, E. Turner 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. L. Hughes 8.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.—On July 7th, 1,200 Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor: Mrs. D. E. Kelly 1, Susan Chaddock 2, J. Seager 3, T. Cutts 4, G. S. Lee 5, N. Chaddock 6, J. Chaddock 7 (covering). Rung on the back seven.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, G. Hurrell 2, K. Small 3, F. Richardson 4, C. Philpott 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Simms 8. Rung for the patronal festival Evensong, also a 78th birthday compliment to J. Hurrell. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss B. Slark 3, K. Small 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, G. Hurrell 8. Also on July 5th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Spice 1, J. Sims 2, W. Rawlings 3, I. Emery 4, T. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder 6, F. Hurrell 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. G. Daynes, of St. Alfege, Greenwich.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Goodman 1, R. J. Picton 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, B. K. Currington (first quarter) 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6. Also on July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 St. Martin's, 240 St. Simon's, 780 Plain Bob): Miss G. Graney 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, R. J. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. Scaplehorn 6. First in three methods by all.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Mallen 1, A. E. Morgan 2, C. Peakman 3, J. Lloyd 4, M. Wright 5, R. A. Peakman 6, T. Hemming (cond.) 7, D. Griffiths 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Jukes and Miss Sylvia Simmons, who were married at this church the same morning.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Beardsley (first quarter) 1, F. Hill 2, P. Sewry (first 'inside') 3, R. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Brown 5, M. Hogg (first quarter) 6. For morning service.

ROCHE, CORNWALL.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. R. Hosken 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Miss M. A. Birch 3, P. Rowe 4, B. Parkin 5, D. Burnett 6, A. F. Burley 7, R. A. Southwood 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hunt 1, G. Peck (cond.) 2, Mrs. Vann 3, A. Barlow 4, D. Pitstow 5, C. Underwood 6, W. Vann 7, J. Underwood 8. Rung to mark the visit to St. Andrew's of the Bishop of Singapore, and to celebrate the conductor's 88th birthday.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.—On July 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Rowe 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, A. F. Burley 3, Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 4, H. Harper 5, A. Carveth 6, D. Burnett 7, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 8.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Martin (first quarter) 1, Audrey Mansfield 2, Mary C. Payne 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, Jean A. Brooks 5, H. M. Payne 6, E. F. Payne 7, H. Matthewman 8.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 15th, 1,296 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Mr. E. J. Rowe's 50th quarter peal on the bells.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 St. Nicholas', 120 Winchendon, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's, 120 St. Martin's, 60 Grandsire): Monica Howard 2, W. Butler 3, F. R. Scott 4, A. Hartley 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond., 50th double-handed quarter) 1—6.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of All Saints, on July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Langdon 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, C. Watts 6, M. Moreton 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Swain 1, H. Powell 2, C. G. Jones 3, Miss J. Green 4, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 5, R. T. Jones 6. For morning service.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on July 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Stanier 1, A. Diserens 2, Shirley M. Parsons 3, B. C. Stirland 4, R. F. Diserens 5, G. E. Evenden 6, D. Beacham 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Rung on the heavy eight.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Foster, of Reading. Mr. Foster is still an active member of St. Laurence tower, as is Mr. Humfrey, now 85. The golden wedding was celebrated by 1,200 Grandsire Caters at St. Laurence by G. Hearn 1, R. Burton 2, E. Humfrey 3, W. Hunt 4, A. Street 5, Mrs. B. C. Castle 6, Mrs. P. Lewington 7, W. J. Paice (cond.) 8, W. Hibbert 9, V. Chevrill 10.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. F. H. Mitchell, of Gravesend, is not making progress in regard to his health. He writes: 'At my age the bronchitis is too deep-rooted to expect much.'

Congratulations to the barmaid who most appropriately told 'the even-bell method Lincolnshire gentleman' to hold his bell up while she passed with the liquid refreshment.

A 'Biro' ball-point pen was found at Weston by Welland tower on July 14th. Will owner please contact Miss J. Luck, 40, The Broadway, Kettering?

Mr. J. Frederick Milner and Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton rang their 600th peal on July 14th. It was Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Wakefield Cathedral.

Congratulations to Mr. Ernest H. Simpson, of Bradford, on his peal at Queensbury to mark the 50th anniversary of his first peal. This is also Mr. Simpson's 50th year as a member of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. G. Peck, of Rugby, recently celebrated his 88th birthday, and to mark the occasion he conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on July 15th. A very regular service ringer, he conducted his last quarter peal of Triples eight years ago at Kingston-upon-Thames. Many more happy touches and games over the chess board!

Liverpool Cathedral tower has since Whitsun ceased to be in the hands of builders, and the first ladies have rung there. These include Miss Hackett, of Woolton, Miss Ridyard, of Southport, and Miss Doreen Dutton, also of Southport.

If the ringer who put his pen in the wrong jacket at the Bovey Tracey meeting will apply to E. T. P. Field, Marshfield, Knole, Langport, Somerset, he will have it returned to him.

Will B. W. P. or M. J. H. kindly send their name and address to the Editor? Letters cannot be considered for publication unless the name and address of the sender is sent to the Editor.

A reader is enquiring for a list of peals lasting five hours or more rung since April 28th. The particulars he requires are date, time, place, method and number of changes, and date of publication in 'The Ringing World.'

Superstition was defied by a handbell peal at Gosport. It was rung on Friday the 13th in 13 methods. It was also the 13th handbell peal for one of the band, and his 13th handbell peal with the conductor, who was conducting his 13th peal this year.

The eight bells of Ellesmere, Shropshire (the oldest ring in the county and certainly one of the oldest in the country) are to be broadcast on the Midland Regional programme on Sunday, August 5th, at 6.30 p.m., prior to a service there. This will be the third broadcast from this ancient Norman church.

Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield Cathedral, Staffs, would like to tender his sincere thanks to the Winchester Cathedral ringers for allowing him to join in ringing with them on Sunday afternoon, July 8th. Unbeknown to them he was achieving a long cherished ambition, to ring in his 1,000th tower before he came of age on July 12th.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

New Secretary Appointed

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival, held on July 14th at Oxford, was again very well supported. Proceedings started with the festival service in Christ Church Cathedral, at which the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) officiated. Singing was led by a choir of 16 men and 16 boys, and the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharp) read the lesson.

The Rev. H. H. Martin, Rector of Oxford, preached the sermon. He said the wonderful thing about their bells was their variety, and ringers were doing the thing that the Church had always been urged to do—to summon the people to worship. They did it in a so much better way than many others did.

'I don't believe anyone has been compelled to come to church by the sound of church bells. Ringing is something very beautiful in a language that everyone understands and with which everyone in this country is familar.

'I am sure that over those hundreds of years that the Christian faith has been taught in this country our national life is impregnated with a spirit of Christianity. We may be living on our spiritual capital, but there is still a capital there, and every person in England is glad to know it is there, and the summons of the bells tells them that someone is praying for them. I hope you all realise how important is this lovely summons of the bells, and it is just as established as the established Church.'

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Chapter House was crowded for the annual meeting which followed the service. The Master presided, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the retiring general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert).

The Master, at the opening of the meeting, said within the last few weeks they had lost by death a greatly honoured member of their Guild —Mr. Richard White, of Appleton. He was one of the finest craftsmen, a gentleman, and a true friend of all who knew him, a very accomplished ringer and one well loved throughout the Guild and beyond. The meeting stood in his memory.

Apologies were received from the Vicar of Churchill, Miss Lottie Pimm and Mr. E. Pearson.

The reports of the Master, treasurer, secretary and librarian were in the hands of the printers and were taken as read.

Acknowledging his re-election as Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg said: 'One's duties get not less as one gets on in life, and I do not have as much time as I did to give to the affairs of the Guild, but while I can I will carry on.'

Mr. Frederick Sharpe was re-elected Deputy Master, and Mr. A. D. Barker hon. treasurer. Commented Mr. Barker on his election: 'I must thank you, but wait until the credit squeeze starts.' [Laughter.]

FOUR NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY

When the election of general secretary was reached the Master said they were very sorry to hear that Mr. Hibbert had signified that he was not able to carry on for another year. He would like to express their gratitude to 'Bill' for the work he had done since his father's death, and before that he did a great deal in helping his father. They had enjoyed at their meetings his little talks full of pep.

Supporting, the Deputy Master said Mr. Hibbert was quite a link with the past, and they appreciated what he had done in the years that had gone. If he was determined to retire they wished him many years of happy life. [Applause.]

There were four nominations for the post of hon. secretary. They were Mr. C. H. Kinch, secretary of the Bicester Branch, Mr. Philip Walker, of Oxford, Mr. William Butler, hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch and Miss Marie R. Cross, hon. librarian, of Radley. A ballot was taken, the voting being Miss Cross 56, Mr. Walker 25, Mr. Kinch 21 and Mr. Butler 20. Miss Cross was then elected hon. secretary.

Mr. Hibbert, in thanking the Guild for their appreciation of his services during the last ten or 12 years, said with his father they would have been 40 years on the job next year. Until he took the job on he had never held an office, not even deputy foreman of his tower. He took it on not so much for the Guild but to help on the last few years of his father's life. It was good for every Guild and Association to have a change and he hoped that Miss Cross would be happy in the office. 'I bid you goodbye.' [Applause.]

Miss Cross thanked the members for her election and said she would do her best to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before.

Mr. H. L. Roper was elected the new librarian. He said he was engaged on indexing 'The Ringing World' and 'The Bell News,' and if any member wanted any particular information he would endeavour to find it.

Elected to the general committee were Messrs. G. Cauldwell, W. F. Judge, G. Holifield, W. Dixon, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink, P. Walker and W. J. Price.

The Central Council representatives of the Guild for the next three years are Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. W. Butler and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Upon the recommendation of the general committee it was decided to hold the 1957 festival at Oxford.

RESTORATION FUND GRANTS

Grants from the Restoration Fund of £35 for Bloxham and £20 to Mapledurham were approved.

An application was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Woodstock. Mr. F. Sharpe said the cost of this work was £300 and all but £80 had been raised. A grant of £5 had been made by the Branch. The Guild voted the sum of £20.

At Churchill a scheme costing approximately £1,100 was proposed. Five bells were to be rehung, one recast and two more provided. It was not likely that the work would be done in the immediate future, said Mr. Sharpe. A grant of £35 was approved.

Mr. Hibbert said he had been in correspondence with Mrs. Townsend, of Oxford, who was anxious to get St. Peter's in the East going again. The tower was to be restored, which would cost £3,000. The sum of £150 had been collected.

Mr. P. Walker said the £150 was collected a considerable time ago. At the present time there was no incumbent of the church.

No action was taken.

An amendment to the rules was approved to the effect that ringing members should pay not less than 2s. 6d. per annum.

BANNER FOR THE GUILD

Mr. G. Edmans said the Mothers' Union, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, British Legion and other bodies had banners, but they had not a banner to carry in procession. He submitted designs for a Guild banner and a District banner.

Other speakers favoured the idea, and to Mr. A. D. Barker's observation that the Guild had no money to pay for it, a member said he thought the branches would pay.

It was decided to appoint a small committee consisting of the officers and Mr. Edmans to go into the question of design and cost, and report back to the Guild.

A recommendation, proposed by Mr. J. Brooks and seconded by Mr. H. Wingrove, that ex-officio members of each Branch be members of the Guild general committee, was referred to the committee. Mr. Fowler expressed the opinion that the constitution of the committee was far too large.

The Master said it was proposed by the general committee that Mr. T. Trollope should be elected a vice-president of the Guild, of which he was a foundation member. Commending the recommendation, Mr. Wigg said they would all like to express their gratitude to Mr. Trollope for the interest he had taken in the Guild. The election was agreed to.

In reply, Mr. Trollope, who is now 96, said he had the privilege of being trained by that great ringer Mr. J. W. Washbrook, but he had not done much ringing in recent years.

BOW BELLS

Mr. T. J. Fowler called attention to the Bow Bells Appeal, and said he felt it was up to all the ringers of England to assist in the restoration of these bells. They heard the back ten in the B.B.C. interval signal, and there was no doubt that they were a very fine ring. The striking in those call changes for the interval signal was magnificent. He suggested that each branch secretary should endeavour to get each tower to subscribe and send their contributions to Mr. Barker so that the money collected throughout the Guild could be sent as one contribution.

Mr. A. D. Barker said he had already received £14 from four branches. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Roper, it was decided to wait until the next committee meeting, and from the Guild Restoration Fund make up a round sum of say £50 or £100.

The meeting confirmed the election of 312 new members during the past two years.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held in the hall of Christ Church, with the Master presiding.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. T. John Fowler, who accorded a special welcome to Mrs. Mayne and Mr. John Mayne.

Mr. John Mayne in reply said there was a close relationship with the Oxford Guild and both his parents, who did much of their early ringing in the area of the South Bucks and East Berks Branch. He proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.'

The toast was acknowledged by the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe), who moved a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, to the Rev. H. H. Martin for his excellent sermon, to Dr. Watson, the new organist of Christ Church, and to the choir of 16 men and 16 boys from a number of churches in the diocese, and to Mr. Wilfrid Wilson for duplicating the agenda sheets.

Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World,' was also called upon to speak. He gave an encouraging report on the goodwill engendered from a very large number of readers to meet the increased postage and the very heavy rise in printing costs. The committee, he said, were very appreciative of this help. The great need was increased circulation and if they could secure another 1,000 subscribers they would go a long way towards solving their difficulties. On an average they had lost 50 subscribers each year by death and about 40 by marriage. Ringers naturally married ringers, and when they became one it was perhaps natural that one copy of 'The Ringing World' would meet their needs. There must be a constant search for new readers. He felt confident that 'The Ringing World' would survive the present difficulties.

A big programme of ringing was available for visitors during the afternoon and evening, no fewer than 13 towers being open.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Ringing Festival was held at Gulval on July 15th. These festivals are not usually well attended, but this year was an exception, for there were over a hundred ringers present.

Change ringing began in Cornwall, at St. Mary's, Penzance, and, when these bells became unringable, it sprang up at Gulval under the late Dr. Symons. The poor-toned six were soon increased by the addition of two trebles and later replaced by a lovely eight by Taylor. In a wooden frame outside is a 17th century bell, a relic of the original three, which was sounded many times at the festival by the curious and is of good tone.

The Vicar, Canon Buckley, was unfortunately away, and the service was taken by his locum, the Diocesan Secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella giving the address and the lesson being read by the secretary of the Penzance Branch, the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Other clergy present included Canon Murley, of Ludgvan, and the Vicars of Crowan and Zennor.

There was a splendid tea and seven other towers were open besides Gulval. The collection at the service amounted to £2 13s. 1d. for Guild funds. Thanks are due to Mr. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe and all others who helped to make the festival such a success.

W. H. R. T.

EXTRA POSTAGE

Last week 59 postal subscribers kindly remitted the extra 1s. 3d. postage. We give special thanks to the many who decided to pay for someone else. Remittances may be sent either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Coleshill on July 7th.

The bells are a ring of eight, mostly by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, hung anti-clockwise, and hardly worthy of the glorious spire, which is a landmark for miles around. The beautifully-kept ringing room is a tribute to the care expended upon it by the Coleshill ringers.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Vice-President Edgar Shepherd, who referred to the loss sustained by the Guild by the passing of William C. Dowding, who had served as ringer and chorister at St. Martin's for some years, and, more recently, as Ringing Master at Edgbaston Parish Church. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect.

The tower elections, as life members, of Miss Ruth Jackson, of Sale, Cheshire, and Mr. Harold Marcon, of Loughborough, were duly ratified.

Edgbaston and Shirley were both proposed as the venue for the next meeting on October 6th, and, upon being put to the vote, Shirley obtained the majority.

After further ringing at Coleshill, which was of a good standard, ranging from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise, several members visited the neighbouring village of Shustoke to ring on the six bells.

BACK TO HIS OLD LOVE AFTER 47 YEARS

In 1909, a young man of 23 who was a member of the famous Kettering band, and a very promising conductor, packed his bags and sailed for the United States. He had rung quite a number of peals by then, the last being one of Superlative in December, 1908.

Settling in Philadelphia, where he eventually married, he was disappointed to find that the eight bells were not rung. So, not expecting ever to return to England, he tried hard to put out of his heart his great love of bells and bell-ringing.

Two years ago, a record of Kettering bells ringing Grandsire Triples was sent to him across the Atlantic. The sound of the bells was too much for the 'young man'—now nearing 70—and before long his brother received news that this year was to see him in Kettering for a six months holiday.

In May, Morris Alfred Turner set foot once again in the belfry of the great tower of Kettering and, with some trepidation, tried to ring a bell. After so many years, naturally, the exact technique was not quite at his fingertips, but gradually, and with encouragement from the captain (his brother, Mr. Robert F. Turner), confidence returned. Now, after several weeks' practice, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and several other methods have been re-mastered, many towers in Northants, Leicestershire and Hampshire visited, and many happy hours spent in meeting old friends and new in the belfries.

A peal attempt is being arranged at Kettering in the near future so that Mr. Turner can show 'The Ringing World' that he hasn't forgotten how; and from his performances so far, it looks like being, as far as he is concerned, a good, well-struck peal.

Mr. Turner will be pleased to hear from any of his old friends, at his brother's house, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering, Northants. He would also be pleased if anyone can tell of any ringing in the U.S.A. at the present time.

P. I. C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite rainy weather, some 14 ringers, representing eleven towers, attended the Eastern District meeting at Widford on July 14th. The bells were rung in the afternoon up till 5 p.m., when the party adjourned to tea.

Mr. J. Suckling was elected to take the chair for the business meeting. Howard Fyson, of Great Amwell, was elected a ringing member. The secretary announced that the August meeting was to be held at Standon, and it is hoped that Ware bells would be available for a meeting in September.

Ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung during the meeting included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Little and Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

C. E. H.

NEWS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. W. Izard, of Slindon, 980, Arundel Drive, Victoria, B.C., sends the following account of how the flag of change ringing is maintained in Canada:—

On Thursday, July 12th, which was the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the bells in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., the bells were specially rung to commemorate the event. A quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on Thursday evening, followed by a touch of Bob Major and another touch of Stedman Triples. The ringing was very good throughout and the striking excellent, a great deal of credit being due to the ringers, as they rang under unusual conditions of American and other visitors coming up into the ringing chamber whilst the ringing was in progress. Altogether there were 35 visitors, and, whilst conducting the quarter-peal, the conductor had to repeatedly request the visitors to be silent.

Those taking part in the ringing were: Dr. Longridge 1, Margaret Izard 2, Godfrey White 3, Douglas Boniface 4, Arthur Izard 5, C. Millard 6, E. W. Izard 7, J. V. Donaldson 8.

The ringing was also carried out as a compliment to Mr. Millard on the birth of a granddaughter.

The following is a copy of an interesting tribute from the 'Victoria Daily Colonist':—

'WITH THE BELL RINGERS

'Every once in a while, and often when it is least expected, Victorians on their way home from work hear the gay pealing of bells from the tower of Christ Church Cathedral. Once they rang to welcome King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Again they rang to welcome the then Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, before Her Majesty succeeded to the Throne. They have pealed in the rejoicing of this nation at the end of cruel war. They have sounded their sombre note on accasions when no one was rejoicing; and now the bells have become part and parcel of what Canada associates with Victoria.

'Almost unique in Canada is this art which keeps alive the centuries-old practice of bell ringing, with its strange names from an Elizabethan past. Grandsire Triples cannot be rung by the uninitiated. Bell ringers must undergo a long process of training, on a voluntary basis. That the self-sacrifice which goes into this does not go unappreciated is evident from the remarks of residents and visitors to the community alike when the bells drive the swallows out of their roosting places. As yet, however, Victoria has not made as much of this attraction as could be done, and the gift of the bell ringers has too often been taken for granted. It is a precious one.'

It is now some time since you have had news of the ringing in Victoria. On January 1st, 1956, the bells and the ringing of the bells were on the television broadcast Wide, Wide World of the National Broadcasting Corporation, New York City, N.Y., and we were informed that approximately 32 million people saw this broadcast. This was a live broadcast and only those who have experienced taking part in a live broadcast will realise the difficulties involved with ringing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLAIN, ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—The two following extents illustrate in (1) the combining of Plain, Alliance and Little methods, and in (2) the splicing of Treble Bob, Plain, Alliance and Little methods.

Number two is a variation of Mr. C. K. Lewis' wonderful 720 in 22 methods (Treble Bob and Plain), and now makes the number of methods included (23) equal to the number spliced by using regular and irregular methods together.

I hope they will prove of interest to Spliced Minor ringers.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

720 IN 15 PLAIN, ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS

23456 Double Bob	35462 Reverse
56342 Double Bob	—56243 Reverse
42635 Fulbeck	S 64352 Crayford
35264 Double	52436 Crayford
64523 Fulbeck	36245 Crayford
S 24356 Walsingham	45623 Crayford
—45632 Walsingham	23564 Crayford
32564 Cromer	S 64523 Walsingham
26345 Steventon	S 34256 Little Bob
64253 Walsingham	62534 Little Bob
53426 Double	45362 Little Bob
—32645 Fulbeck	23645 Little Bob
45263 Walsingham	56423 Little Bob
—56324 Cromer	S 32456 Fulmer
S 62453 Crayford L.B.	—25643 Fulmer
53246 Crayford L.B.	43562 Reverse
46325 Crayford L.B.	36425 Tibenham
25634 Crayford L.B.	62354 Olney
34562 Crayford L.B.	54236 Olney
S 62543 Walsingham	—43625 Olney
S 42356 Plain Bob	25364 Reverse
25463 Plain Bob	—56432 Reverse
56234 Plain Bob	S 63254 Crayford
63542 Plain Bob	54326 Crayford
34625 Plain Bob	26435 Crayford
S 43256 Lammas	35642 Crayford
—35624 Lammas	42563 Crayford
24563 Canterbury	S 63524 Walsingham
46235 Chalfont	S 23456
63452 Fulmer	
52346 Double	
—24635 Double	
35462	

720 IN 23 TREBLE BOB, PLAIN BOB, ALLIANCE & LITTLE BOB METHODS

23456 College	25643 Canterbury
—64235 London Bob	54236 Ennerdale
52364 Donottar Del.	—43625 Chalfont All.
35426 St. Clement's	32456 Double Bob
43652 Lytham	56243 Belvedere L.B.
26543 College	64532 Plain
—35264 Carisbr'ke D.	—64325 Plain
—42356 Killarney	—64253 Plain
63542 Horsmonden	45632 Ennerdale
56234 St. Clement's	53426 Double
25463 Carisbr'ke D.	—32645 Tibenham All.
34625 Wavertree	24356 Fulbeck
—56342 Killarney	56432 Belvedere L.B.
—23564 Wath Delight	63524 Plain
45623 D. Oxford	—63245 Plain
64352 Childwall	—63452 Plain
36245 College	35624 Canterbury
52436 Killarney	52346 Fulbeck
—64523 Killarney	S 42635 London Bob
—35642 Wavertree	—56423 College
26435 St. Clement's	34256 St. Clement's
42563 Pontefract D.	23645 Dble. Oxford
54326 College	62534 Killarney
63254 D. Oxford	45362 Carisbr'ke D.
S 24635 Cromer All.	—23456
43256 Cumberland	
56324 Belvedere L.B.	
62543 Plain Bob	
—62435 Plain	
—62354 Plain	
25643	

EARLY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I regret that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards should describe my attitude toward early ringing as 'shocking' whilst missing the point of my remarks.

He completely overlooks the fact that this ringing takes place almost invariably on *Sundays which are Bank Holidays* when the industrial population most certainly is not up and moving about within half an hour of 6.30 a.m., at least not in industrial or residential Birmingham, and I still contend that to disturb the well-earned rest of these people and their families for want of a little thought is likely to have dire results at some time, perhaps not too far distant. We must realise that times are changing and the mind of the populace is changing with them, and whilst preserving what is good in tradition and custom let us not preserve that which only infuriates. Mr. Edwards would surely not wish us to take such areas as Spain and the Moslem countries as our example.

Incidentally, he too appears to have fallen into the common error of supposing that bell ringing arose from a desire to 'hail the festal day,' whereas its origin dates from long before the Christian era, when bells were utilised to drive away 'evil spirits,' and this idea persisted right through the Middle Ages.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne.

SAFFRON WALDEN GREAT RINGING DAY

Dear Sir,—May I take the opportunity of adding to that which has already been written by Mr. Claude Rush, of Eye, Suffolk. On June 30th I travelled 50 miles from Woburn, Beds, to attend the Great Ringing Day, taking two other ringers with me. I hoped to have the opportunity of some 12-bell ringing, but alas, the best that could be attempted all the afternoon was an indifferent touch of Bob Major.

As there were no other meetings being held in the area that day I remained until about 7 p.m., hoping that some more ringers might attend, but did not see any more. After tea we continued ringing on the back eight.

It was not worth while travelling 50 miles to attend the 333rd anniversary of the Great Ringing Day.—Yours sincerely,

Toddington, Beds. PETER NEWING.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

About 30 members and visitors attended the quarterly meeting at Evershot on July 14th. Canon C. C. Cox conducted the Guild service and the Rector of Evershot gave the address, in which he extended a warm welcome to the branch. He said that ringing held no place for the lazy man and that ringing meant work in every way. The average ringer was a good churchman and ringing was an act of worship.

A substantial tea was provided in the Village Hall. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Broadwindsor on September 15th and a by-meeting at Bradpole on August 22nd, starting at 6.30 p.m.

In a brief speech to conclude the meeting, Canon Cox welcomed the visitors, who included some from as far afield as Leicester and Doncaster. He thanked the Rector for his address and use of the bells, the organist for playing, and last, but not least, the Evershot ringers and their wives for a grand tea provided free.

Handbell ringing followed before going on to ring at Melbury Osmond and further ringing at Evershot. Two sets of handbells were available and members coming out of the Village Hall after listening to the 'first eleven' were much surprised to hear the 'second eleven' going Grandsire Triples outside. J.T.B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

North Norfolk Branch

A very successful meeting was held at Coltishall on July 14th, when over 40 members attended from a wide area. Good use was made of the bells before and after the service, which was conducted by the Rev. W. R. F. Addison, V.C.

Squadron-Leader G. W. Massey, of Frome, Somerset, and K. R. Dunston, of King's Langley, Hertfordshire, were elected non-resident life members, Alan Ellis, of Norwich, a ringing member, and Mrs. Spencer Brothers, of Norwich, an honorary member.

Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. R. F. Addison. Mr. W. Stibbons for playing the organ and to all who helped to make the meeting a success. This was seconded by the President, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston. C. B.

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By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 460)

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

4. *Construction and Improvisation of Touches.* Having secured a safe and convenient method of calling the bells into rounds the conductor is now free to experiment with callings, putting bobs and singles where he will, knowing that he can get the bells Home when he so desires. Usually a conductor will wish to exploit the musical possibilities of Grandsire Triples and to work to some plan, and it is the object of the following notes to indicate to him what he may compose and even venture to improvise in the tower (for this is the most interesting adventure of all), by such devices as the rotation of 567, the turning of two bells by use of the single, the employment of the bob block, and so on. What is said on these matters does not claim to be exhaustive; rather is it meant to draw attention to certain principles and to leave the experimentalist to develop the plans indicated.

Before dealing with convenient placings of musical groups of bells it is important to note the great utility of the two touches given earlier in this work. They are the two round blocks which produce 423567, 342567 and 234567 (and, of course, 243567, 324567 and 432567). For the means by which we are able to secure the extent of the 000567 course ends will enable us to obtain the extent of any other grouping of back bells. Two instances are given here, examples

234567	234567	234567	234567
253746	S 572634	253746	S 572634
S 762453	567423	S 762453	567423
746325	S 435267	746325	S 435267
S 357246	423756	S 357246	423756
325674	472635	— 623457	— 674523
362457	467523	— 746523	— 356274
346725	456372	754362	325467
— 573246	— 234756	735246	342756
527634	273645	— 627435	— 673542
562473	267534	— 546327	— 256473
546327	256473	534762	245367
— 735246	— 342756	573246	234756
a.	b.	c.	d.

a. and c. showing the principle applied to ringing the extent of the 000246 course end, and examples b. and d. showing the extent of the 000756 course end. The fragments given provide the extent of the In-Course course ends, and the use of singles will secure the three Out-of-Course course ends. In passing, it is worth noting that in a. and b. the course ends come up at calls, whereas in c. and d. the course ends come at plain leads. The former, with their double dodging at the course ends may therefore be said to be the more musical.

The Rotation of 567. From rounds there are two quick ways of reaching 000756. One is by S.P.S.P., and the other is S.P.B.P. The former is quoted in the preceding paragraph. It will be clear, one imagines, that if this calling is repeated the course end 000675 can be brought up. Another repetition will, of course, bring 000567. It will thus be seen that it is not difficult to start from rounds, move into the position 000756, calling one or more courses in this position (by use of callings b. or d. above), and then turning the bells over to 000675, and subsequently (when one wishes) to 000567. This is a very useful type of touch for the beginner to experiment with, for 567 are never away from each other, and 234 are always reasonably close.

The inverted forms of these positions are 000765, 000576 and 000657, and it is possible to move into these quite easily and to use them as we used the other three. An interesting thing to note is that when we are using 000657 or 000576 we may find that rounds has suddenly appeared at handstroke. Experience will teach where this is likely to happen, and will enable the conductor to ward off the contingency if he wishes to avoid it, or to take advantage of it if he wishes to bring the touch to an end.

234567	The position 000765 is a useful
S 572634	one. It can be reached from
— 465372	rounds by turning over 7 and 5
436257	with a single, as shown here. Six
423765	course ends are obviously avail-
e.	able, and the position has the ad-

vantage that it can be turned to 000567 quickly and simply by another single on 57.

The Sunday service conductor should make himself perfectly familiar with the two callings S.P.S.P. and S.P.B.P., which effect the useful transposition from 000567 to 000756, and that shown at e., which turns 000567 to 000765. By the use of these it is possible to carry out much play on 567, moving easily from one position to another, and never at any time getting awkwardly remote from 000567. The important function of the calling e. in turning 000756 to 000657 will be dealt with separately, and it may be well at this point to consider the use of the single for turning a pair of bells.

Use of the Single. Any pair of coursing bells may have their positions reversed by calling a single when they come down in front of the treble. Study of the calling e. will show this reversing of two bells, 7 and 5, and it must be clear that the same calling could be usefully employed to change over other pairs of bells. If, for instance, we arrive at 234576, we may note that but for the reversal of 6 and 7 we are in rounds. Indeed rounds may be secured quite

234576	easily by turning 6 and 7 with a
253647	single. The example at h. shows
S 672453	how this is done, and it will be
— 346572	apparent that after the third call
— 253746	the touch has run into the plain
h.	course.

A much more frequent and important use of the single in turning two bells is revealed in the well-known turning from 000756 to 000657. When the big bells are in the latter position then they are well placed for coming into rounds at handstroke, and, in fact, in the course 342657 rounds does actually occur at the handstroke of the lead before the course end. Example k. shows the whole course, and it will be seen quite easily that 234567 comes as the handstroke of 325476. The lead before this, 357264, is merely the Queen's Change with 46 reversed. The conductor should familiarise himself with the sound of this row, for it is the easily recognised harbinger, the very forerunner of rounds at handstroke. It provides an interesting and easily achieved coming Home when the conductor has been exploiting the 000756 position; and he cannot, indeed, go far astray.

342657	in the course 342657 rounds does
364725	to 000657. When the big bells are
376542	in the latter position then they are
357264	well placed for coming into
325476	rounds at handstroke, and, in fact,
342657	in the course 342657 rounds does
k.	actually occur at the handstroke

423756	From 423756 he may reach
S 764523	rounds at handstroke in three
— 357264	leads, as is shown in Example m.,
325476	where the single merely turns over
m.	6 and 7, the next call producing

the warning 357264. If he wishes he may turn 6 and 7 from 234756 or 342756, arriving at 423657 or 234657; from each of these, courses called B.B.P.P. will soon bring 325476 at handstroke.

The Bob Block. The Bob Block, called S.B.B.S., has been referred to earlier in these notes, and notice should certainly be taken of the utility of this device. If it is substituted for a bob the result is that three leads are added to the touch, and if the lead selected for the substitution is a musical one there will be a double portion of music.

S 357246	In the calling of the Bob Block
— 623457	the caller should not attempt to
— 746523	count the leads. He should note
S 537246	the pair of bells down in front of

the treble at the first single, and wait for the same pair (the other way round) to come down before the treble again.

46 *and* 74, *and their inversions.* These are the two most musical positions that can be secured in Triples, and the music of each is greatly enhanced if the conductor can bring up such lead-ends at a call, where the double dodging causes a repetition of the termination. It is therefore more effective to call, where possible,

357246	325674	courses as shown here as
325674	362457	distinct from courses
362457	346725	called B.B.P.P. There is
346725	374562	also, in this type of
— 573246	— 253674	course, the opportunity

to substitute a Bob Block for one or more of the bobs and so enrich the musical experience.

The position 46 actually exists in the plain course, but the practitioner may, of course, wish to approach it from some other position. It may be secured with advantage (and perhaps in the best way) by calling 6 into the hunt and then calling the 4th Before. This gives 046000. A call the next lead will cause 46 to double dodge behind. (Note that the process is the same as that used for getting 67 together when we are calling the bells round.)

The position 74 is, of course, handled in precisely the same manner. The 4th is called into the hunt and the 7th is called Before. This gives 074000. A call at the next lead brings 74 to double dodge behind. The musical effects of these two terminations are good whatever bell is in 5ths place, but the most pleasing are probably 000246, 000746 and 000674.

The inversions 64 and 47 are not so pleasing as 46 and 74, the music coming on the handstroke row. But when the bells are muffled at backstroke then the inverted forms are very useful, for the musical rows stand out very prominently on the handstroke. A little thought will show that 64 can be produced by 4 into the hunt and 6 Before, and 47 by 7 into the hunt and 4 Before. Alternatively, from the 46 position 4 and 6 can be turned over by a single

723546	623574	on the front, and 47 can
752634	652437	be obtained from 74 in
S 647352	S 476352	the same manner.
— 236547	— 234576	In fact, for muffled
253764	253647	ringing, the conductor

can take a touch containing an abundance of 46 music, turn it to 64

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Approximately 30 ringers and friends attended the July meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows. Ringing, under the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. Reed, ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Tea was at the Willow Tree Inn, where it was later learned that the 'good lady' had risen at 5 a.m. in order to provide home-made cakes for tea. This was due to a warning on the previous night that the power would be off during the morning.

Whatton-in-the-Vale was confirmed as the place of the September meeting, and, after some discussion, it was decided to visit North Muskham in November.

Mr. F. W. Vernon proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. T. Vessey for all the work they had done and to the churchwardens for the use of the bells. The meeting closed and ringing continued until 8 p.m. A 'get well' card was sent from the meeting to Mr. G. E. Foster, one of the District Committee, who was ill in Nottingham General Hospital. W. L. E.

The Sunday Service Conductor—Cont.

music, and turn it back to 46 and revert to the set touch. The same trick may be employed with 74 courses.

To bring this matter to a conclusion it will be instructive to take an example of an improvised touch and show its possible developments. Although the whole touch is for convenience given at once, let us suppose (as well as we can) that the conductor has set off from rounds with no really fixed intention except that of starting with some 46 music. We will then imagine how his thoughts run and how his plan develops.

Part 1.	Part 2.	Part 3.
234567	—342567 B.	423567 C.
253746	354726	S 574623
S 762453	375642	567342
746325	367254	S 325467
—537246	—423567 C.	342756
523674		—673542
562437		—256473
546723		245367
—375246		234756
327654		S 762534
362475		—457362
346527		435276
—753246		423657
S 267453 A.		—764523
		—357264
		325476

Following one of the set plans for getting 46 behind, the caller rings Part 1. Note here that if he wishes he can easily insert Bob Blocks where 246 come behind, and so add leads to his touch.

Arriving at 753246 he uses a single to put the bells into the plain course, and here, if time presses, the bells can run home.

At this point, however, our conductor decides that he wishes to extend his touch, and so by calling a bob the lead after A. he stops the bells from coming round and reaches B. and then 423567 (C.). From here he knows that a bob four leads later will bring rounds, and so again he has the chance of a quick finish. Time still permits of further ringing, and he takes C. as the starting point for another little adventure, turning the bells to 000756 and playing with this position until either he is tired of it or time is up. By remembering that 7 and 6 are easily turned with a single the conductor is not afraid of losing himself and has no difficulty in bringing the bells round at hand.

CONCLUSION

These papers have dealt only with the elements of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and it must now be left to the enterprise and persistence of the conductor to pursue his studies and to apply these principles to other methods suitable for Sunday service ringing. The Major methods will not lend themselves so well to improvisation or to calling round with ease, but Stedman Triples, once an easily-handled means of calling round is mastered, will offer scope for the extemporisation of musical touches. Grandsire Caters, too, allow plenty of scope for experiment, but naturally some extra allowance of time must be made for calling round.

There is no easy path to success in the mastering of the principles set forth in this essay. Abundant experiment on paper and downright boldness in the tower are essential, and if the student is sufficiently in earnest he will not grudge the time spent in study or be afraid of the occasional false venture he will make in the ringing chamber. To obtain 'the freedom of the methods' should be his fixed aim, and success in this aim will enhance both his pleasure and his utility as leader of the band.

(Concluded)

THE 29 COURSES AND THEIR ORIGIN

Dear Sir,—Early this year there was some correspondence about the 29 Courses. As it was in the 1920s when these came into being, a new generation of ringers has arisen who may not know much about these courses. Let us trace them from the beginning.

In 1844 (according to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) Charles Middleton, of Norwich, composed his famous five-part peal of Cambridge Major, 5,600 changes. Very little information is available about Middleton or the system he used, but this was the first true peal of Cambridge ever composed. All previous peals were false and Mr. Davies later established that these 25 courses were the only ones available for a Major peal with the tenors together. Today this is still true, so the 2M 2W 3H became familiar to most conductors. The alternative form (which was the first to be rung on February 11th, 1873) is 2H 2M 21H, but this was not used in the 29 Courses. There are, of course, several variations for shortening the 5,600, but they need not concern us here.

After World War I when ringing got under way, many of the existing records began to be beaten, such as the Stedman Caters record and T.B. Major. The late Rev. H. Law James, who was looked upon as the stormy petrel of the Exercise, turned his attention to Cambridge Royal composition. By adapting Middleton's to Royal you get 9,000 changes, but H. L. J. knew that this was not long enough so he managed to add four more courses at the beginning to make it 29 or 10,440 changes. This length was rung at Walthamstow on December 26th, 1923, conducted by Wm. Pye, and remained the record till December 15th, 1951, when it was beaten at Worsley by 15,480, conducted by J. Worth. The extra courses are got by 1W then NW four times with a final W, this puts you back in Middleton's, and the last 23 courses are purely so. The 29 Courses were rung to Maximus 15,312 changes on August 5th, 1929, again conducted by Wm. Pye. This is still the Maximus record.

After this peal Mr. Gabriel Lindoff wrote to 'The Ringing World' suggesting that H. Law James should withdraw his claim to the authorship and let it be known as Middleton's Peal. Mr. Lindoff had good cause to attack the Rev. H. Law James for he brought out a 14,144 of London, beating Lindoff's 14,112 by one lead. This, Mr. Lindoff claimed, was just an extension of his peal, but H. L. J. never withdrew. After the Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne it was understood that H. L. J. said there was the problem of putting in the extra courses and therefore he was justified in claiming the peal. The long peal at Worsley is ascribed to the late T. B. Worsley, but the 29 Courses form the basis of the peal and are all in the composition as published in the 'R.W.' Well, we hope that it has been made plain what these 29 Courses are, and anyone interested can cast them out or obtain them from other sources. Certainly Middleton knew nothing beyond his 25 and Cambridge Royal would not be rung in his day. Any band who wish to beat the present records has a real big job on, and there we must leave it.—Yours, etc.,

R. M.

Preston, Lancs.

HOLTON'S PRE-REFORMATION BELLS

The three bells at Holton, Somerset, dating back to 1430 or earlier, and cast by Robert Norton, are to be retuned. The existing cast-in staples are to be drilled out and new crown staples fitted. While the bells are at the foundry the tower and belfry are to be repaired. All but £90 has been raised to meet the cost, and the hope is expressed that bell lovers desirous of retaining such bells of archæological value will send donations to the hon. treasurer, Holton Parish Church, Mr. G. B. Wylam, Green Pastures, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset.

A SUSSEX WEDDING

Rev. P. R. Blackman — Miss J. E. Curtis

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Storrington, pealed out on the morning of July 7th for the happy occasion of the marriage of Miss J. E. Curtis, of Storrington, to the Rev. Peter Richard Blackman, of Chichester.

Known to all West Sussex ringers as Jean and Peter, both have done much to foster change ringing, especially among young ringers, and appreciation of this good work, together with good wishes, was ably expressed by the Storrington ringers, together with friends from Chichester, Walberton and Washington, in ringing various 'touches' before and after the service. Other Sussex ringers elsewhere marked the happy event with the ringing of peals.

The fully choral service, conducted by the Rev. W. G. Fostick, former Rector of Storrington, was followed by nuptial Communion, at which the present Rector, the Rev. G. Mackenzie, officiated. The singing was delightfully accompanied by a small orchestra.

Given away by her father, Mr. W. Curtis, the bride looked charming in her gown of ivory lace over satin, with a short veil and headdress of orange blossom. The bridesmaid, Miss Joyce Curtis, sister of the bride, wore turquoise net over taffeta with a halo headdress. Both carried bouquets of pink roses. Mr. David Treagus, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.

The bride also served the church as a chorister and Sunday School teacher, and her friends were responsible for the beautiful decorations at the church.

The service was followed by a splendid reception at the Village Hall, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon in North Devon. They will make their home at Aylestone, Leicester, where the bridegroom is now curate.

Among the numerous presents were a set of fish knives and forks from West Sussex ringers, also cooking utensils from the ringers of Chichester Cathedral where, prior to his ordination, the bridegroom was Ringing Master and server.

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Miss E. Winifred Keys' 100 Peals

Congratulations to Miss E. Winifred Keys, of Chichester, on completing her first 100 peals. Her list is appended:—

Doubles: Grandsire 7, Plain Bob 1 (conducted 1), two methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 13 (1), Double Oxford Bob 1, Single Oxford Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, two methods 2, four methods 1, seven methods 1.

Triples: Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 4, Stedman 9.

Major: Double Norwich 15, Plain Bob 13, Surprise Major: Yorkshire 7, Cambridge 5, Superlative 3, London 2, Rutland 2, Painswick 2, Bristol 1, Lincolnshire 1, Pudsey 1, Gainsborough 1, Southwell 1, Spliced three methods 1.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD LINTIN

Many who read this obituary notice will not have known Edward (Ted) Lintin. He rang no peals, and hardly ever went to a ringing meeting. Yet he served Branston (Lincs) tower well in his own simple way (for he could only drum the tenor) for well over 40 years. In latter years the ringing at Branston has almost entirely been Minor, and as it was almost inevitably a 720 that was attempted, 'Ted' did little ringing. Yet if the band turned up short there he was to ring the tenor. He did not mind being left out, for he had also his office of vicar's warden to fulfil, and as long as the bells rang for service he was happy.

For over 20 years he was treasurer of the band, and from him we always received a concise and straightforward presentation of accounts. He enjoyed doing this work, and it was always a great pleasure to him if the previous year's total was surpassed.

No, his name has not rung throughout the Exercise, he has accomplished no great feats of ringing. Therefore it is not as a ringer that we remember him, but as a man. It is in his willingness to serve his church to the best of his ability that he will be remembered.

His death occurred on July 8th and the funeral service was held at Branston on July 12th, and the following ringers attended: A. G. Brummitt, A. Ingall, L. Willders, C. Speed, J. E. Cook, W. Green (Branston) and L. Thompson (Waddington). Directly after the service the bells were rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal was rung to his memory, and on the following evening a full peal was rung. J. E. C.

OUTINGS

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS

On July 7th, Rushden ringers, together with friends from neighbouring towers, had a very enjoyable outing to the borders of the Cotswolds. Leaving home at 7 a.m., the first stop was at Leamington, where the tall, slender tower of the Roman Catholic church sways violently when the bells are rung. Indeed, the sway of the tower was so bad that it was almost impossible to keep the second up at every third whole pull.

Journeying on to the village of Salford Priors, the nice octave here would just not go to Superlative, but nevertheless the time spent at this tower was still very worth while. Lunch was taken at Evesham at a café overlooking the river, and then, whilst the non-ringers basked in the sunshine, the ringers spent an enjoyable hour on the 12 hung in the massive bell tower. Besides ringing rounds on 12, treble ten and Grandsire Caters, a very well struck course of Superlative was going along in fine style, until it suddenly collapsed near the end. Photographs and purchase of ice cream caused a late departure from Evesham, and more time was lost at Alcester, where the local towerkeeper had forgotten his key. Nevertheless Stratford-on-Avon was reached on time, and after a climb up the very narrow stairs, the time allotted to ringing on this fine ten passed all too quickly.

The last tower of the day was at Lillington, where the tiny ringing chamber, already a quarter filled with the organ blower, was somewhat inconvenient, but nevertheless this did not prevent a very well struck touch of Stedman from coming round. Late dinner was taken at Leamington, and after the younger members (together with some of the not so 'young-uns') had had a game with a ball in a neighbouring park, the coach journeyed homeward, to get back to Rushden soon after 11.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable day's outing.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT

What turned out to be one of the brightest days of the year so far was chosen by the organiser of the Milton band for their annual outing on June 30th.

A full load of 32 ringers and friends were on the road soon after 8.30 for a trip through their own county of Kent. The first stop was at Ospringe, Faversham, where the eight bells were soon going for an hour in various methods.

A run along the coast brought the company to Margate. Unfortunately no towers were available on this run, as Whitstable was booked for two weddings and Birchington bells were not back from the founders. After lunch an hour's ringing at St. John's, Margate, was much enjoyed. What a delightful ring, and how beautiful the ringing chamber is kept!

The return journey was commenced at 3.15 by way of Canterbury to Chartham, where a halt was called to try the ring of six. These turned out to be rather noisy in the belfry—nevertheless some good Minor was tapped off.

On again through lovely scenery, where the hops were making a brave show, by way of Charing and Lenham to Harrietsham, where an excellent meat tea was waiting at the Rendezvous Café. After tea, a visit was paid to the church, when the eight bells were kept going for an hour. Two of the local ringers joined in with Stedman and Plain Bob as they do not have much opportunity of ringing these methods owing to the lack of ringers.

The last call was at Halling, where the Rev. George Adams, a former curate at Christ Church, Gravesend, welcomed the visitors. Unfortunately there are no ringers at this church and the bells are somewhat neglected. A fine struck course of Cambridge and Surprise finished the day's ringing.

Home was reached at 10 o'clock after a glorious day of sunshine, and thanks are due to all who helped to make the outing a success. At every tower one of the locals welcomed the visitors. F. A. M.

5,019 LITTLE GRANDSIRE CATERS

By F. NOLAN GOLDEN

23456789				43256978			
23654978	3	5S	8	36254879	1	3	7S 9
25364		1234		62354			4
53264		4		32456			1
23465		1		24356			4
43562		1	A	34256			4S
46352		1234		24653			1
63452		4		25463			1234
65342		1234		45362			1
35246		1		53462			4
52346		4		43265			1
32645		1		32465			4
26345		4		24365			4
63245		4		34562			1
23546		1		54263			1
24356		1234		42563			4
				52364			1
Repeat 5 times calling 1st course 1 only. Single for bob at A in 2nd and 5th repeats gives 43256978 then				23564			4
				35264			4
				45263			1S
				25364			1
				53264			4
				32564			4
				52463			1
				42365			1
				23465			4
				34265879			4

This composition and method were first rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, Herts, on July 7th, 1956, conducted by B. C. Johnson. All calls are made as in ordinary Grandsire.

REDEDICATION

ALL SAINTS', BIRCHINGTON

July 14th was a day to remember in the history of the parish church of All Saints', Birchington, as it saw the fulfilment of months of endeavour—the ringing again of the bells at this ancient church, though with a vast difference. The former nondescript eight were no more. Here was a new ring and a new sound over the village. The old bells were taken down last November and sent to the Whitechapel Foundry, broken up and recast. The old frame was removed and a new steel frame erected in its place.

The service of dedication was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. Donaldson, assisted by the Rural Dean, Rev. S. A. Odom (Vicar of Margate). The act of dedication was made by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Ven. A. Sargent. Immediately following the dedication the local ringers set the bells going into rounds, and the ears of other ringers in church were alert to catch, for the first time, the sound of these new bells, which from rounds went into a touch of Grandsire Triples, and which could be heard during the pauses of the hymn which followed. This proved to be a very effective combination.

Among the large congregation present were the Deputy Mayor of Margate, Councillor J. C. Reed, ringers from Margate, St. Laurence and St. Peter's, together with the officers of the Canterbury District of the Kent Association.

Following the service the organisers of the appeal, clergy, choir and ringers, were entertained to tea, after which in a few remarks the Vicar thanked all who had taken part in the day's ceremony. He mentioned that the collection during the service amounted to £18, and that this had been made up to £20 by a donation from the Margate ringers, which he said was a magnificent gesture.

After tea the bells were set going in various methods, everyone expressing a very high opinion of the 'go' and sound of the new ring. The tenor now weighs 8¼ cwt., and they constitute a really beautiful ring. Great credit is due to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on the way they have carried out this restoration. Now a word of credit to the 'local boys': by their own efforts they have transformed the ringing chamber and given it an entirely 'new look.' Old matchboarding has been removed, and the whole given a complete new colour scheme in paint and distemper; they have added new ringing mats and floor covering.

Many of the older residents came to hear the new bells, great satisfaction being expressed by all. Needless to say, the bells were christened in the good old way during the last two hours of a memorable day. B. J. L.

QUARTER PEALS

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Purchase 1, Jean Stevens 2, Pamela Stevens 3, S. N. Bristow 4, F. Casley 5, C. J. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, G. Sparks 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Gray (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss J. M. Highley 3, Miss N. Hales 4, Mrs. D. Neal 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung by the local Society to celebrate the weddings of Mr. Donald Sydenham (a member of the Society) to Miss Barbara Holyoake on May 16th, at Singapore, and Mr. Dennis Neal to Miss Gwen Friswell (both local members) at Upper Clapton on June 16th.

LATE NEWS

We regret to hear that Mr. E. Alexander Young, a former secretary of the Central Council, died on Monday, aged 91 years. The funeral will be at Streatham Cemetery Crematorium on Friday at 4 p.m.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

SAMSON.—To Audrie (née Read), wife of Major E. F. M. Samson, 17th/21st Lancers, at the B.M.H., Münster, a son (brother for Veronica), on July 17th, 1956. 8666

MARRIAGE

JUKES—SIMMONS.—At St. Mary's, Kingswinford, on July 14th, 1956, by the Rev. H. P. Saunders and Rev. W. A. Richards, Frederick Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jukes, to Kathleen Sylvia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Simmons.

SILVER WEDDING

MILLS, Colchester Road, Bures.—Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your silver wedding anniversary, August 1st, 1956. Love from Donald. 8669

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in August.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8619

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck. 8686

NO PRACTICES at St. Mary's, Witney, during August, but Sunday ringing will be at 10.25 a.m. and 5.25 p.m. as usual. Visitors always very welcome. Practices restart September 4th. 8688

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 28th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. John's, South Hackney, 3 p.m. sharp.—A. B. Peck. 8644

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Sudbury, on July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—own food. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8638

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Marham, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8653

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8628

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — Meeting at Dunsfold, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Hascombe open in evening.—A. M. Cox and M. E. Collins, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 8657

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—**Change of tower.** Meeting at Bramley (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hascombe (5) open in evening.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secs. 8673

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8646

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice at Lane End, July 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8661

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at Wymeswold, Leics, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. 8662

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, July 28th, 3.30 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8654

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Great Barton (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. — K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 28th, changed to Southover, Lewes. Bells (10) 3 p.m. 8642

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Holsworthy, Saturday, August 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 8670

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8675

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 4th. Brislington (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow.—A. Bennett. 8678

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham. 8676

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal Chart, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Seal (6) also available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 1st to Mr. G. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal. 8641

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Douglas-in-Parbold, on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—café nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 8672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Chicheley on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 8684

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 8681

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bratton (6) Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8677

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Bank Holiday Monday, August 6th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names by August 2nd to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 8655

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea by August 2nd to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 8649

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Whaplode, near Spalding, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Aug. 7th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 8667

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour (8), Saturday, Aug. 11th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8682

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Great Brington, Aug. 11th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mrs. I. Marriott, 1, Bedford Cottages, Great Brington, Northampton. No names, no tea.—F. W. Hancock. 8679

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Atcham, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 1st, to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 8687

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Book this date now: the Association Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the Corn Exchange, Rochester. Tickets 8s. 6d., available now. The 1956 annual report is out, price 2s. (2s. 4d., post paid), containing names of all members.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 8680

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By D. N. LAYTON

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MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

THROUGHOUT the ages poets and philosophers of many races and languages have pointed out to us that it is by no means easy for youth and age to live and work together. It is indeed well known that there are incompatibilities of outlook, due to differences in maturity and experience, that lead the young person into impatience with his elders and drive the older person into an attitude contemptuous or patronising. It may be that the difficulties attendant on the co-operation of youth and age have, in all ages, been exaggerated, for the record of human progress provides ample evidence of the partnership of young and old in the inception and consummation of great enterprises. Certainly the last forty years, with their two great wars and their startling social changes, have shown not only the possibility but also the sheer necessity of the combining of the powers and potentialities of all age groups for the forwarding of major projects.

It is not without interest, therefore, to dwell once again on the relationship between the old and experienced change ringer and the young beginner, and to consider what each owes as a duty to the other. Years ago, it would seem certain, the standing and prospects of a beginner in the art depended largely on the view the ringing band took of his services, and whether they really wanted him to recruit their numbers or whether they looked upon him as an intruder, one who might wish to share in the moneys that might come their way.

The position of the beginner to-day is, generally speaking, quite different. The means by which he may get instruction are much more ample, and the relationship between the older and the younger ringer has very much altered. In very few places, one imagines, would there be a minor conspiracy to exclude the anxious inquirer after bell knowledge. There would be companies and towers in which, quite rightly, he could not expect to have freedom of ringing until he reached a recognised standard of efficiency, but there can be few parts of this ringing isle where a band, however advanced, is not on the look out for an enthusiastic beginner. So whatever the position forty, sixty or a hundred years ago, it seems to be certain that this is the age of opportunity for the young person, the age of welcome for the earnest student.

This brings us then to the question of mutual responsibility, for if the beginner has a right to expect tuition and encouragement so the tutor has an equal right to demand respect, attention and industry from his pupil. In the beginning the initiative is with the instructor. It is his business to plan the stages of instruction carefully, so that while the pupil acquires correct technique he is not discouraged by the prospect of too many difficulties appearing at once. And in the later stage, when some facility in change ringing is being secured, no instructor should commit the capital mistake (one that has often been made) of leading the learner to believe that the higher methods are something entirely beyond his powers, things only to be attempted by mysterious circles of cleverness called the experts.

At the beginning the learner will be fully occupied with his desire to acquire skill in this fascinating art of ringing and will have very few views on anything. But when he has reached some degree of competence the initiative passes to him and it is here that he may begin to disappoint his tutor by seeming less tolerant of instruction, less amenable to hints, and perhaps failing to give evidence of study at home. But it is in these matters that he owes the biggest duty to his painstaking instructor, and it is certain that in these matters he can either dishearten or greatly reward his teacher. For the supreme joy of the true teacher is to see his pupil outstrip him.

Whatever responsibilities therefore the older man has in respect of the young beginner (and they are important ones) there can be no possible doubt that when the learner reaches the stage of discretion and discrimination he owes it to those who have laboured for him to improve himself according to his talent, walking humbly and observantly, but without abasement, among his elders, mindful that the whole realm of change ringing is freely his, but that only with a great price will he obtain this freedom. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	7
STELLA HUGHES	2	DAVID A. CARPENTER	8
MURIEL REAY	3	J. L. GARNER HAYWARD	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	10
HENRY H. FEARN	5	*GEORGE E. FEARN	11
*JOHN PINFOLD	6	†PAUL J. RIGBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 600th peal together. † First 12-bell peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a wedding compliment to Clifford A. Barron and Molly Flynn.

TEN BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JOHN F. GROVE	6
JOHN E. SPICE	2	JOHN N. BROWN	7
THOMAS R. BUTLER	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
THOMAS C. LARKEY	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HARRY B. BROUGHTON	*Treble*	*JOHN M. JELLEY	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	8
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	ALAN JACQUES	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'
Specially arranged and rung to the memory of Harold J. Poole.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29¾ cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	STEWART KIMBER	6
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	JOHN S. MASON	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
ALAN F. THIRST	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
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Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung for the opening of festival week.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	*ALAN F. LEE	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	FRANK D. MACK	8
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	4	DAVID J. KING	9
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 AYLESTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First in the method for the Guild, and by all.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 27 cwt.

FRANK A. BARRETT	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	6
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	JOHN R. CHAUNDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Ivy Ballard and Mr. William Alfred Yates.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
BRYAN F. SIMS	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*JAMES R. TAYLOR	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' This composition contains all the -7568's and -7468's, the 6th the extent Home, and is now rung for the first time.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST.- MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
*DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal in the method.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 ACTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MARY LAWRENCE	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	6
DENNIS KNOX	3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 150th peal together The first peal in the method, which is No. 262 in Corrigan's collection

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
PETER NASH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a farefell to the Vicar, Rev. J. Richards, on his leaving to take up the living of St. Stephen's, New Brighton.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*LEONARD W. BULLOCK	*Treble*	*R. ROGER SAVORY	5
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE S. BUSH	*Treble*	TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
JAMES W. HAW	2	*CECIL WADE	6
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN BARKER. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* 100th peal.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Stanley Goakes and Miss Pauline Clarke, of Peterborough, who were married on June 30th. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., July 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*JOHN P. HUNT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
†KENNETH R. FOOT	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
‡DIANA J. PERRINS	3	VINCENT A. HEMMING	7
†RICHARD J. CANN	4	MURIEL REAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First of Grandsire.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELENA AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	JOHN W. WARD	7
SUSAN JACKSON	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.

Rung to celebrate the marriage on July 16th of R. James Cook (brother of the tenor ringer) and Elisabeth J. Willcox.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN BADMAN	*Treble*	*DONALD E. LEE	5
DAVID HOARE	2	*GWILYM SALMON	6
*ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	HENRY J. SANGER	7
*RICHARD J. CRAGO	4	ARTHUR WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
JESSIE E. KIPPIN	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*GRAHAM L. PITTAWAY	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
*PHILLIP F. COOMBES	2	FRED LYNE	6
*SYDNEY S. PULKER	3	REGINALD H. JARVIS	7
*JOHN J. BENFIELD	4	CYRIL F. TOMPKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.
* First peal.

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LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN T. MANNERING	*Treble*	FREDERICK LEESON	5
WILLIAM T. GRICE	2	REGINALD RICH	6
LEONARD MANNERING	3	LOUIS HEAD	7
GEORGE F. CANTRILL	4	*PERCY TOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung for the wedding of Geoffrey Waters and Jill Haffenden, which took place at Marden the same day.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

JOHN G. AMES	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung following the wedding of Mr. E. C. Willson to Miss S. M. Neal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 27 lb.

*A. JAMES GLASS	*Treble*	*FRANK W. LEWIS	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
*WILLIAM F. BUTLER	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
FRED C. LYNE	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
HAROLD HUXLEY	3	WILLIAM L. GILKS	7
*FRANCIS POWELL	4	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Triples away from the tenor.

Rung for Evensong on the Festival of St. Mary Magdalene, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, and to Rev. E. P. Hammond, Vicar of Mickleton.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	*Treble*	RONALD DAWSON	4
*E. ANNE CHARLESWORTH	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
HENRY KIRK	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal at first attempt, aged 13. The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob as conductor.

REYMERSTONE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 extents of St. Simon's, 18 extents of Plain and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SAMUEL A. WATERFIELD	*Treble*	*ALBERT E. DIXON	3
WILLIAM M. MANN	2	CHAS. E. G. BANHAM	4
GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.

LANGTON-BY-PARTNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	*LEONARD THOMPSON	4
J. ROBIN WORSDALL	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal 'inside' in five methods. The first peal on the bells, installed in 1825.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Double Court and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	*ALLAN SIMPSON	5
*MRS. A. SIMPSON	3	*WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Reverse College, Woodbine T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. WALKER	4
HENRY W. SHARP	2	*ARTHUR YARROW	5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal in seven methods.

An 82nd birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARTIN CUBITT	*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
DAVID CUBITT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Kent Minor by all except the conductor. The first peal on the recast bells.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

A. EDWARD LEGGETT	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. BRUNT	4
FRANK G. OLIVER	2	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	5
HARRY J. MILLATT	3	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Thurs., July 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM NEWTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH TAYLOR	4
JOSEPH LAWRANCE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	5
BRIAN W. NEWTON	3	GEORGE A. NEWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NEWTON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Taylor.

BICTON, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

SYLVIA J. BEDDOW	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ..	4
ALFRED G. OWEN	2	ERNEST F. WILLCOX ..	5
ROBERT NICHOLLS	3	FREDERICK MASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. WILLCOX.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Clifford A. Barron and Molly P. Flynn at Kings Norton on July 14th, 1956.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. GALE	*Treble*	F. BRANCHFLOWER	4
*PATRICK J. BIRD	2	†W. J. NURCOMBE	5
C. W. J. TARR	3	H. COMMINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. J. TARR.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
A farewell peal for the Rev. A. C. Allan.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Kingston Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Pleasure, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

EVELYN D. ADAMS	*Treble*	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.. ..	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE..	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to S. Geoffrey Waters and Jill Haffenden, married at Marden this day.

HANDBELL PEAL

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 21, NORTH RIDING, BRICKET WOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER G. PAUL	1—2	D. KAY ADKINS	3—4
		MADELEINE CHAPPLE ..	5—6

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On July 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Slade 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, Betty J. Marsh (first of Kent Treble Bob Minor) 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Rung for the golden wedding of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., and Mrs. Farrow, of East Lulworth, Dorset.

QUARTER PEALS

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Le-Grice 1, Alison Bradford 2, Doris E. Lidbetter 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, B. W. Willgress (first as cond.) 5, May Lidbetter 6. For morning service.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Colcombe 1, R. G. Powell 2, C. Phillips 3, L. D. Young 4, L. H. Colcombe 5, T. H. Young (first as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. Skinner (cond.) 1, C. Deem 2, J. Quick 3, E. W. Rowe 4, W. Webb (first in method) 5, F. H. Parr 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Charlton 1, D. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, H. Parsons 3, L. Penfold 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Betty Turrell (a local ringer) and Mr. P. Russell.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lucy E. Slade 1, E. Baughan 2, M. Baughan 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. Hearns (cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Pearson, late foreman of the tower.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On July 15th, 480 Plain Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: D. Parker (first quarter) 1, N. Martin 2, Mrs. E. Moore 3, J. Pannell 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On July 16th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Lewis 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, jun. 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, S. Eastbury 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. Matthew, wife of Mr. Owen Matthew, churchwarden.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On July 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,184 Plain Bob Major: G. Woodruff 1, Mrs. L. D. Mills 2, E. J. Butler (78) 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, A. E. Leggett 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First quarter by treble ringer.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Emery 1, B. Peters 2, B. T. Jeanes 3, W. Wiseman 4, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 5, G. Burge 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On July 18th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Holmes 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, W. R. Read 3, J. E. Cook 4, B. Hunt 5, K. Ketteringham 6, R. Stevenson 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, J. Royce 9, J. W. Watson 10. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On July 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Boon 1, W. T. Holmes 2, D. C. Wellington 3, E. Edmondson (cond.) 4, J. M. Page 5, S. Huckle 6. Rung for the wedding of Janet Hostler to Derek Wilsden.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bevan 1, Doreen A. Devereli 2, G. F. Carter 3, R. Newman 4, J. M. Payton 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6, B. J. Woodruff 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung for the patronal festival Evensong.

LANCASTER.—On July 22nd, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, S. Anderton 6. Rung in honour of the Rev. Father Kernan, of this parish, ordained to the priesthood this day.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bratley (first quarter) 1, H. Jeffery 2, D. Birkett 3, C. Jeffery 4, W. R. Parker 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. S. Hill, a local ringer.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Elsworth 1, Mrs. E. Pannell 2, A. J. Scott 3, E. Pannell 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, J. Davis 6. Rung to mark the completion of 36 years' service as organist in this church by the ringer of the treble.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Knight 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, C. Barber 4, A. Knight 5, J. Case 6, F. S. Slatford (cond.) 7, R. Harding 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who retired this day after 48 years as Rector of Kington Magna.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Sanders 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, A. E. Bissatt 3, C. Sangwin 4, A. Botterill 5, R. Sanders 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, H. Stacey 8. Rung for St. Christina's Day.

STROUD, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Simpson 1, T. Pritchard 2, Mr. Cotterill 3, F. Ponting 4, P. Riddiford 5, T. Price 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jane Cotterill.

TENBY, PEMBROKES.—On July 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Osbourne 1, E. Williams 2, G. Thomas 3, C. Knight 4, J. Webb 5, H. Jenkins (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for 1 and 4. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Webb.

HARTHILL (ALL HALLOWS) & ITS BELLS

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

The village of Harthill lies off the beaten track in the most southern tip of Yorkshire, about 10 miles from Sheffield and Rotherham, and almost within a 'stone's throw' of the counties of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Although there is a large colliery at Kineton only two miles away, this is hidden by higher land between, and Harthill and its surroundings are completely unspoiled by modern industrial development.

The Harthill scene has in fact changed little over the centuries, the village being off the main routes, and its population has increased but slowly to its present 1,300 or so. It possesses some ancient buildings, most prominent of which is the fine old parish church of All Hallows, a good portion of which remains from Norman times.

Before 1937 there were six bells, the oldest dated 1660. There is known to have been four bells in the church tower in 1632, but by 1660 these had disappeared, probably in 1649 during the Commonwealth when many churches were denuded of their bells by the Puritans who looked upon bells, music, etc., as idolatrous.

THE OLD BELLS

There is an interesting entry in Harthill Church papers: 'This year of Our Lord God, 1632 . . . bell frames . . . etc., for four bells, £10 5s., . . . workmanship, £10 . . . iron, cords, runners, nails, brasses, labour, leather, etc., £6 4s. 6d.'

Soon after the return to this country of King Charles II in May 1660, a new bell, cast at Nottingham, was hung in Harthill Church. It was inscribed: 'God Save the King, 1660.' Local people had been aware for some time that King Charles' return was certain, and this bell must have been ordered and cast some time before, a risky venture whilst the Puritans were still in power.

Sir Thomas Osborne (1632–1712), later made Lord Earl Danby, Duke of Leeds, and King Charles II's chief adviser, had many estates and interests in Harthill and frequently attended the parish church. He was responsible for the first two bells being installed in Harthill Church, the second one being installed in 1668 and inscribed 'I sweetly tolling do call to taste on meat that feeds the soul.' It became the dinner bell signal for mid-day meal, a custom that was maintained until 1940.

In 1711 the bells were augmented to five and a new wooden frame fitted. A sixth (treble bell) was cast by J. Warner in 1889 in memory of G. T. Hudson, Rector, 1852–1884.

By 1930, Harthill's six bells were in a sad state of repair, and it was decided to replace the six partially cracked bells with a new ring of eight.

A ROMANTIC STORY

Reference has been made above to Sir Thomas Osborne, and it is interesting to know how he acquired that title.

In 1540, living in a cottage near Hard Dam, a stretch of water near Harthill, was a poor widow named Osborne. Sir William Hewitt, a rich London merchant who was owner of the cottage, was impressed by her young son's brightness and intelligence, and persuaded the widow to let her son become an apprentice in his cloth merchant's business at his premises on London Bridge.

One day a negligent maid allowed Sir William's only daughter, Anne, aged 4, to fall into the river, which was in high flood. Nearby was young Edward Osborne who, brought up by Hard Dam, was an excellent swimmer. He dived in instantly and rescued the child, and as a result was taken into the family of the proud and grateful Sir William Hewitt.

The romantic climax of this story is that Edward Osborne, when he grew up, married Anne Hewitt, and in 1583 became Lord Mayor of London and, during his year of office, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth. This is truly a story outshining that of Dick Whittington. This Edward Osborne was great-grandfather of Sir Thomas Osborne. The Osborne (Leeds) family remained patrons of Harthill benefice until very recently when the right to appoint new incumbents was delegated to the Bishop of Sheffield.

THE NEW BELLS

The money for the new ring, installed in 1937, was raised mainly through historical pageants about Harthill, organised by Mr. Harry Garbett (head teacher of Harthill Council School for 31 years) and others. A keen historian, Mr. Garbett wrote a 300-page history of Harthill, which was published in 1950. In it he makes some outspoken comments on the new ring of eight bells He says: '. . . . Why are they not rung? . . . . Why has not a team of eight been formed? . . . . Harthill has one of the finest rings of eight bells . . . and yet has no team to ring them. It is a disgrace. . . .'

He also makes reference to Harthill's former handbell team, saying: 'From 1870 to 1900, Harthill was famous for its handbell ringers, and sweetly could they chime, charming many with their playing, but now they are heard no more. The handbells rest silent and dusty in an old box in the church belfry, fit resting place, near to those mightier bells, which like them, seem fated to eternal silence.'

The old six bells had a tenor in F weighing 18 cwt. (foundry unknown). Their total weight was 65 cwt.

The new eight bells, cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1937, range from tenor 18¼ cwt. to treble 4¾ cwt., and were rung and officially opened on Coronation Day, May 12th, 1937. Outside they are a very musical ring. Inside the ringing chamber they are very noisy indeed, which accounts for the fact that only one peal has been rung on them—a fully-muffled one. The arrangements in the ringing chamber are marred by a clock case and two huge iron brackets fixed to the wall to support a clock winder's platform. With modification of these arrangements and provision of another floor, the ringing chamber could be made very comfortable.

A RETROGRADE STEP

Although almost 20 years have passed since Harthill Church acquired a melodious modern ring of eight bells, she has not yet obtained a team of ringers to ring them. Determined to have the bells sounded somehow, the late rector had electro-pneumatic chiming apparatus installed a few years ago, so that the bells could be clocked electrically from a keyboard in the vestry. This apparatus involves the use of an electrically-driven air compressor, rectifiers to provide direct current, an electrical relay and an air cylinder for each bell plus an elaborate system of wires, rods and balanced hammers. From an engineering point of view this is a very fine installation.

Harthill, however, has recently had a new incumbent who wishes the bells to be rung in the proper way by his own churchpeople, to offer a worthy office and activity for the Church's Anglican Young People's Association, thus providing another means to retain their interest in the church, and at the same time enable Harthill bells to be heard in their full beauty of tone. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a report of efforts to help the Rector of Harthill to obtain a team of ringers.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, Miss M. Alderman 2, Mrs. E. A. North 3, S. N. Bristow 4, D. T. North 5, J. A. Martin (cond.) 6.

A RINGING EXCURSION IN CORNWALL

One of the most delightful ringing tours our party has had occurred on July 18th, when we crossed the Tamar at Gunnislake into the delectable Duchy. Ascending the steep slope through the village we ran along the main Highway to Liskard, passing many old-time mine workings with ivy-mantled shafts looking like pollarded trees. With views away to Plymouth Sound the scenery was impressive.

The venue of assembly was Menheniot (6, 12 cwt.), where we were met by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Thomas), who helped us with our ringing and pointed out many interesting features in the fine old church. Prebendary F. V. Cox, with Messrs. M. Atkins and Ryall, led us back to Liskard, where we were joined by Messrs. Myers (four) with Mrs. Bill Myers and the two boys, Messrs. A. and R. Truman and Mrs. Pat Johnstone with her little son, Richard. We were welcomed by Mrs. Hiscott and Mrs. S. J. Robinson (treasurer of the Truro Guild of Ringers). Liskard Church is one of the largest of the Duchy and has a fine tower with a spacious ringing chamber. In the north wall of the tower there is a fine characteristically ornamented Norman arch and the newel stairs in the north-west corner have been rebuilt. Good touches of triples were rung on the fine old octave (tenor 19 cwt.).

St. Cleer, a moorland village with magnificent views, was our next tower (6, 12 cwt.). Here we rang good touches on the pleasing six. Near the fine church is a holy well said to have been used in ancient days for baptism. At St. Ives the church has many interesting features of the 14th century and a fine 16th century tower in which hang six good bells, with tenor near 19 cwt. Thanks to the industry of the local ringers the bells run well and good touches were rung. Here we met an old Plymouth ringer.

At Callington, a shrunken market town, now a favourite residential centre, we were met by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. Marsh, who kindly directed us to the cafe where we had tea. Good touches were brought round on the lumpy six. The tea, which Mrs. Bolase (an erstwhile ringer) provided, was excellent. At the tea-table Prebendary Cox informed us that this trip gave him his 1,000th tower, and we celebrated the occasion (at tea) on his generosity.

The name of John Pennington, bellhanger, who died in 1826, we read on a tombstone in Stoke Climsland Churchyard. We have wondered why the famous firm who cast so many hundreds of bells in Devon and Cornwall should have worked from Stoke Climsland, and the derelict mineworkings seem to give the answer. The area around was once the centre for the production of tin and copper. In the tower we found a fine ring of eight (tenor near 19 cwt.). They went like tops, and good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples came round. Meanwhile Mr. W. H. R. Smale with Mrs. Pat Johnstone ran off to see the famous Duchy herd of Devons, so it was that the Rev. W. H. Smale and his brother had to tarry awhile as the body of the party moved on to Calstock (6, tenor 9 cwt.). Here good touches of Doubles and Minor came round. Interestingly, the bells seemed more tuneful when the tenor was turned in. In this tower the first peal of method ringing in Cornwall was done in 1864; Bannister, Cocks and Trelawney were mentioned in this connection and the peal board hangs in the tower. The Rev. P. M. Denny gave us a welcome.

Fine towers, fine bells, beautiful weather, delightful scenery and a wonderful excursion into the Duchy. What more does the change ringer want? F. C. S.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Beryl Sexton 3, J. Sexton 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, J. P. Martin 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, W. S. Girling 4, J. B. Morley 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. J. Lester 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester (first 'inside') 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, L. S. Sharpe 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. For Evensong.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods, being one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 60 Grandsire): K. D. Perkins 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, R. Line 3, A. J. Baker 4, A. C. Cozens 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Josephine Crow.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss D. Miller 1, Miss J. Downing 2, W. R. Hammons 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, N. Line 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, Miss J. Packwood 7.

FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Hick (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. K. Turnbull 2, G. Benfield (cond.) 3, B. K. Turnbull 4, A. Johnson 5, A. B. Sullivan 6, J. W. Gibson 7, A. E. Marsh 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Elsmore (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Wells 2, Miss R. A. Heath 3, Miss M. A. Cass 4, C. J. Beadle (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, E. J. Wells 6.

QUARTER PEALS

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): W. Elliott 1, R. Taylor 2, M. Clifford (cond.) 3, F. Pendry 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, R. Jones 6, C. Rouse 7, D. Griffin 8 (4, 6, 8 covering). Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Canon and Mrs. C. T. Rust, formerly of Frodingham, Scunthorpe.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Bob Minor: Audrey Gladwell (Past Master) 1, Jo Roper 2, Jean Dawson (Present Master) 3, Helen Brant 4, Jim Dawson (Past Master) 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by the University of Reading Society.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.—On July 21st 1,440 Minor (720 each of St. Clement's and Double Oxford): H. W. Easey 1, D. Mitchell 2, E. T. Chapman 3, J. W. G. Kindred 4, M. Solley 5, P. Kindred (cond.) 6. First 720's in methods for 1, 2 and 5. Rung after peal failure.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, G. Walford 2, C. Webber 3, P. Moore 4, G. Gammon (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Phillips, of Rockwell Green.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. Floyd 1, W. G. Gigg 2, S. G. Coles 3, W. H. Tarr 4, A. H. Reed 5, F. Matravers 6.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Clare Filgate (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, J. Small 3, D. Hodgson 4, Jean Morrison 5, Jennifer M. Southerden 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, R. A. Hodgson 8. Rung for Matins. Also a farewell compliment to Clare Filgate and Jean Morrison, who have completed courses at Rye Grammar School, and to Ruth Hodgson, who is taking up employment at Oxford. All were regulars members of the Rye band.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. F. North (cond.) 1, J. Martin 2, Mrs. D. North 3, G. Gammon 4, G. Walford 5.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On July 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Floyer (first on 10) 1, Mrs. Deal 2, Mrs. R. Armstrong 3, Pam Steere 4, N. Steere (first of Stedman Caters) 5, P. Brown 6, R. F. Deal 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, J. Armstrong 9, F. Hawthorne 10. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hawkins.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Walklate (13) 1, P. Bellamy-Knight (15, first quarter) 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, R. Stretton 4, D. Walklate 5, Miss Bernice Manning 6.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—At the Christ Church, St. Lawrence, on May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 240 Old and 480 Grandsire): Pat Roche (first quarter) 1, W. Rowe (cond.) 2, J. Cummins 3, T. Goodyer 4, E. Fowell 5, E. Sheehy 6. Rung to commemorate the consecration of Bishop R. C. Kerle.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and 300 Grandsire): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, T. J. Marriott 2, L. Warren 3, A. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott (cond.) 5, K. Freeman (first quarter) 6. Rung for Sunday School anniversary.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Merchant (first quarter) 1, S. F. Wright 2, G. R. Hiner 3, F. Pickering 4, T. Cutts 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY

The Ladies' Guild is suffering a great sense of loss through the retirement of their President (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher). She has been the mainstay of the Guild during its 46 years' existence and its flourishing state to-day must be a source of gratification to her.

Bangor, Co. Down, bells will be heard on the B.B.C. on August 12th at 9.30 a.m. They are an eight with a tenor of 21 cwt. in E.

The Prestbury, Glos., band have sent a donation of five guineas to be added to the Gloucester and Bristol Association donation to the Bow Bells Fund.

St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall, Glos., is at present a five-bell tower, as the pre-Reformation fourth is cracked. This is a tragic blow to the keen young band, but they ring on the five, and hope to raise enough money to be able to replace the broken bell.

The date of the quarter peal rung at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (July 22nd) coincides with the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. Tom Bevan and the 77th birthday of Mr. Joseph Hawkins. The band wish to associate the quarter with them.

The peal at Mickleton was rung on the birthday of both the local Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Hammond, and Tower Secretary, Mr. F. G. Kinchin. The members of the band are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Kinchin for entertaining them to an excellent tea after the peal.

Commenting on the Central Council meeting, 'Irish Bell News' states that the report on Broadcasting and Television dealt solely with the activities of the B.B.C. and did not consider the activities of Radio Eireann, which gave 'plenty of time' in any broadcasts during 1955, especially in regard to Wexford and St. George's, Dublin.

GOSSIP

With reference to the peal at Atcham, Shropshire, in commemoration of a 720 of Bob Minor rung there on May 25th, 1827 (see 'R.W.' page 356), Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, writes that three of his relatives rang in that 720, which at that time was a rare event. He rang on the bells two years ago when visiting Shrewsbury. His friends will be pleased to hear that he is enjoying very good health.

Mr. George E. Fearn and Mr. John Penfold rang their 600th peal together on July 14th. The peal was Stedman Cinques rung at the Cathedral.

The 26th issue of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District, has been published, and features St. Peter's Church, Boughton Monchelsea. The instructional section deals with Cambridge Court Maior and Hull Surprise.

The printed report of the Kent County Association for 1955 is now available. An improvement in the number of practising members noted in 1954 continued in 1955, and their total now stands at 1,055. Assets of the Association at par total £1,274, of which £140 3s. is in the General Account, £172 6s. 9d. in the Belfry Repair Fund and £167 9s. 7d. in the Benevolent Fund.

Through a typographical error a line was omitted in making a correction in our issue of June 29th (page 407) to a quarter peal rung at Weston Favell, Northants, on June 10th. The quarter peal should read: 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. L. Pendred (first quarter, age 15) 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, Miss J. Downie 3, G. F. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Our sincere regrets to the sender.

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BOW TENOR RECAST

Lord Mayor's Pride in Famous Ring

IN the presence of the Lord Mayor of London (Ald. Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd), the Master of the Worshipful Company of Founders (Mr. H. C. Bradbrook) and the Master of the Worshipful Company of Turners (Mr. Claude Munday), the tenor of St. Mary-le-Bow was recast at the Whitechapel Foundry on Friday, July 20th.

There were other distinguished guests present, including the Rector of Bow (the Rev. Hugh Evans Hopkins), his churchwardens and vestry clerk, and also the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Squadron Leader John S. Mason).

The occasion was one of national importance. Photographers and news-reel cameramen were there in numbers to give publicity to the event and to enlist thereby the sympathy of the public in the rebuilding of St. Mary-le-Bow Church, and the restoration of its bells, destroyed by enemy action in 1941. Many thousands of pounds have yet to be raised.

Proceedings started with the time-honoured custom of the Master Bellfounder (Mr. A. A. Hughes) inviting the Lord Mayor and the Masters of the two city companies to cast a coin into the furnace. 'The Big Bell of Bow' was cast first, and this will be approximately 42 cwt. Afterwards came 'Fabian,' the second, which will be associated with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The casting completed, the Rector of Bow invited the Lord Mayor to speak. In his speech the Lord Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present on such an historic occasion. 'It is fitting,' he said, 'that the Lord Mayor of London should be present, in memory of my predecessor, Richard Whittington, who heard it ring in 1375 and by its sound was inspired to return to the city of London, and finally became Lord Mayor in 1397, and again in 1406 and 1419. This bell, I understand, is a direct descendant of the old curfew bell which was cast in 1334 and ordered to be rung at 8 o'clock every night. That bell was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666, and was recast in 1669 and again in 1738, and as they all knew, it was destroyed by Hitler's fury in 1941.'

The City of London, and indeed Greater London, should be proud of this new curfew bell, the largest of the Bow bells, in the restored church of Christopher Wren's finest steeple in London.

The Lord Mayor added that he was proud to be the alderman of Cordwainer Ward in which St. Mary-le-Bow Church was situated. 'Long may these bells ring again, not only for the City of London and its historic associations, but to remind the people of London and the visitors who come to our city that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness therein!'

He then read Tennyson's poem:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.



Squadron Leader John S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, naming the second bell of the ring 'Fabian,' after the father of English change ringing, Fabian Stedman.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

The Rector of Bow, with his churchwardens (Mr. H. G. Hicklenton and Mr. J. F. C. Bennett), and the vestry clerk (Mr. John H. L. Trustram), then named the recast tenor 'Bow.' This was done by the Rector who recited the inscription on the bell, 'Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.'

On the waist of the bell is inscribed:

The Bell of the Parish of St. Mary-le-Bow.
Rung for Curfew 1334. Destroyed by Fire 1666.
Recast 1669. Recast 1738.
Destroyed by enemy action 1941.
Recast 1956.
Hugh Evan Hopkins, O.B.E., M.A., Rector.
Howard George Hicklenton, Julien Frederick Charles Bennett, D.T. } churchwardens,
John H. L. Trustram, M.B.E., M.A., vestry clerk,
Named Me
'Bow'

Around the soundbow is a decorative border of London Pride.

The Master of the College Youths then stepped forward to name the second bell, using these words: 'I, John Stanley Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, name this bell "Fabian".'

This bell is inscribed: 'Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me.'

The Rector then offered prayers and gave the blessing.

Afterwards the Lord Mayor and the visitors inspected the bells that had already been cast. Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. W. A. Hughes were very fully employed in explaining the principles of bell-founding to the company, who were impressed by the novelty of the occasion.

Mrs. Hughes afterwards served tea to the Lord Mayor and other guests. As the Lord Mayor, who was wearing his robes and chain of office, left, people lined the pavement of Whitechapel Road.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Hutton's Cordial Welcome

The summer quarterly meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Hutton on July 7th. It is a long time since the Division visited this little 5-bell tower, and the local band and church folk made the visitors more than welcome. About 40 members attended the service in the tiny church and enjoyed a special anthem rendered by the choir.

At the business meeting, which followed an ample tea, the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) was present. The Rector of Hutton took the chair, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Division to his church. Mr. Crampion called the attention of the meeting to the absence of Mr. Reeve, one of our oldest ringing members, who was in Rochford Hospital with a broken leg following an accident on his motor cycle. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Reeve from the Division wishing him a speedy recovery. An apology for absence was received from Mr. F. Gant.

New members were elected from Shenfield, Hutton and Brentwood, and eight non-resident members who stood in a peal at Waltham Abbey were confirmed. Mr. Campion gave a brief résumé of the activities of the Central Council this year, touching on the new membership of the New South Wales Association, Carter's Ringing Machine, and 'The Ringing World' finances. Next year the Association would have the honour of entertaining the Central Council at Chelmsford.

Mr. Heazel asked the meeting to support the Association Dinner at Chelmsford later in the year, and mentioned the eminent members of the Church in Essex who had promised to attend. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and ringing continued at Shenfield and Brentwood during the evening. Thanks are due to the Rector and the entire Hutton band, who made everyone so welcome and provided such an excellent tea.

MRS. K. LOCK NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF LADIES' GUILD

THE annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. As there is no branch of the Guild actually operating in Worcester, all the arrangements were very kindly made by Mr. J. Johnson, the general secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and most efficient these arrangements proved to be.

The bells at Claines (10) and St. John's (8) were available during the morning, St. John's and All Saints' (10) in the afternoon and All Saints' after the meeting. Special arrangements were also made for those staying overnight to ring at the Cathedral (12) and Evesham bell tower (12) on Sunday morning.

The service was held in All Saints' Church, conducted by Bishop C. E. Stuart, the organ being played by Miss D. Hicks. The Bishop based his address on the text : Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,' drawing the comparison between ringing and the Christian life.

Tea was prepared in the Abbot's Kitchen in the Old Palace, and over 90 members and friends sat down, the Bishop presiding. Tea was very kindly given to members of the Ladies' Guild by the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and the grateful thanks of the members were expressed by Mrs. O. Barnett, in the absence of the president, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

The Guild was welcomed to Worcester by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, and after votes of thanks had been passed to all those who had helped with the arrangements, the gentlemen left the meeting.

The ladies then held their business meeting, Mrs. Barnett taking the chair. This was one of the most representative meetings held by the Guild for several years, for of the 13 districts covering England and Wales, only two districts were not represented, some of the members travelling long distances in order to attend.

MRS. FLETCHER'S GREAT WORK

The main item on the agenda was the election of a new president, Mrs. Fletcher having stated that she did not wish to continue in office. Those who know anything of the early history of the Guild will know that it was mainly through Mrs. Fletcher's efforts that the Ladies' Guild was formed, and she has held office continuously since its formation in 1912, being general secretary and treasurer for 35 years and president for the following nine years.

Six members were nominated by the Districts, of whom three stated they were not willing to stand. A ballot was therefore held, as a result of which Mrs. K. Lock was elected. In thanking the members, Mrs. Lock paid tribute to the work of Mrs. Fletcher, and proposed that she should be offered honorary life membership. In supporting this, Miss E. Steele and Miss H. Snowden also spoke in appreciation of all that Mrs. Fletcher had done to get lady ringers accepted in the belfry.

This is the first occasion on which it has been suggested that honorary life membership should be conferred on a member of the Guild, and those present were unanimous that Mrs. Fletcher should be the first to receive this tribute. It was then agreed that it should also be offered to Miss E. Steele, who has also done a great deal of work for the Guild.

Several resolutions were passed for circulation to all Districts, to be discussed at the next annual general meeting, and it was agreed that this should be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on July 6th, 1957.

The secretary showed the members the peal book which has been given to the Guild, and stated that Miss Muriel Reay, of Birmingham, had very kindly agreed to enter up the peals.

Votes of thanks to all those who had helped brought a very happy meeting to a successful conclusion, and it is hoped that 'Beau Pepe' was present and appreciated the 'good-natured humour' of the discussions.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

A Sydney ringer, Marsden Hordern, of St. James', Turramurra, is now on his way to England where he will be living for the next four years. Also in England is Ruth Donnelly, of St. Jude's, Randwick, while Philip Cooper and Ron Nogare, of St. Andrew's, Walkerville, are expected later in the year. If you hear an Australian accent in the tower, please go up and give its possessor a welcome to England.

News of an engagement, a marriage and a birth have reached us from Sydney. Laurie Curran, captain of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and Betty Heron, also a ringer of Christchurch St. Lawrence, announced their engagement on March 23rd. On the same day Ian Napper, of St. Jude's, Randwick, was married to June Carpenter at their local church. On April 3rd a son (Ian Keith) was born at the War Memorial Hospital to Margaret and Bruce Dunbar, of All Saints', Parramatta. 'It is interesting to note,' says the Editor of 'Ringing Towers,' 'that the three most recent births amongst bell ringers in Sydney have all been boys, and that none of them has been given names that can be confused with the word "bob"—a wise precaution.'

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Banbury and District Branch

About 80 members and friends from 19 towers attended the annual meeting of the Banbury and District Branch, held on July 21st at Great Tew. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. N. C. Sergeant, and the organist said how much she had enjoyed playing to the vigorous singing.

Tea was served in the School, and at the meeting which followed the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. O. Moreton, presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Master of the Guild, who gave the members some helpful words of encouragement. Miss M. R. Cross, the Guild secretary, and Mr. A. D. Barker, the Guild treasurer, also addressed the members.

The Rev. C. O. Moreton was re-elected chairman, and Mr. H. L. Roper was elected secretary and treasurer in succession to Mr. E. C. Pearson, who had been elected at Great Tew 25 years ago. Mr. E. E. Pearson was elected Branch Ringing Master, so ensuring continuity of the influence of the Pearson family in the Branch. Mr. W. Watson was elected auditor, and the representatives to the general committee were re-elected.

The lovely ring of bells was kept going before and after the service. It was good to see a number of the young members of the Branch taking part in Kent and Double Norwich; they are getting on.

The fine weather, the lovely sylvan surroundings of the church, and the good attendance combined to make the meeting a memorable one.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Bovey Tracey on July 21st, when there was a fair attendance, including a number of the younger element. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rev. A. G. Lough (Vicar of Hennock). A Branch member, Mr. W. J. Harvey, acted as organist.

After tea at the Torvue Café, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Four new members were elected. It was resolved, after discussion, that the next meeting, due to take place at Buckfast Abbey, should be held on Saturday, October 6th, and it was also decided to arrange a by-meeting at Coffinswell on Saturday, September 8th.

It was resolved to inquire into the question of a weekend visit to Lincolnshire next summer, and the usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting. A. L. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In spite of slight damage, caused by lightning, the bells of St. Nicholas', Norton, were rung on July 21st for the District meeting. Perhaps the holidays and the weather were to blame for the many absences.

After the tea and business meeting a short service was held by the Rev. G. Kenyon, then ringing continued. Hitchin practices are beginning again on Mondays: the next meeting will be at Pirton on August 25th, when it is hoped to ring the special method, Winchendon Place Bob. J. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—At various times over the years suggestions have been put forward that all our Associations, Guilds and Societies should be amalgamated into a National Association.

Whether this would be to the advantage of the Exercise I very much doubt, for after all, tradition does count for something and a National Association would become an unwieldy, impersonal organisation.

I suspect one of the reasons for the establishment of a National Association is that for ringing a peal in an area outside his own a peal will cost a ringer anything from 5s. to 10s. for non-resident life membership of the organisation under whose auspices the peal may be rung, plus any booking fee that is customary.

To my mind, 10s. is too much for ringing, in many cases, an isolated peal. This point has come under my notice, here in Lowestoft, one of the centres of the East Anglian holiday area, where we do get quite a number of visitors, many of whom I am pleased to say are promising youngsters who would like to join in a peal but feel that 10s. is a bit too much to pay for it. Moreover, being situated on the border of the Norwich Association and the Suffolk Guild, the 10s. fee for the Norwich against the 5s. for the Suffolk has come in for some caustic comment from our neighbours just across the border.

The point I want to make is that every encouragement should be given to anyone who would like to join in a peal outside their own particular Association's area. This applies more particularly to young ringers, and in this connection may I say that there is nothing better than a peal for improving a young ringer's striking, more especially because of the experience gained by ringing with fresh faces and strange bells and surroundings.

May I make in all seriousness this suggestion: That all ringing organisations should abolish the non-resident life member rules and in its place have a voluntary fee of, say, 1s. above the ordinary annual subscription, the receipt being endorsed 'Compounded member,' or something of that sort. This produced would entitle a ringer to ring a peal in any part of the country.

I think something of this kind is in operation in one or two secular organisations in the country, and has operated very well indeed.

I do not think that, in the long run, any Association would suffer financially by this scheme: they would probably gain, and it would encourage those who are not so keen.

Of course, there are details to sort out, such as the position of the non-regional Society, but I cannot envisage any great difficulty in that direction. I sincerely believe a scheme of this sort would be of great benefit to the Exercise as a whole.—Yours very truly,

B. S. THOMPSON.

Lowestoft, Suffolk.

EXPLANATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—We at Stoulton were interested to read in 'The Ringing World' of July 20th the account of a tour of three counties by a band of young ringers. Interested inasmuch as we had been wanting to know who the ill-mannered people were who saw fit to visit the church here without prior permission to ring, and, being unable to find the vicar, ransacked the cupboards to find the key. Then, regardless of what damage they might do, or as to whether anyone was seriously ill near the church, they rang the bells.

By this behaviour they not only do themselves a disservice but also those who follow after them.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcs.

ON HOLIDAY IN ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the New South Wales Association of Ringers, and one-time Editor of 'Ringing Towers' (of which I am at present treasurer), my husband and I have had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining many English ringers in Sydney.

I flew to London last Monday for a brief ten weeks' visit to my parents here in Quedgeley. Tom is in New York on business and will spend only one week in England on his way to France and Italy. As this trip was arranged suddenly I was unable to write to some of our friends over here. I now find that I do not remember the address of several of them. Such ringers as Philip and Joan Gray, of Bristol, and Joan Hills, of Essex, I have already contacted as we knew them very well in Australia.

However, I would be very pleased if you could ask anyone whom we have met, in particular Mr. Fred Savage and Mr. Jim Bennett, if they would care to write or phone me for news of Australian friends. (Telephone: Hardwicke 206.) I apologise for not writing to them before I left Australia.

In addition, I wish to bring greetings from all Australian ringers to our friends over here. I wish it were possible for me to spend time amongst ringers during my short stay here and tell them something more of conditions 'down under,' but I'm afraid that will be impossible.

Tom, I am sure, will be contacting Mr. E. A. Barnett, who wrote to us concerning our affiliation with the Central Council.

We are hoping that Philip Gray will be able to arrange a peal for Tom whilst he is here, but apart from this, and a ring here in Quedgeley, I'm afraid his time will be occupied.

The Quedgeley ringers rang a 'welcome home' quarter last Monday.

Thank you for keeping interest in Australian ringing alive through paragraphs which you print in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

MARGARET GOODYER.

School House, Quedgeley, Glos.

POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—I have noticed several interesting points in the peal columns in recent weeks, and thought your readers might like to know of them. Several towers appear for the first time since the war. Croscombe's last peal was in 1935, Cromer's in 1933, whilst the recent peal at Hayes was only the third this century—the previous one being in 1936.

Then we have Broxbourne's first peal for 22 years, Kendal's first for 20 years, and Bolney with the last peal in 1938. Even longer than all the above, Halling hadn't appeared in the peal lists since December, 1920.

The most outstanding event is still to come! It isn't often that a peal is recorded in a 'conquered' tower after a lapse of nearly 60 years. But that appears to be the case with Chipping, Lancs. The recent peal seems to be the first this century! The last peal was rung in 1898, the seventh peal from 1892 when the first peal was rung. That is most unusual.

Although there was no footnote to that effect, I think the peal at Ampney Crucis, Glos, was the first on the bells. I confirm that the peal at Bunney, Notts, was also the first in that tower. —Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

CORNELIUS CHARGE'S COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I note with regret the passing of Reuben, the last of the brothers Charge.

It might be of interest to those who knew them, that I have in my possession two notebooks that belonged to the late Cornelius Charge. One is superscribed 'Compositions rung as composed by C. Charge at various towers throughout the country in which he did not take part; 129 cuttings from "Bell News" and "The Ringing World" includes 19 Silver Jubilee peals for H.M. King George V and 14 peals of Coronation of King George VI.'

At the reverse end of the book are many compositions in various methods, by such composers as R. Williams (Liverpool), Samuel Marsh (Killamarsh), Arthur Knights, York Green, Henry Dains, Charles H. Hattersley, and many others.

The second notebook is of 'Peal Compositions by Cornelius Charge, of London,' and has a large selection of mostly Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, etc.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

South Staffordshire Ringers Visit South Herefordshire

The usual band of enthusiasts from Bushbury, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston, and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, spent half a day among some country towers south-west of Leominster on July 14th.

Thanks to the co-operation of Mr. Leslie Evans, a ring was enjoyed on the excellent eight at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Eardisland. These are an old six, since recast with two more added by John Taylor and Co. in 1953.

A Rudhall six of 1727 was next sampled at St. Michael's, Lyonshall. Of poor tone, they went quite well with a tenor of 12 cwt. in G. St. Mary's Church, Kington, has a ring of six with a tenor of 13 cwt. They not only went all their weight, but also the ringing is spoilt by the second being out of tune. They were originally a Minor five by Rudhall in 1736, a tenor was added in 1739, and finally a treble was cast by Evans in 1764.

There was originally a ring of five at St. Mary's, Eardisley, cast by Rudhall in 1708. A treble was added to them in 1887 by Mears and Stainbank, and now they are an excellent little six (tenor 8-1-27). We not only enjoyed the bells but also the enthusiastic welcome by the Vicar, who invited us to go again whenever we liked. At his suggestion we then called in at a meeting at Whitney, where the local band and the Vicar welcomed us. We enjoyed this lightish five, by W. Evans in 1740, but the fourth was recast by Blews in 1868.

It is a great pity there is no local band at all at St. Mary's, Clifford, for here we found amid fine scenery a very good eight (tenor 12-1-14). Once a ring of six, by Evans in 1736, the fifth and seventh bells were recast and two trebles added in 1897 by Mears and Stainbank.

Unfortunately at this point Jeffrey Webb had to leave us as the rain had well and truly 'set in,' and he had to travel back to Lichfield by motor cycle. However, we splashed our, by then, weary way on to the last tower. St. Nicholas', Norton Cannon. Here amid paraffin lamps we rang Doubles on the fair five (tenor 8¾ cwt.). Before Mears and Stainbank cast a tenor for them in 1904, these were a Minor four by Rudhall in 1769.

Home was reached at various times from midnight until 1.15 a.m.; all were wet, tired but contented. Methods rung during the day were Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent T.B. Minor, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, not to mention the St. Clement's Minor—a new venture for some. Many thanks to all who helped us gain access to the various towers. C. M. S.

THE TEACHING OF RINGING – 1

Following the acceptance by the Central Council of Miss Marie Cross's proposition as to the revision and supplementing of the booklet of 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' this subject is again topical.

But the consequential official action to be taken covers only part of the general requirement. The remaining part is indicated in the front page article of 'The Ringing World' for June 15th, 1956, by 'J. P. F.', entitled: 'Instruction or Destruction'; where he spotlights the core of the problem when he says: 'In a correctly-planned "Course of Instruction," instructors of several types (specialists in their respective spheres) would be needed.' This article seeks to show that such organisation is essential and practicable.

In the post-war development of ringing the importance of this aspect of training has become increasingly evident. To this fact one has been privileged to refer in these pages from time to time, more specifically perhaps in article No. III of the series, 'Topic for the Month,' in which was outlined a 'Manual of Instruction,' with a synopsis of contents, based on many years of experience and brought up to date with proved modern methods. (Vide 'R.W.' No. 2296 of April 1st, 1955.)

COMPETENT TUTORS THE BASIC REQUIREMENT

As St. Paul has reminded us, abilities and 'gifts' vary from one person to another. Not all ringers are brilliant conductors, nor even brilliant Surprise ringers, nor need they be, so long as they are good at some aspect of ringing, even if it be only well-struck rounds and call-changes for services; but we must have some who are good teachers of ringing, for they are as important as any in the Exercise.

It is generally understood nowadays that not everyone has or can have the faculty of being a successful teacher. Certain innate qualities, basically, are essential; but the most successful teachers are generally those who have been trained in the art of instructing. Fortunately we have many such in the Exercise today; though there are also others, untrained, who have the ability to dissect and set forth interestingly the subject matter, to spot and correct faults, and generally to get results.

RINGING INSTRUCTION FREQUENTLY FAULTY

But we have to face the fact, nevertheless, that comparatively few ringers have been and are being properly trained in the all-important initial stages. For the rest, their partial success obtains in spite of, rather than because of, their early 'instruction.' If *that* had been sound and complete (with checks and tests eliminating every one of the score or more of potential fault-sources, and with *adequate practice solo* in the acquisition of skills in bell-control and bell-sound recognition), before any attempt to ring 'open' with others, any success they have would have been the greater and the more rapidly achieved. And the proportion of successes would be far higher with the percentage of wastage in training far less. Altogether worth while, surely? What, then, is lacking?

An interesting appraisement may be taken by almost any ringer of his own early training, to show him whether it was all it might have been, by asking himself whether it included such items as the following (and the list is *not* exhaustive!):—

1. Proper introduction to the bell chamber and the ringing chamber with logical explanation of what is involved in the physical action of ringing; or a general familiarisation to promote intelligent understanding of what is to come.
2. The musical aspect—tone recognition and bell identification. (Full use of tapped handbells.)
3. Some appreciation of the elementary mechanics involved in ringing. (Fewer broken stays and 'frightened-off' pupils.)
4. Emphasis on rope-approach, on the stance and general attitude.
5. Release drill. (Elimination of rope injuries.)
6. Dummy action or handling motions on a 'lowered' bell-rope.
7. Introduction to rope-handling, in successive stages, and in logical stage-sequence, on a 'raised' bell-rope.
8. Bell-balancing, especially from the moment of pulling solo, and no 'open' ringing until this is up to 80 per cent. pulls.
9. Raising and lowering action taught in detail, solo, on a silenced bell. (To complete confidence in bell-handling.)
10. Positive indication of, and relentless checking of, the 20-odd common faults in approach and handling of a bell.
11. Learning of dodging, place-making, then hunting, on *few* bells silenced (four is probably the best for this), before being stood-in for, say, hunting the treble in 'open' method-ringing.
12. Questions of pupil and by pupil on handling and control.

Once again, the foregoing are merely typical.

THREE ESSENTIALS OF A PROPER SCHEME OF TRAINING

Experience has shown, beyond all doubt, that for the success that ought reasonably to be gained, at least three things are primarily essential:—

(*a*) A system of training demanding a minimum of recognised standards, available in print. (A Training Manual.)

(*b*) Training of tutors according to such a system.

(*c*) Examination and certification of tutors. (High standard.) The certificates or diplomas to be for the particular stage or stages of training in which they have qualified; of which stages there would be at least seven.

The question at once poses itself: How is this to be done, and who is to do it? Some may say: 'The Central Council.' But while the Central Council can set its 'seal of authority' on a work of some kind or on an achievement, and can depute committees to undertake special commissions (for example, of investigation or summarisation and report), yet it can hardly be expected to get down to detailed work amongst the rank and file of ringers everywhere. Such must be done, for example, territorially. Or it could be done by an organisation which, from a modest localised beginning, might spread (particularly through the help of the Council's official journal, 'The Ringing World') throughout the land; and, in showing its value by such growth, receive the cachet of the Council.

COURSES FOR INSTRUCTORS

Some years ago the Immediate Past Master of the Guild in the writer's territory discussed the possibility of courses of training for instructors. The idea had tremendous appeal, and it was visualised in the form of weekend conferences at a suitable centre, with lectures and demonstrations over two days; and the issue of a specially-prepared summarising pamphlet. Adequate board and lodging accommodation at reasonable cost was one of the main difficulties; and the scheme in that form seemed hardly practicable.

BIRTH OF A PLAN

Since then, persistent consideration of various other ideas has yielded a scheme which is considered to be practicable to initiate in a modest way, but which, nevertheless, could develop in snowball fashion. Eventually it might well produce a countrywide distribution of examined and certificated or licensed ringing tutors, with the consequential growing body of quality-trained and fault-free ringers. The primary object of all such training is to produce ringers of good style and a high degree of skill in handling and striking with precision. Such a scheme, in fact, is already in course of inception, and its success or failure will rest upon the support it gets It embraces the three essentials, (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) indicated above, and employs a system of training in the elementary stages identified as the 'Cathedral' system. A 'school' of 20 pupils is now well under way, with three student-tutors taking part in the course; and the scheme is being developed for administration in higher stages, with the issue of diplomas, as a 'College of Campanology.' To outline such development calls for consideration in some detail of those three 'essentials.'

THE 'BIBLE' OR TRAINING MANUAL

The first of these essentials is a standard of reference, by which the training can be 'streamlined' yet maintained at a recognised level of proficiency. In other words, a 'Manual of Training' is the No. I indispensable. Now it is said, and with truth, that there is always something more to be learned in ringing; and the vista of advancement may usefully be viewed in seven stages, forming the seven 'parts' of the Manual:

1. Bell Handling and Control and the elements of Method Ringing.
2. Method Structure and Theory.
3. Practical Method Ringing—Simple to Advanced.
4. Handbell Ringing.
5. Composition and Proof.
6. Calling and Conducting.
7. Historical.

It is envisaged that the various 'parts' will be compiled (or initially 'adopted' from extant publications) by one or more specialists in the particular subject matter of each Part. Additionally, where possible, the specialist knowledge and experience is to be combined with that of professional teaching, technical authorship and (most important) practical skill on the ringing side. The Parts are thus issuable in stages, each complete in itself; and though it may be some time yet before all seven Parts have been published (or announced as publications 'adopted' for inclusion), yet a start has already been made with Parts 1 and 2, which exist in a typescript synoptic form.

THE 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

The scheme detailed in Part 1 has been built up from combined experience extending over many years, and is distinguished as the 'Cathedral' system. It has proved particularly successful in its application to beginners; and its plan is designed to enable a ringer who wishes to become an instructor to go a long way towards his goal by self-study. The examination which should provide his College Diploma as a Tutor is, of course, based on the content of this Part. The material is highly detailed, carefully arranged in order of logical development, and gives reference to extant publications such as the Central Council's 'Hints, etc.,' Snowdon's 'Ropesight,' and others. Some ringers may be surprised at the high standard it demands in training and in execution; but the College is determined to aim at nothing less than the highest achievements in striking and general performance.

A. Y-B.

(Next week: The development of the scheme, and its place as a 'handmaid' to ringing societies.)

RINGERS' OUTINGS

GLOUCESTER GUILD

Our day started at Bodenham. A good rise was followed by Rounds and call-changes, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, and a very well struck touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor.

Leintwardine was the next stop and, typical of the tour manager's reputation, none of the party was surprised to find that the police had been forewarned of his intended presence in the area. However, after three of the elder members had offered to stand surety, and with the help of Mr. Hunt, this lovely eight were soon going to Grandsire Triples. After call-changes and a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, we enjoyed touches of Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples. Unfortunately, an attempt at Stedman Triples came to grief.

Following an excellent lunch at Leintwardine, we proceeded to Clun (Ivor Goulter's 300th), through beautiful countryside, where we again rang Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and call-changes. Again Stedman wouldn't go.

To Knighton for tea, after an hour on their very pleasant light eight, where we heard a very good touch of Plain Bob Triples. Despite an enormous tea, one of the party, female at that, boarded the 'bus to Old Radnor with 2 lb. each of apples and pears, and a coconut, and with the statement that she was still hungry proceeded to demolish the lot—well, nearly the lot!

At Old Radnor (David Beard's 415th) we soon raised their heavyish six and had touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor. Rounds and call-changes were followed by some Spliced Single Oxford, Plain and Little Bob Minor and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Homeward bound after a thoroughly enjoyable day, our thanks were due to all incumbents and tower captains for welcomes extended and the use of their bells, to Gannet (pronounced Janet) and Toothless Slash for laughter en route, and finally to our tour manager for a good job exceedingly well done. We all regretted that our chairman couldn't be with us due to holidays, and we all hope that Jesse (recently engaged) hasn't had too many sleepless nights after her conversations with an aged landlord.

Who was our tour manager? Why, Corby's lad, of course. GEOF.

SEND, SURREY

The young ringers of Send held their first annual outing on July 7th. Two coaches gathered ringers and other friends from surrounding parts and the party was soon heading for the eight at Billingshurst, Sussex.

Thakeham was the next stop, and several people seemed to have the idea of ringing peals there at a later date! As Worthing drew near, a mist appeared, and so those with bathing costumes hastily packed them away again, except for one bright spark, who was determined to take a plunge, whilst most of the party tried to hide in wind-free corners to eat their sandwiches.

On to West Tarring and then to Heene, where we found the bells had just been rung down. An excellent high tea was provided in Heene Church Hall. Back in Surrey again, the six at Capel were put to good use, everyone being pleased to see Mr. Bob Andrews having a pull for the first time for 18 months. It was noticed, however, that the King's Head had for some a greater attraction than the church.

Thanks are due to the various incumbents, to the ringers who met us, and also to Mr. S. Strudwick, the organiser of the pleasant day's outing. E. A. H.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET

Ringers from Durleigh and Wembdon, accompanied by their friends and relations, set out on July 7th for their fourth annual outing. These outings seem to have become so popular that this year more people than the number of seats available wanted to go.

Before crossing the boundary into Dorset, a stop was made for coffee at Yeovil, and then the party proceeded to Evershot, where the six bells (tenor 7¼ cwt.) were soon 'risen' and set going to various touches. Lunch at an inn in Grimstone preceded the journey to Abbotsbury (6, tenor 12 cwt.), reached after an unexpected, roundabout route, through foggy countryside.

Ringing at St. Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis, was thoroughly enjoyed. Tea was followed by a break of about two hours for sightseeing and several of the party were lucky in having a boat trip around a submarine in the bay. On account of an early departure, Chardstock (Devon), the last tower of the day, was reached rather early, and extra touches were added to the programme.

Touches during the day included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Doubles and Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Many thanks are due to all those who helped arrange the outing and to those who welcomed the party to the various churches, which were greatly admired by everyone. G. R. M.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH

The annual outing of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch on July 14th was one of the best ever. Twenty-seven members and friends from 11 towers had to be collected up so an early start was necessary.

Worcestershire was to be visited, and the first stop was Eldersfield, with a very good six. At Malvern Priory (8) a learner had broken the stay of the third a few hours before, but we were warned and rung it to Grandsire and Stedman without a stay, and the beginners had rounds.

Malvern Link proved to be another good eight, and between there and Hanley Swan we stopped at Guarlford, where some grabbed an extra tower, or should it be *tree*, for the one bell is hung from a branch of a fir tree in the churchyard. Is this the only one in this country?

Upton-upon-Severn were the next eight after the six at Hanley Swan, and the last tower was Longdon (6), where we had the best striking of the day. A number of the ringers had been on the sick list, not having rung for several months, so it was a great day for them.

An excellent lunch was taken at Great Malvern, and after tea at Upton-upon-Severn the Rev. Mr. Peel, Branch chairman, expressed the thanks of all to Miss M. Drew for such a well-arranged outing, and to Ronnie Cox for guiding the coach driver and thus saving much time. C. R.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX

The St. John's, Loughton, Essex, ringers enjoyed a pleasant journey into three counties for their annual outing on June 30th. They were joined by ringing friends from Hornchurch, Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow, Wanstead, and one from Lichfield Cathedral.

The first stop was at Hemel Hempstead, Herts, where, after a slight delay, half-an-hour's ringing was enjoyed on this eight with a tenor of 19 cwt. Meanwhile, non-ringers admired the fine Norman work with which St. Mary's Church is blessed.

A lighter ring was found at Linslade (tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.). Ringing over, a move was made into Leighton Buzzard where an excellent lunch was enjoyed. Perhaps the highlight of the day was when the ringers of Loughton, Essex, rang for the village fair at Loughton, Bucks. Despite the tenor at All Saints' Church being badly out of tune, the novelty of the occasion made a strong appeal.

Woburn, Bedfordshire, is well known for its Abbey and deer park, but it was the Church of St. Mary, with its famed ring of eight (tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.), that attracted the visitors, who made full use of the bells. The last tower visited was Redbourn, Herts, but before ringing the party sat down to a very good tea. Thus fortified, they enjoyed the fine six bells (tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.).

The sincere thanks of all who took part in the outing are expressed to Mr. D. Riley, who so ably organised the trip, and also to the incumbents and those who met the party.

HORNCHURCH

One ringers' outing is very much like the other, and the same may be said of all the reports of such outings—weather, comments on the bells and countryside, methods rung, etc., etc. Indeed the remark was made in the Hornchurch coach on July 14th: 'I see the usual outing reports are appearing in the 'R.W.'—pretty dull reading!'

Hornchurch were out on July 14th and visited Biggleswade, Huntingdon, Godmanchester, Barkway and Hertford. We have no criticisms to make—we enjoyed the ringing everywhere, and appreciated the very sincere welcome we received at all towers, and all the efforts made on our behalf by a variety of people.

As a change from the usual comments on the 'go,' etc., here are two suggestions for those who are contemplating more or less the same route: Barkway is an excellent stop for tea (The Cross Keys), and if it's a convivial hour that is required, well, try the Pied Bull Inn, Stanstead Abbots.

Sorry about the advertising, Mr. E., but this is a report meant to convey our thanks and to be helpful—I hope we've succeeded.

F. V. G.

BECCLES

On July 21st about 25 ringers and friends from Beccles, Bursham, Lowestoft, Loddon and Norton Subcourse spent an enjoyable day in the Bury St. Edmunds district.

After an early start, ringing commenced on the grand eight at Stowmarket (tenor 24 cwt.), where we were met by a local ringer. Good touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Grandsire Triples were rung. Our next tower was St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, where the good eight (tenor 28¼ cwt.) were thoroughly enjoyed and some good Stedman Triples were rung.

After an excellent lunch we journeyed to Horringer, where ringing on this light eight (tenor 9 cwt.) was well up to standard. Tea was followed by a visit to the glorious ten (tenor 30 cwt.) in the detached tower of Bury St. Edmunds' Cathedral. These fine bells were rung to a variety of methods during the evening and we were joined by a few local ringers. The day's ringing concluded with an excellent course of Stedman Caters.

The thanks of the party go to all those who met us, the clergy and to Mr. E. R. Coate for arranging the outing so well. T. N. J. B.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Ridgway 1, R. H. Howson 2, F. Vickers 3, I. Dicken 4, K. Perkins 5, G. E. Green 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, F. C. Case 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Ivy Ballard and Mr. William Alfred Yates, who were married the same day at St. James' Church, Paulers Pury.

ST. MICHAEL'S, MAIDSTONE, BELLS RING AGAIN

By E. S. JOHN HATCHER, Secretary, Kent County Association

THE bells of the Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, Maidstone, have been silent for a very long time. Kent County Association reports reveal that a local band existed up to 1932, but thereafter its membership lapsed. Why this should have been is a question of legendary fame, and it would be a pity to dispel all sense of mystery. The bells themselves may provide a clue, for instead of being a normal six lacking trebles to make the octave (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8), they are the middle six (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7). The 8-bell frame with two vacant places suggests a motive; the parishioners were perhaps expected to react to the sound of their bells by subscribing the necessary funds to complete the octave. This gambit failed; indeed the contrary effect somehow resulted and ringing ceased altogether.

In pre-war years ringing in the Maidstone District was in the doldrums, and when the war-time ban on ringing was lifted a new beginning had to be made. This had the declared aim of rebuilding bands in all towers and achieving complete Association membership. Year by year steady progress was made, and the number of towers still to come under the influence of this revigoration grew smaller. Among such towers was St. Michael's.

After the present Vicar, the Rev. F. H. V. Fordham, came to the parish, however, it was not long before encouraging signs began to appear. A garden fete was held in aid of the Tower Fund (was the structure unsafe?); the church clock was repaired (helping his father do this was a keen ringer from St. Peter's, Aylesford); certain young people of St. Michael's developed a strong curiosity to 'have a go' at ringing (one of whom joined in the traditional custom of ringing out the old year); and it seemed that fair winds were beginning to blow.

Then came Mr. P. M. Town, of Linton, who has captivated our interest by his superb enthusiasm, and has brought a freshness of outlook which is an inspiration. Within a very short time he has brought back life to the belfry of St. Nicholas', Linton. Evidence of Mr. Town's efforts was contained in a letter to 'The Belfry' (the Maidstone District quarterly magazine), appealing for the loan of bellropes, and it was my great thrill to go along one evening to ring the bells silent. There I found ringers from Linton and Loose (a neighbouring 3-bell tower also under Mr. Town's wing), as well as three or four from St. Michael's whose instruction in bell-control had already begun.

So the time at last came for the bells to ring out again, and on July 16th a representative group of ringers met by invitation, including R. L. Sills (Wrotham), A. Waddington (Egerton), W. R. Manser (Barming), L. Mannering (All Saints', Maidstone), P. Carter (West Malling), D. Bowyer (Aylesford), S. A. Hayzelden (East Farleigh) and G. F. Cantrill (Bearsted). The Vicar, Mr. Town, and a host of young people of St. Michael's welcomed us, and in church together Father Fordham outlined the legendary history of the bells, and paid warm tribute to Mr. Town and all who had helped prepare for this important occasion.

Father Fordham then led prayers for all aspects of the ringer's calling, and for the witness of the bells. In the ringing chamber, after the press photographer had gone into action, the bells were expertly raised in peal, followed by a touch of Stedman Doubles, a course of Cambridge Surprise and, previous to the attempt at a 720 of Double Court, other ringers who had come along were invited to ring. Before, inadvertently, it came to grief, the Double Court was struck with perfection, and opinion was that, despite their unusual music, the bells did not lack a certain charm of their own, and certainly no one could reasonably object to them.

What a merry throng crowded the Vicarage for refreshments after the ringing, and not unnaturally handbells were soon in evidence. It was quite late before final goodnights were exchanged.

The future? Well, we all share Father Fordham's wish that St. Michael's will soon be the possessor of a keen band of ringers, loyal to their own tower, and yet playing an active part in the wider fellowship of the belfry. Building a new band is not an easy task, but one which is very worth while and which we are confident will be achieved.

After their night out the bells have their tongues lashed into silence again, and teaching is going forward with zeal under Mr. Town's supervision, with all the help the Association through its members can give. Just when service ringing begins must depend on the rate of progress, and this should be a strong incentive to the young recruits.

The bells will, it is hoped, ring again on Saturday, October 13th, the day of the Maidstone annual District meeting, and it is certain that many will seize this early opportunity for adding St. Michael's to their list of towers.

Good luck, St. Michael's. Thank you, Mr. Town.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM T. POWELL

The ringers of Wednesbury, Staffs., regret to hear of the passing of Mr. W. T. Powell ('Old Bill'). Although only 70 years of age, he suffered a great deal during the last four years after a serious operation.

He learned to pull a bell at St. Paul's, after being in the choir as a boy. At the age of about 24 he went up to Leeds and met Mr. P. Johnson, who taught him the art of change ringing. From there he went to work at Warners Bell Foundry in London; then, after about five years, he came back to Wednesbury, where he made himself useful, both as a Sunday Service ringer and in care and attention of the bells, especially at St. Paul's, where he put in new gudgeons after being turned at Edward Elwell Ltd. Although the bells were installed in 1887, the 'go' of the bells are quite good now, due to the work put in by 'Old Bill.'

The ringers of Wednesbury and District express their deepest sympathy to his widow and children.

A quarter peal of Stedman was attempted a few days after the funeral, but was lost.

E. M.

QUARTER PEALS

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Brown (first quarter) 1, E. E. Matthews 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. Newman 4, H. Wood 5, R. A. Brown 6. Rung for the 18th birthday of the conductor, and for Evensong.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. C. Woodword (first of Triples) 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury and 300 Grandsire): A. Henman 1, M. Blason 2, J. Kightley 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. Henman 5.

LATE NOTICE

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Northchurch (8), Aug. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 8th to Mr. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch. 8721

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BIRTH

WEAVER.—On July 27th, 1956, at Worthing Hospital, to Florence, wife of Henry C. Weaver, a son (Mark), a brother for John and David.

ENGAGEMENT

DEEM—HILL. — The engagement is announced between Cyril Charles, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Deem, 2, New Cottages, Littleham, Exmouth, Devon, and Daphne Edith, youngest daughter of Mr. E. Hill, 9, Carter Avenue, Exmouth, Devon. 8690

SILVER WEDDING

BEAMISH—LEWIS. — Arthur Henry to Dorothy Eva at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on August 3rd, 1931, by Rev. J. A. B. Davies. 8693

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CLOUSTON. The address of Ranald W. M. Clouston is now 38, Gainsborough Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. 8697

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The new address of the Hon. Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, Mr. J. W. V. Sinfield, is now Malmsey House, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, near Dunstable, Beds.

CANCELLATION

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The Ely District meeting at March arranged for August 4th has been **cancelled.**—R. J. Housden.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in August.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8619

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck. 8686

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—Sunday and practice ringing cancelled during August. Recommencing Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 5.45, and practices Friday, Sept. 7th, 8 p.m. Regularly weekly thereafter. All ringers invited and welcomed. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 8691

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8675

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8676

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal Chart, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Seal (6) also available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 8641

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Bank Holiday Monday, August 6th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 8655

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Hall. 8649

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Redhill, Thursday, Aug. 9th, 7.15 p.m. 8706

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Blunham on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) 3. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 8705

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Meeting, Bridlington Priory Church, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Please notify Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 8716

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Ringing, Woodchurch (6 bells), Aug. 11th, 3 p.m. Service, Moreton (4 bells), 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by Wednesday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8715

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting at Ilmington, Saturday, Aug. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 8th, please. —H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 8665

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Aug. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 8th, to Mr. N. Elliott, 18, Mersey Road, Gateshead. Method: Double Norwich. 8694

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Joint meeting, East Grinstead, Aug. 11th. Names for tea to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. Bassett, I. Butcher, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Aug. 11th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Farm, Pirbright, Surrey. — C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8717

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Saturday, Aug. 11th, 3 p.m., Standon. Names for tea to Mr. J. Little, New Street, Standon.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8720

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Whaplode, near Spalding, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Aug. 7th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 8667

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—J. F. Turner. 8714

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour (8), Saturday, Aug. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8682

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Kirby Bellars, Aug. 11th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. (Melton 723.) 8700

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Southgate on Saturday, Aug. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 8689

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury and Reading Branches. — Practice at Aldermaston on Saturday, Aug 11th, at 6 p.m.—P. A. Gaunt and R. G. Burton. 8692

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Aug. 11th, Stamford St. Martin's. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, essential by Aug. 7th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8711

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A general meeting at Wingfield (6), Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 8th. Business: Election of a new District Secretary.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 8712

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Joint meeting with EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by previous Wednesday, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8709

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting, Billingshurst, on Aug. 11th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. Wood, Nyewood, Station Road, Billingshurst.—W. L. Weller. 8695

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Atcham, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 8687

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 18th, Christ Church, Consett. Names to R. Oliver, Aldington, Park Terrace, Castleside, Consett. 8710

LADIES' GUILD. — Kent Branch. — Meeting at Walmer on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, **with cash,** by Wednesday, August 15th, please, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters. 8707

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Summer meeting, King's Bromley, Aug 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 8698

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Kirkby Moorside (6), Aug. 18th. Bells from 3. Names for tea, by Aug. 16th, to Alan Rutter, River View, Keldholme, Kirkby Moorside. Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8713

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Preliminary Notice. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 15th, at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. Full details later, but please book date now.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8703

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A coach will be available to convey members to the general meeting at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 15th, leaving Leeds at 1.45 p.m.; fare 6s. 6d. For further details and reservations please communicate with the undersigned as soon as possible.—A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey. 8696

STEDMAN COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The Ely Association will hold a dinner, to commemorate the 325th anniversary of Stedman's birth, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge. Ringing during the afternoon; times to be announced later. Tickets by remitting 11s. 6d. to H. S. Peacock, 8, Rosrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 8699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Book this date now: the Association Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the Corn Exchange, Rochester. Tickets 8s. 6d., available now. The 1956 annual report is out, price 2s. (2s. 4d., post paid), containing names of all members.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 8680

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THE BEAST IN THE BELFRY

IT is quite impossible to divide the Belfrymen into types, as the Belfrywomen may be divided: every male ringer is, of course, Unique. Still, it seems to the writer, in spite of dark threats from masculine acquaintances, that some are so much more Unique than others that they would serve as models for young bell-ringers who aspire to becoming Personalities or Specialists.

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The Tower-Grabber is another Unique ringer—a likeable man on the whole. The fairies were at his christening and bestowed on him the gift of being able to talk himself out of and into any situation: 'It's all right, I know the vicar here—nice old boy—at least his gardener was one of my sergeants during the war—here, Tom, if I stand on your shoulder, I can smash that pane and reach the catch—bit high for a ground-floor ring, isn't it?—fetch one of the choirboys' cassocks, Bill, there'll be some in the vestry. I'll tie it to one of the bars and haul the rest of you up. Now don't say I ever fail to get you boys a tower—it's in the bag! Here, don't forget to take the chimes off—we don't want to do any damage.'

A collector of another kind is the Peal-Hunter:—

'Well, I don't know about you chaps, but I'm going to have a bit of a job to get my hundred in this year. Harry Gamp's well up in the forties now, and it's only May. Suppose we fix up a couple of handbell peals in my pottingshed on Thursday and Friday, then on Saturday afternoon, some of us can cycle over to Diddlebury and try for the first peal since the rehanging. That local chap who rings the Sanctus for service can bump the tenor. Saturday evening we'll fix up an 88th birthday peal for Old Grimes at Warlock. I hear he's in bed with arthritis, but we'll get him up for the occasion. I haven't much in mind for Sunday; unless anyone wants to ring a peal for morning service; that'll mean 7.30 here in the belfry—all right?'

The Instructor is a notable man. A brisk, neat person, he believes in encouraging young ringers: 'Oh, aye, lad, a nice-sounding touch—but false, you know—false as all get out. Mind you, I admire your spirit. When I was your age, I'd never have dreamt of calling touches with all these experienced ringers standing round — let alone false touches. You'll mend, lad, you'll mend. All you want's a bit of help and advice from someone with the know-how; mind and call your bobs a blow earlier, and strike wider at back, and steer clear of false touches, and you'll improve past all knowing.'

He has a brother, the Veteran, who also specialises in advice to young hopefuls: 'Now I don't pretend to be a tip-top ringer, but I'm always willing to give young folks a hand and, in my opinion, the man who doesn't isn't worth twopence. But I don't approve of young folks overreaching themselves, and you can overdo all this Delight and Surprise. And I can't say I like a young ringer pushing himself forward, that won't take a word in season from his elders, and calls "Go, Stedman," and then "Bob," before everyone's had a chance to get his breath and settle down.'

Under the shadow of a mighty university, the writer dares not say much about the College Lad, a fine young flower forced into premature bloom, in a hothouse atmosphere, producing wonderful effects, but often, alas, fading untimely into marriage, a career, or similar disasters; nor about his relative, the Bright Spark, who leaps into the belfry on a practice night: 'Look here, let's ring Bumblebee Disgrace — it's simple! St. Clement's when treble's behind, Superlative when treble leads, and Grandsire singles at both ends when treble's in the middle!'

There are, of course, other Unique Belfrymen, but perhaps the examples quoted are sufficient models for rising young ringers.

D. R. C.

TEN BELL PEAL

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	†RICHARD E. G. LUTON	6
ALBERT DISERENS	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	7
ERIC SUTTON	3	†PETER ANGER	8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	9
IVOR GOULTER	5	ELI VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER... Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung to welcome the new curate (Rev. J. G. Poargh) and a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. A. R. Peake.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
PETER BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method away from the treble.
A 21st birthday compliment to Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
WILLIAM THONLEY	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*JOHN HALLIWELL	*Treble*	THOMAS WILSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	6
*JAMES SKEATS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
HARRY ANDERTON	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
ANN BARR	3	EDWARD MALIN	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

*HILLARY MUIRHEAD	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
†F. BRIAN COOKSON	2	J. DESMOND PAINTER	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. The last peal on the old bells before recasting and rehanging.

HATHERLEIGH, DEVON.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Treble*	CHARLES SANGWIN	5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	2	*DAVID N. PENROSE	6
ARTHUR F. BURLEY	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the bells.
The conductor's 150th peal for the Guild, and 190th peal.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5072 GADEBRIDGE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
WALTER AYRE	2	GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	7
*PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 50th peal and 25th peal together. 50th peal on the bells, which have been eight since 1758. The conductor has rung in 29 of these and conducted 24.
The first peal in the method, which is No. 240 in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major methods.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	*Treble*	DENNIS HOLLAND	5
*SUSAN CHADDOCK (13)	2	PETER LONGLEY	6
*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK (15)	3	BARRY HOLLAND	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. 100th peal as conductor by their father.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Shirley Bampton, ringer at this church, and Mr. Jack Carver.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*DANIEL PHILLIPS	*Treble*	HERBERT F. LASKEY	5
†RAYMOND W. BALLS	2	WALTER FORD	6
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	3	§WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	7
‡ARTHUR S. BROTHERS	4	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Major in the method on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Major. § First peal of Major in the method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*JOAN K. BROWN	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal of Surprise.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

PETER F. ROMNEY	*Treble*	JAMES H. LILLEY	5
HENRY STALHAM	2	HERBERT S. JAMES	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
ALBERT W. BOND	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HARRISON. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
The band is indebted to the Vicar, Rev. F. E. Walker, for consenting to allow ringing to continue during short evensong, thereby making the attempt possible.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*PATRICK A. BARTLETT	*Treble*	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	*ERNEST H. JEFFERIES	6
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	LLEWELYN J. SLY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to John Hope.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

A. EDWARD LEGGETT	*Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
*MRS. LESLIE MILLS	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
DONALD L. MILLS	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	7
†JANET M. SPURGIN	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' † First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor's parents.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*FRED PRITCHARD	*Treble*	†COLIN ASHWORTH	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	‡GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	6
†PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	GEOFFREY MILLS	7
†RONALD CRIER	4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* 25th peal for the Association. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

LAMBETH, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST WITH ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES A. HALES	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	6
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	3	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	7
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	4	FRANK R. L. BLEWER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM D. GRAINGER.
Rung to commemorate the 25th wedding anniversary of the Vicar, Rev. E. V. and Mrs. Rhys; the 79th birthday of the ringer of the 2nd, Master of the Association; and the second birthday of Andrew and Janet Bullock, twin children of the ringer of the 6th. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 34 years.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	*DEREK P. JONES	5
PHILIP MEHEW	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
STEWART F. W. KIMBER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 150th peal. First peal of Yorkshire on the new bells. The conductor's 500th peal, conducted 267 and rung in 421 towers
Rung on the eve of St. Olave's Day.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
LESLIE D. DUGURD	4	CHARLES H. KIPPEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPEN.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
JOAN K. BROWN	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMITAGE TROLLOPE. Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.
*First peal of Major. † 300th peal for the Guild (conducted 149).
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John O. Lancashire; also a birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*PAMELA J. PEARSON	*Treble*	IVOR R. NICHOLLS	5
*SHELAGH K. SEERY	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the parents of the treble ringer.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
WALTER H. DOBBIE	3	RALPH BIRD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES W. FORDER	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	4
GODFREY G. WALPOLE	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
Rung to mark the centenary of the birth of Sir Henry Rider Haggard, K.B.E., the famous novelist, who was born on June 24th, 1856, and spent much of his life in the parish.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising five methods, being three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew (two callings), and April Day (three callings), four extents Plain Bob (four callings), six extents Reverse Canterbury (four callings), and 26 extents Grandsire (six callings).
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*BERNICE A. MANNING	*Treble*	REGINALD J. STRETTON	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	BRIAN R. MANNING	5
†EDWIN WALKLATE (12)	3	PETER J. SKINNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Average age of band 16½ years.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

VERNON GREEN	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	4
*MICHAEL HALLETT	2	TOM SMITH	5
†CLIVE HOLLOWAY	3	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.
* First peal. † First peal in two Minor methods 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to Vernon Green, who is leaving Oxford.

TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Bembrose School, Derby, Society.)
On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 8 callings (C.C.C. Nos. 165-172).
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN WALKLATE	*Treble*	REGINALD J. STRETTON	4
JOHN F. MURFIN	2	PETER J. SKINNER	5
DAVID K. WALKLATE	3	*CHARLES REPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association. All are pupils of Bemrose School, Derby

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A flat.

*ANNE E. AMOR	*Treble*	BRYAN F. SIMS	4
C. HENRY HARDING	2	PETER J. SHIPTON	5
JOHN B. LONG	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First attempt for peal.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., July 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*ROY COLLINS	*Treble*	*HAZEL L. HANCOCK	4
*DAVID G. WRIGHT	2	DUGULD M. MACPHERSON	5
†EUNICE A. HILEY	3	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of Guildford, the Rt. Rev. Ivor Stanley Watkins.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 24 extents Grandsire, 2 extents Plain Bob, 4 extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 8 extents of April Day. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN F. MURFIN	*Treble*	†KENNETH S. FAULKNER	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	REGINALD J. STRETTON	5
BRIAN R. MANNING	3	*PETER S. B. KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. † First peal in five methods.
Rung for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PERCY D. BALDOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 50th tower in which to ring a peal.

HONITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sun., July 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being eighteen 240's (8 callings) and six 120's (5 callings).
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALAN HODGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BAKER	4
CHARLES MANLEY	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
CHRISTOPHER WEBB	3	JOHN REAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.
First peal on the bells. Rung for evening service.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court and St Clement's, two extents of Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EUNICE D. OVEREND	*Treble*	*PETER J. H. WYCHERLEY	4
ADRIAN P. BECK	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
*GWILYN SALMON	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal in more than one method of Minor.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being five extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. TURNER	4
REGINALD BEALE	2	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
First peal in two methods on the bells.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*DAPHNE POLLARD	*Treble*	ROBERT A. REEVES	4
M. JO ROPER	2	MARIE R. CROSS	5
*WILLIAM IVINGS	3	JOHN H. GREGORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.
* First peal.
Rung in appreciation of the work done by Mr. E. Pearson during his 25 years as secretary of the Banbury Branch. Also for the thirteenth birthday of the treble ringer.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, also one extent of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES COFFEY	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	4
ALBERT W. STONE	2	DEREK TAYLOR	5
†DEREK F. YATES	3	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Bartholomew and Grandsire, and three 240's of Pitman's Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	3
ROLAND H. COOK	2	ALFRED H. HINMAN	4
J. HARRY COOK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ann Hinman, daughter of Mr. A. E. Hinman, also to Mr. Ernest Morris.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods. St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in eight methods.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Willders, 43, Carr Street, Lincoln, on their eleventh wedding anniversary.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE TRENDELL	*Treble*	FRANK ROPER	4
ROBERT LINDSELL	2	JOHN WARNER	5
KEITH WILLIAMSON	3	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung after the wedding of Mr. John Wiffen to Miss Marie Townsend, the bridegroom being the son of Mr. G. Wiffen, a Braintree ringer.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising eight extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and Plain Bob, and 18 Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

*MONICA BARRETT	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY R. DREW	4
ROY WOODRUFF	2	WALTER LEE	5
DONALD G. WHEELER	3	*RICHARD BIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY WOODRUFF.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRCH IN RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN THE NAVE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 HEREWARD COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH.

First peal in the method by ali the band. No calls made

Rung on the Feast of St. James the Great for the Patronal Festival.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor side 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The conductor's 50th peal this year.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, June A. Grieveson 2, R. D. Brown 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June A. Grieveson 1, H. W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, D. H. Paine 4, R. D. Brown (first as cond.) 5, Diane M. Gough 6.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 Spliced Plain and Reverse Canterbury, 480 Reverse Canterbury and 240 Plain Bob): Miss B. A. Manning 1, E. Walklate 2, Miss J. G. Draper 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, A. Whiting 5, B. R. Manning 6. For morning service.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. H. Cook 2, A. E. Hinman 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, J. Day 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. L. Toon (secretary to the P.C.C. and Sunday School superintendent) and Mrs. Toon on the birth of their grandson (Stephen).

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On July 28th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, D. Frith (cond.) 3, R. Reid 4, K. Ketteringham 5, B. Hunt 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to James I. Proctor and Shirley M. Hulley.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pole 1, P. D. Wells 2, C. Lynch 3, O. Castleman 4, J. P. Kesterton 5, A. Skinner 6, N. O. Abell (first as cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (420 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints' and Grandsire; all different callings): Mrs. F. Laughton 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, J. J. Partridge 3, R. Line (cond.) 4, N. Line 5. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. N. C. Abbott and Miss B. Blundell.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Popplewell 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, H. B. Schofield 3, F. Rayment 4, M. J. Thurmott 5, D. R. Marshall 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, T. Peddler 8. For evening service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on July 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): Mrs. E. Philpott 1, P. Newing 2, J. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, C. R. Godfrey 2, Miss B. Wright 3, A. Cope 4, J. D. Holden (cond.) 5, E. E. Speake 6, K. W. Knowles 7, F. Holden 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Baker (76), the oldest member of the local band.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope (cond.) 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, W. A. Godwin 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 5, P. A. Bartlett (first of Triples) 6, R. E. W. Wenban 7, R. Pearson 8. Rung for the conductor's 80th birthday.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Thomson 1, B. Foster 2, E. Chapman 3, D. Pearson 4, A. Frost 5, J. King 6, B. Cope 7, M. King (first as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss B. King to Mr. L. Page.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Dart 1, W. Richins 2, W. Scudamore 3, H. Tayson 4, T. Walters 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Bristol.

MERROW, SURREY.—On July 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosamund A. May 1, Jill Lane (first away from tfeble) 2, Jillian H. Wilson 3, A. Pamela Warren (conducted first 660) 4, John A. Etherington (conducted last 660) 5, G. M. Battersby 6. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (4 six-score of April Day and 6½ of Plain Bob): Jane Lewis 1, Mary Powell 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, Rosemary Strong 4, L. Derrick 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell 1, C. Rothwell 2, Miss S. Higham 3, R. Bagnall 4, A. Lomas 5, R. Tompkins 6, B. Rothwell (cond.) 7, C. F. Jones 8. Rung to congratulate Miss S. Higham and Mr. J. Somers on their recent engagement.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles: (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): C. H. Kinch (cond.) 1, E. G. Jones 2, L. J. Baldock 3, L. A. Busby 4, J. W. Eustace 5. Rung for the gift of a daughter (Janet Phyliss) to Mr. and Mrs. C. East.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. D. Acott 1, G. T. Acott 2, G. A. Godfrey 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. S. King 5, H. Wolley 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Angela Acott, daughter of the treble ringer and niece of the second ringer.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Amor 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, J. Bilby 4, J. Lucas 5, C. Butcher 6, F. Penn 7, D. Roberts 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Ll. Edwards on the occasion of the last service before his retirement from the ministry.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On July 10th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: V. Sheppard 1, J. Riley 2, C. Gardiner 3, J. Wood 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. First in the method for all and in Africa.

THE TEACHING OF RINGING – II.

Last week's instalment concluded with a note on the first of the three essentials for a successful scheme of training; namely, a standard manual of instruction; and it referred to the 'Cathedral' system of training, as included in Part I. of the 'Manual of Training' of the College of Campanology. This Part of the Manual also contains material on Principles of Teaching.

REMAINING PARTS, AND PUBLICATION (?)

Some thought has been given to the content and form of the remaining Parts; but the specialist co-operation in their compilation is yet to be sought and included. As indicated, certain extant publications can be adopted (i.e., recommended by the College) as standard references for and substitute content for some of the Parts thus: Part II. A work on Method Structure is being compiled, but certain works may be adopted meanwhile, e.g., Snowdon's 'Treatise on Treble Bob—Part I.' and others. For Part III. several works are meanwhile available, but much additional analytical matter is needed to present a correlated study of methods for the actual ringing of them. For Part IV. there exists the Central Council's 'Change Ringing on Handbells' and other published references. For Part V. there is the Central Council's 'Mysteries Unveiled' (Parker) and 'Variation and Transposition' (Trollope) and other references; but here again an exposition of general principles of composition is needed and expert co-operation is intended to be sought. A Corrigan publication on the Half-Lead System of Proof exists and there are other references also. For Part VI. there is the Central Council's 'On Conducting' by Wilfred G. Wilson, and additional expert views are intended to be incorporated. For Part VII. a number of published references are available, and other expert help is to be sought. Generally speaking, no serious obstacle to the compilation of the Manual is foreseen, but its publication is another matter.

It is part of the scheme of things, as discussed below, that a copy must be available to each student-tutor for self-study; that is to say a copy of any material that is not available in already-published form. Copies must be available also to tutors and examiners of the College. It is also a basic principle that in the whole enterprise there should be no possibility of private profit-making. As far as possible it must be self-supporting, though financial demands (if any) upon its pupils must be at a minimum. Initial courses in Part I. will employ the few typescript copies that are to be available: but as the organisation of the work of the College develops and, it is hoped, local centres of courses and certification of members of the College spread further afield, wide publication of the material will be needed.

A SOLUTION

In the previous article an indication was given of a solution to this problem, which is largely one of initial finance. If the Editor and his committee approve, the matter of Part I. of the Manual can be published serially in these pages. Apart from the general interest in what is going on, and how the College is handling this early training of the ringers of the future, to be tutors for those who will follow on, there will be many, no doubt, who will welcome some guidance on how to set about teaching beginners. In any event, the prime aim is to give the benefits (being derived from the operation of this scheme) to the Exercise as a whole. Consideration of the second and third essentials (as follows) will add emphasis to this point.

TRAINING OF TUTORS

This second essential of the plan is really the crux of the whole matter. This is probably the right moment to indicate a vital point and perhaps forestall a possible misconception as to the function of the College. In no sense whatever is it intended to usurp or override the functions of any existing ringing bodies or organisations. On the other hand one of its main objects (detailed below) is the training of tutors of ringing and their **certification as properly qualified** tutors; and to a high and universally recognised standard that is acceptable to the sternest critics. It is considered that only out of the achievement of such an objective will come the really well-trained ringers of the future. Why? Because it has been repeatedly noted that increasing distractions from and decreasing leisure for the learning of ringing are forcing the incompetent instructor right out of business.

MAHOMET TO THE MOUNTAIN

In the previous article it was stated that the original idea of student-tutors coming to a training centre in every case was eventually considered impracticable. No scheme of training, however, can be completely successful without some measure of personal guidance from the teacher to his pupils. So in this scheme 'Mahomet goes to the mountain.' And it works out this way:—In a district where tuition in ringing is to be introduced, and there is no possible provision of such by the local ringing authority, or again, where a potential instructor is in need of advice or of a refresher course, application can be made to the Registrar of the College for information of its scheme of training, in the particular stage or Part to be undertaken.

Particulars as required, together with an enrolment form, are sent; and on the form's completion and return the appropriate Part of the Manual is despatched with instructions for its **preliminary** study. At an arranged date a tutor on the register of the College (one within a day-return journey) visits the applicant's tower and gives a talk and demonstration to the student-tutor and his ringing pupils; particularly on the applied use of the Manual-Part in directing their training.

The student-tutor then carries on for a given period, working from the Manual. A second or 'check' visit is then paid by the College tutor, principally to check faults and to assess progress, also to give a 'dummy' test. Later, by arrangement, the candidate takes the examination (as explained below) for his diploma. Once on the register of the College, this new tutor is available for spreading the work further afield, from his district as a base. The aim is that in this way the distribution of qualified members of the College will become such that one is available, within a day-return journey, of almost any place in the land. (Meanwhile ringers of standing in a number of widespread districts are to be invited to accept appointment as honorary examiners to the College.)

Initially, until the distribution of registered tutors has reached that stage, some tutors will no doubt be willing to give more 'distant' services; especially if some contribution were made towards their (considerable) out-of-pocket expenses, by a group of learners clubbing together in the 'remote' area. The visiting tutor would then devote the whole of a week-end, say, to the travelling and the work, which would include a short series of talks punctuated by demonstrations to both tutor trainees and ringing pupils. Indeed, territorial associations unable to provide their own instructors could obtain expert help in this way, particularly if the usual grant towards expenses were paid.

EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

To explain the process of this third 'essential,' it is necessary to say a word or two about the organisation of the College of Campanology. Its objects may be stated as including:—

1. The teaching of ringing practice (and theory) according to developed principles and generally accepted standards and in the primary stages particularly as exemplified in the 'Cathedral' system of tuition.

2. The compilation and maintenance in up-to-date material and methods, of a College 'Manual of Training,' issuable in 'Parts'; each Part prepared with the assistance of recognised experts in the particular subject matter treated, including the Cathedral system.

3. The pursuit of research into the theory of method structure and of composition and the history of the art of ringing.

4. The training of tutors, to rigorous standards, in the use of the Cathedral system, with the object of raising and maintaining the standard of ringing tuition, and of assisting ringing organisations in recruiting and training, where such help is needed; and the certifying of tutors by examination.

5. The selection (from qualified tutors of a requisite minimum experience) and appointment of examiners to the College; and the appointment, from among acknowledged experts in the Exercise, of honorary examiners.

6. The issue of diplomas of the College in various grades, including 'Ringer,' 'Tutor,' 'Examiner' and 'Fellow,' and the maintenance of a register of all admitted members.

As already said, the College is being initiated in a modest way, but care is being exercised to secure a firm foundation on which an organisation of repute can develop. First officials will comprise: A president and vice-president, leading figures in the Exercise; principal, a ringer with considerable professional experience of teaching and academics; two examiners; two or more tutors; and a registrar and bursar. The founder officers in these positions constitute the first governors of the College and, together with the hon. correspondents or College representatives being appointed for various districts, will shape the future policy for the administration of its work; the standard of reference being its 'Manual of Instruction,' as already outlined.

Examinations in the various grades are open to enrolled members with qualifying attendance at courses, or otherwise satisfying relevant conditions. Examinations in Grades II., V. and VII. do not require attendances. The fitness of 'self-study' candidates is assessed on College tutors' check visits. Tutors are authorised to take courses in the work of only those Parts of the Manual for which they are certificated. A tutor in any grade is ineligible to take the test for examiner in that grade. Additionally, ringers of recognised status and ability may be appointed as honorary examiners.

Tests. Examinations in Parts I., III., IV. and VI. of the Manual comprise both oral and practical tests; while that for tutor in Part I. (which contains matter on the Principles of Teaching) include a demonstration test (or alternative satisfactory evidence) with a class of students (or student). Examinations in Part II. are mainly written, and in Parts V. and VII. wholly so. Where possible, more than one examiner will officiate. The diploma shows to what degree the successful candidate has satisfied the College.

TEACHING OF RINGING—Cont.

Work begun. As indicated last week, a current course in Part I. of the training scheme is running successfully in Portsmouth, with over 20 students and three student-teachers. Those gaining diplomas will be registered among the founder-members of the College. Clearly much hard work lies ahead in laying the foundations, but the founders view it as a labour of love in a needful field, and are confident that present signs will bring ever-widening support. Much encouragement was given by the warm reception, at the recent annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, of the Master's introduction of the subject, and his high commendation of its work and purpose. Support is also forthcoming from personalities of the Exercise now being approached. It is hoped that Part I. of the Manual may be published in these pages in serial form, so as to give not only a fairly good idea of what is being done, and how, but also to provide College members and other workers in the training field with a ready reference for the initiation and maintenance of this work.

College Journal. The College has 'adopted' 'The Ringing World' as its 'journal,' and looks to its members to take the paper and to encourage other ringers to become subscribers. It will submit reports of progress for publication from time to time and will include news of College personnel and all additions of qualified and elected members on the register.

Further information is obtainable from the Registrar of the College, 24, Doyle Avenue, Portsmouth; but, during the summer recess (i.e., until August 22nd) from the Principal, 32, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea. A. Y–B.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery at Wrington

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wrington on July 21st, and during the afternoon and evening the fine ten were kept ringing in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Royal. Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

The Association form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. Lee), who said a few words of welcome. Following the usual magnificent 'Wrington tea' the business meeting was held, and it was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next quarterly meeting should be held at Long Ashton (on the second Saturday, and not the usual third) in October, with practice meetings at All Saints', Clevedon, and Backwell for August and September respectively. The half-yearly Corporate Communion was arranged for Chew Magna on the fourth Sunday in October.

The Branch representatives on the general committee sought the opinions of the meeting on the subject of changing the date of the Association annual meeting and also that of 'unattached members.' The general feeling of the meeting was that the annual meeting should be left as it was (Easter Monday) and members were unanimously for the abolition of 'unattached membership.' It was also mentioned that subscriptions were now payable before the end of each year. Votes of thanks to all who had helped to make such an enjoyable meeting concluded the business, and the tower was again visited. M. J. H.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Meeting of Ross District at Goodrich

The Ross District held an extremely successful quarterly meeting at Goodrich (6) on July 21st. Local towers represented were Bridstow, Much Marcle, Ross. Weston-under-Penyard and the home tower, with visitors present from Hereford, Leintwardine, Staunton (Forest of Dean), Cardiff and as far afield as Kent.

The Guild Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Williams) and tea was afterwards served in the Vicarage garden—the weather being exceptionally warm. The Vicar also presided over the business meeting which followed. It was arranged that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Aston Ingham, in October. Miss R. Jarrett drew the attention of those present to a meeting of the newly-formed Hereford Branch of the Ladies' Guild, which was to be held at nearby Weston-under-Penyard on the following Saturday. He hoped that as many local ringers as possible would support it—including the gentlemen, who were cordially invited. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from Mr. J. J. Webb (District Ringing Master) to the Vicar, the organist, and the ladies who had helped with the tea.

Handbells were then produced and were made good use of before the members returned to the tower. Here, as in the afternoon, a variety of methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge, London and Primrose Surprise Minor.

Altogether it was agreed that the meeting had been the most successful one held in the District for a long time.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Norman Chaddock has conducted 29 ringers through their first peal since the war. Of these, 19 have been his own pupils—from handling a bell to ringing a peal. Mr. Chaddock conducted his 100th peal at Whiston on July 21st, and two of the ringers scoring their first were his son, John, and his daughter, Susan.

The last peal on the bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, prior to recasting, was rung on July 21st.

Mr. Wilfrid Moreton has accepted the office of Vice-Principal of the College of Campanology.

Mr. A. P. Cannon's peal tour this year is from August 11th–18th, with headquarters at Leicester. Thirteen peal attempts have been arranged.

Veteran of Fairfield, Glos, tower, Mr. J. Hope, in calling a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples for his 80th birthday, on July 27th, used the same calling from Clavis that he employed for his first quarter 40 years ago.

At a fete and flower show in aid of Theberton Bell Fund just over £100 was raised. The programme included change ringing on handbells by the Leiston and Aldeburgh ringers, and tune ringing by boys under the direction of Mr. J. Pilgrim. Despite wind and rain there was a good attendance, the fete being held in the open park. This leaves £650 to be raised.

The bands which rang the bells at Hart Street and Tonbridge would like to associate with them the name of Mr. Ralph G. Edwards. Mr. Edwards had arrived in Dorking but was recalled home by telephone because his house had been struck by lightning. Grateful thanks to Mr. Stewart Kimber for 'standing in' at short notice.

Articles of general interest to readers of this journal are particularly appreciated during the holiday months, when normal activities are not so numerous.

For the benefit of those interested in the training of beginners we hope to serialise Part I. of the Manual of Instruction of the College of Campanology.

Mr. David K. Walklate informs us that in the peal rung at Spondon on June 30th there were five extents of Plain Bob, and not four, as stated.

Miss C. Wakefield, of Cray St. Mary, Kent, is taking up an appointment at Leicester. A farewell 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung on July 24th by R. Beard 1, F. Gorringe 2, Miss C. Wakefield 3, S. Zobal, jun. (first 720) 4, S. Zobal 5, B. Aldridge (conductor) 6.

The departure of Mr. Vernon Green from Oxford after 18 months' stay in the village is regretted by his many ringing friends. He was very active in ringing circles and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. A farewell peal is recorded in this issue.

The Vicar of Harthill, the story of whose bells appeared in our last issue, and 10 members of his youth group attended the practice at Rotherham on July 24th. Four of them attempted rounds and did quite well. The keenest goes to Manchester University in October, so will be able to continue his tuition there.

Mr. Henry Stalham added yet 'another one' when he took part in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at his own tower, St. Nicholas', Brighton. What a remarkable man for his years—84½! He rang faultlessly for the whole of the peal. Congratulations, Harry! and many happy returns!!

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AN AMERICAN CHANGE RINGING MACHINE

JUST over three years ago a short article appeared in 'The Ringing World' about a ringing machine which two members of the Department of Mathematics at Cornell University, New York, Professor R. J. Walker and Mr. J. Keifer, were constructing. In 1954, Dr. Walker journeyed to this country with some friends, and visited St. Paul's Cathedral to hear the Sunday morning ringing there, which he described as 'the perfect ending to a wonderful trip.' The progress of the machine is told in a letter recently received by Mr. E. A. Barnett, of which the following is an extract:—

You may have wondered at times whether Mr. Keifer and I ever renewed our attempt to construct a mechanical change ringer. Strictly speaking, we did not, and the pieces of Ringer, Change, Mark I. are still gathering dust. But Ringer, Change, Mark II., a much more elaborate machine, is essentially finished. We hope to have its formal dedication in a few weeks.

The history of Mark II. is interesting. Mark I. was basically mechanical, and neither Mr. Keifer nor I was good enough machinist to do the design and construction necessary to make it work. We had discussed the possibility of changing the design radically and making the Ringer entirely out of electric relays, but we didn't have the heart to start over from scratch. But in the fall of 1954, while on leave in California, Mr. Keifer met a bright engineering student, Donald Stevens, who was looking for a project for his senior thesis. Stevens was easily converted into a change ringing enthusiast, and in the spring of 1955 he designed and built eighty per cent. of Mark II. Then he graduated and left Cornell, leaving Mr. Keifer and me with a partly completed, very elaborate mechanism which we still don't understand completely. However, we have managed to finish it, except for a few details which we hope to fix up in a week or two.

MACHINE'S CAPABILITIES

When the machine is finished I shall send you a detailed description of it, together with some pictures. In the meantime, here is a brief description of what it will be able to do:

(1) Ring any method on any number of bells up to eight.

(2) Ring any peal. The bobs and singles can be called by pushing buttons at the appropriate times, or it can be arranged for the machine to do this automatically. Theoretically, Mark II. is able to ring the full 40,320 changes on eight bells without any human attention; but I am not optimistic enough (though I believe Mr. Keifer is) to expect that there would not be some malfunction of the machinery in so long a peal.

(3) Upon returning to rounds, the changing mechanism is automatically disconnected and the machine continues to ring rounds until stopped.

(4) We understand that in ringing changes there is a pause after every second change, except in Yorkshire, where there is a pause after every change. By throwing a switch we can select either of these ways of ringing, or a third way in which there are no pauses at all.

(5) At the beginning of each change the machine shows, by means of a pattern of lights, what the change is to be. If desired, the lights can be adjusted to follow just one bell in its course, or to follow two or more. Hunting, dodging and place making show up very prettily in this manner.

(6) Such special effects as firing, Queens, and the Nine Tailors followed by strokes for a person's age can be rung.

Some of these special effects have not yet been installed, and in connection with the Nine Tailors we need some advice. Dorothy Sayers says that the Tailors are rung in groups of three, two such for a woman and three for a man. Is this correct? And, if so, can you give us some idea of the timing; that is, how does the pause between two groups of three compare with the pause between two strokes within a group.

If you have any other comments or suggestions to make in the light of the above description, we would be most grateful to have them. Is there anything else that the machine should be able to do? The only obvious addition I can think of is a device for handling spliced methods. We know how to do this and plan to incorporate it in a later model.

The enclosed item, which was sent to science editors in newspapers and magazines in the U.S., is a result of some relaxation while I was on leave last year. I apologise for the hash the reporter made of my attempt to describe change ringing. Actually, once one has a machine as complicated and versatile as SWAC, the problem of 'introducing it to the melodious art' is really quite simple. I wonder if it hasn't been done with EDSAC, the big machine at Cambridge?

I also gave a couple of talks to local clubs about change ringing, mathematics and machines. Many people seemed interested, and I have spread at least a little knowledge of change ringing along the Californian coast.

The newspaper item for which Dr. Walker apologises is no worse, in fact, a great deal better, than many an English reporter has produced on the subject of ringing:—

ELECTRONIC BRAIN RIGGED TO PLAY MUSICAL GAME

By SCIENCE SERVICE

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 28——SWAC, the giant 'electronic brain' at the University of California at Los Angeles, is now rigged to play a 17th century musical game in the interest of solving mathematics problems.

The game is called 'change ringing'—a sort of a numbers game with bells which originated more than three centuries ago in England.

Dr Robert J. Walker, a professor of mathematics from Cornell University on leave to do research at U.C.L.A. Institute of Numerical Analysis, has introduced SWAC to the melodious art.

In England the game is played with church bells. Numerical sequences, based upon the number of bells in a given church tower, are plotted in advance. Except for the beginning and end runs, no two sequences in the series, which is called a peal, can be the same. Each 'ringer' is assigned a number and follows a numerical script. Peals have been rung involving 15,000 changes and taking nine hours to perform.

SWAC has its peals coded on IBM cards which are fed to the big automatic computer. Of course, it cannot rival the resonant ring of a church bell. But otherwise it can toll out a 'Kent Treble Bob Major' (a standard peal) with the best of them.

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Ringers will look forward with interest to seeing the detailed technical description which Dr. Walker has promised. Mr. Douglas Hughes, one of the demonstrators of the Carter Ringing Machine, comments that he particularly likes the idea of the indicator lights.

One thing which 'Ringer, Change, Mark II.' does not so far appear to have been made to do is produce a printed diagram of the method which is being rung, but this could no doubt be made an 'extra.' Those who were at the Council meeting at Leicester will remember the excellent diagram of Cambridge Surprise Maximus which had just been made by John Carter's machine. E. A. B.



Three veterans of Christ Church, Southgate —Mr. Norman Tomlinson (52 years' service), Mr. Sidney Wade (60 years') and Mr. Alfred Glasscock (57 years')—are seen here from left to right.

Mr. Wade has now retired and moved away. He started ringing at Southgate in 1896 and at the annual outing on July 7th he was presented with a pen, suitably engraved, by the captain of the band, Mr. S. G. Peck. All three veterans have been members of the Middlesex County Association since they started ringing.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

The July meeting of the Sherwood Youths was held at Wymeswold, Leics. A wedding was in progress when the first ringers arrived and they heard the local band ring the happy couple out of church with some well-struck rounds and Queens. After the guests had departed the Vicar welcomed us, and after exhorting us not to pull the tower down, left us to it. The meeting began with a touch of Cambridge Minor, and as the ranks of the ringers swelled, the ringing was varied both in method and striking.

The service was held at 4.30 p.m. and afterwards the ringers adjourned for an excellent repast. Nineteen sat down to tea, although some others had brought their own. The ringing after tea was once more varied and continued until 8 p.m.

Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Doubles; Plain, Little and Double Oxford; Double Court, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, Original, Double Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and York Surprise. Thanks are due to Mrs. Pailing, the secretary, who arranged the meeting, the Vicar, who conducted the service, and last but by no means least, Mrs. Downs, who provided the excellent high tea at a very moderate charge. J. H. P.

THE SOCIETY OF LIVERPOOL COLLEGE YOUTHS

ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 1800

THE ringing of the curfew in 1561 and the opening of the church gate on the second peal ringing every Sabbath in 1592 are among Liverpool's ancient recordings, but it was not until the ringing of the first peal of 5,040 changes in Liverpool that a recorded ringing society became established.

In 1628, St. Nicholas' was furnished with four bells, and a century later was in possession of a ring of six, tenor 15 cwt., by Rudhall. St. Nicholas' tower was reported unstable in 1788, and though much bell ringing was recorded in 1794, the Liverpool College Youths did not record a single visit to the old tower, which began to disintegrate during the ringing for Sunday service on the morning of February 11th, 1810, and collapsed while the congregation was entering the church.

St. Peter's was furnished with a clock and four bells by Rudhall in 1707, four lighter bells being added in 1724, and it was on this ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt., that the first peals were rung.

THE FIRST PEAL

Liverpool's first peal was rung on Sunday evening, November 9th, 1800. A peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 7 minutes, John Hand, the conductor, ringing the 4th. It was not until November 3rd, 1808, that William Jaeger—who rang the 6th in the first peal—conducted Liverpool's second peal, also Grandsire Triples, on the same bells. On May 23rd, 1809, the 'Youths' opened the bells of Croston, Lancashire, with their third peal of Grandsire Triples.

Though not recorded, members of the St. Peter's band rang a peal at Dolgelley on September 26th, 1809, of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in which Sam Lawrence rang the tenor.

Oxford Treble Bob Major and Bob Major, both rung at St. Peter's in 1809, and two of Grandsire Triples in 1811, at the home tower, are next recorded in the society's peal book. A visit to St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on September 9th, 1811, records a peal of Grandsire Caters rung by a joint band.

THE NEW DOBSON RING

Two peals are recorded in 1812, both Grandsire Triples, one at St. Peter's and one at St. Mary Ann's, Ormskirk, the first on these bells, tenor 25 cwt., and taking 3 hours 29 minutes. The Parish Church of Ormskirk is one of three churches to possess both tower and spire. The tower, being built a century after the spire, possessed five bells in 1552. In 1714, and again in 1774, Rudhall appears to have recast all but the tenor, making a ring of eight.

The opening of Lord Nelson's monument was celebrated by the ringing of the next peal on October 21st, 1813, at St. Peter's, and October 3rd, 1814, a peal of Grandsire Caters (on the new Dobson ring of twelve) at St. Nicholas' was recorded in 3 hours 25 minutes (there must still be many of us who remember these bells with great pleasure; they were often spoken of as Dobson's best work). A year later a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the same bells and is recorded as being 'one of the finest struck peals ever rung.'

In 1815—the year of Waterloo—one peal is recorded at St. Peter's and two at St. Nicholas'. A third peal rung at St. Nicholas', Grandsire Caters, on June 25th, is not recorded.

The year 1815 also records the opening of a Dobson ring at Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire, with a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by John Hand, the year being completed with a 5,120 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Nicholas'.

WITH WILLIAM THURSTANS

April 16th, 1816, finds Liverpool College Youths, with bands from Birmingham, Stroud, Stourbridge and Shifnal, opening a new ring of bells by Mears at Lane End Church, Staffordshire. Sam Lawrence, on the 4th, and William Thurstans, on the 7th, joined the Liverpool company for the first peal. In all, five peals are attempted and 21,692 changes are rung, but the elusive peal is not recorded. All attempts failed, mainly through change courses.

The Liverpool men were somewhat compensated by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Preston, on June 5th, 1816, though it would appear that probably some Preston men stood in, because the peal is not recorded in the society's peal book.

On May 23rd, 1817, the first peal of Grandsire Cinques is rung at St. Nicholas' by the 'Youths,' and four days later a touch of Grandsire Cinques on handbells was rung on the top of the Lord Hill Monument, Shrewsbury. A peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's in 1817, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters follow at St. Nicholas' in 1818 and 1820.

Grandsire Triples was again rung at St. Peter's in 1821 and a peal of Grandsire Major at St. Nicholas' in the same year was followed by one of Grandsire Royal at the same tower in 1824, with Grandsire Cinques and Caters in 1826 and 1827. In 1828 the first peal in Stedman's principle to be rung in the county is credited to the 'Youths,' with a peal of 5,016 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours 25 minutes at St. Nicholas', composed and conducted by William Thistlewood.

GREAT DAYS WITH NEW BELLS

These were indeed great days for Liverpool, for a new ring of ten by Mears was opened at St. Peter's on Sunday, April 11th, 1830, tenor 25 cwt. in D, and the first peal on the new bells is recorded the following year; a peal of Kent Trebble Bob Royal in 3 hours 27 minutes. A peal in the same method was rung at St. Peter's by a joint Liverpool and Manchester band on August 23rd of this same year. 1831, and a return peal at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, also Kent Treble Bob Royal, was rung a month later on September 26th.

The excellence of the new Mears bells is recorded. It was at this period that Rudhall and Dobson were joined with the Mears foundry at Whitechapel.

Grandsire Caters is next recorded by the Society at St. Peter's in 1840, and a first peal on a new ring of bells by Mr. Taylor, of Oxford, at St. John's, Farndon, Cheshire, is recorded in 1841. Two peals at St. Nicholas' follow, both in 1842.

FIRST IN IRON FRAME

A United Societies' peal was rung at St. Luke's on December 31st, 1844, consisting of 5,088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major.

St. Luke's bells are distinctive as being the first ring ever to be hung in an iron frame. The construction of this and the hanging of the bells was most successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillibrand of this city in 1829. The bells were cast by Dobson and had been seeking a home since 1818.

The next peal to be recorded was one of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Peter's in 1845. In April of the same year, on the new ring of bells being installed at St. Peter's, Prescot, an eight by Mears, tenor 14 cwt., the 'Youths' record a peal of Grandsire Triples. St. Mary's is the fourth church to be built on the site, and the tower, still in regular use, dates from 1729.

An outing to Wrexham on May 4th, 1846, records a peal of Grandsire Caters for the Liverpool Youths, followed by peals at St. Peter's in 1848 and 1850, a peal at St. Luke's in 1850, and a November 9th Jubilee Peal at St. Peter's, a compliment to John Hand, Esq., the only survivor of the first peal, completes the first half-century. E. L. H.

(To be continued)

RAVENFIELD BELLS

The bells of Ravenfield Church, near Rotherham, have been unringable for over 30 years and are to have Ellacombe system of chiming apparatus installed at a cost of about £360. The clock is being dismantled for repairs and sent to Leeds.

The church is rather isolated from the village and in view of other pressing needs it was considered that it would be unjustified to attempt to raise the money needed for a new frame and rehanging.

The bells were cast by J. Bosvile in 1796, 40 years after the church was built in 1756. It is hoped to have the work on the clock and chimes completed in three months' time. N. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch

The meeting at Bunwell on July 28th attracted 47 ringers from 22 different parishes, including lady ringers from Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Yelvertoft, near Rugby. The six bells were rung to suit all talents, from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. J. Warren) and the lesson was read by Mr. C. F. W. Phillips, a chorister and captain of the local ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Association president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) supported by the general secretary (Mr. W. Love), the Rev. C. J. Warren and Miss Betty Syrett, Messrs. H. Moss, C. F. W. Phillips, F. Roper and W. G. Saunders, committee, and Mr. A. G. Harrison, Branch secretary. It was decided to visit Brockdish for the next meeting, on October 20th.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to Mr. Phillips and the local ringers and ladies who kindly provided and gave the tea, also to the Rector and organist.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT THE FIRST

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the two compositions published in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' by Mr. D. N. Layton are both old compositions.

The arrangement of 5,184 Double Norwich Court Bob Major appears in the 1908 Central Council Collection, on page 278, Peal No. 31, as the composition of H. Dains, and Peal No. 33, by J. R. Pritchard, the only difference being in the placing of the singles. This composition is also credited to W. H. L. Buckingham, H. Johnson and A. Craven. I believe that H. Dains first produced it in 1886, and that the other composers mentioned obtained it, at about the same time. This block of eight courses also forms the main part of a 5,024 by Sir A. P. Heywood, which is still a popular peal.

The 5,088 of Yorkshire Surprise Major was sent to me with several other three-part 5,088's, in the early 1930's, as the composition of A. Craven, but I think that it may have been composed many years earlier, as Mr. Craven produced three-part peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major about 50 years ago, the first peal in the method, conducted by Sam Thomas, being a peal of this number, composed by Mr. Craven, and this composition is often rung nowadays.

I am sure that Mr. D. N. Layton, who puts his name to both sets of figures, composed them in good faith, but it is a duty of new composers to make reasonably certain that their efforts have not already been placed before the Exercise, either in the 'Bell News' or 'The Ringing World,' or in the various Association reports. The 5,184 of Double Norwich has been rung dozens of times, under the names mentioned previously, and young composers should have no excuse for not knowing of its existence.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

Note. — Mr. Layton, in sending the compositions to 'The Ringing World,' expressed the opinion that both had probably been rung before. Other contributors are also thanked for their letters on this subject, Mr. William Shepherd pointing out that the Double Norwich was composed by Henry Dains in 1886.—Ed.

STAMFORD'S COUNTY BOUNDARY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dove's book shows St. Martin's Church, Stamford Baron, as in the county of Northamptonshire, and I had also understood that this part of the town was in Northamptonshire and the rest of the town in Lincolnshire. It used also to be said that these two counties and the county of Rutland met on the bridge over the River Welland.

In recent years, however, a county boundary sign has made its appearance at the southern end of the town on the Great North Road well beyond St. Martin's, in such a position that if the sign is correctly placed the church must be in the county of Lincolnshire.

Perhaps some reader can tell us whether the county boundary has been changed or whether the sign is in the wrong position or whether, in fact, the church never was in Northamptonshire.—Yours truly, P. A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

A DISCLAIMER

Dear Sir,—I have been somewhat disconcerted at being addressed by several of my acquaintances as 'Beau Pepe.'

Will you be kind enough to publish this disclaimer? I do not think I know any of the ladies concerned nor do I know anything about the matter under discussion.—Yours sincerely,

Guildford. W. OLIVER (Miss).

EARLY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Box is confused. Sundays are not Bank Holidays, but these holidays owe their origin to the established practice of government offices and banks closing on the feast days of the Church. The number of saints' days was so large that the holidays were reduced to the statutory four, three being attached to the great festivals of the Church, two of which are 'movable.' The importance of these Church occasions is not moreover limited to the Established Church. These particular Church festivals are days of obligation, and it is right and proper that the bells should ring for the first Communion on these days. I am surprised that someone, whom I take to be a 'live' member of the Church of England, should advocate appeasing those who like to admit their religious duties only when it is convenient to them. Perhaps we shall be asked eventually to stop or reduce ringing for Sunday Evensong because it interferes with children's television.

Unless we pay only lip service to our religion we ought not to accept our ringing being relegated to a state of popular and sentimental association unconnected with regular religious worship and on a par with background music at the cinema, but to be prepared to defend our ringing for services, particularly on the great festivals of the Church, as a duty to what is ostensibly a Christian community. We are, after all, members of a church militant.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. EDGE.

Wolstanton.

AN EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—Most of your readers are, without doubt, aware of the fact that bells were in use for a variety of purposes, both sacred and secular, long before the birth of Christ. One of the oldest references to their use is to be found in the directions given in the Pentateuch for the High Priests' apparel. When the use of bells was adopted by the Christian Church it was mainly for the twofold purpose of giving the call to worship and celebrating festivals. Amongst other mediæval errors they were imagined to be effective in driving away not only evil spirits but also thunderstorms, as bellfounders' inscriptions testify.

With regard to Spain or Moslem countries, they may not show an example to be generally followed, but Christian humility tells us to bear in mind that other nations may occasionally have something to teach us, and English people might do worse than to emulate the national piety of Spaniards or observe the intense devotion of Moslems to religious duties and the profound reverence of their worship.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Truro.

KNOSSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Knossington Surprise Major rung at Loughborough on June 27th states that the method is Ashtead with 8ths place at the lead-end.

In a series of articles written by the late J. A. Trollope and published in 'The Ringing World' in 1941, Ashtead with 8ths place at the lead-end is named Ewell.

I trust someone will be able to clarify this matter and so prevent one more knot being tied in the tangle of Surprise nomenclature.

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston, Lancs.

LANGDON HILLS

Dear Sir,—It should be noted that on page 65 of Mr. Dove's book reference is made to the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and All Saints', Laindon Hills. This should, in fact, be Langdon Hills.

The error is excusable since the parish adjoins Laindon and is frequently referred to as Laindon Hills. Further, the error appears in the list of towers in the old Essex Association reports. I have not had the pleasure of seeing an Essex report for many years now and so do not know whether they are still able to publish a list of towers or whether this has fallen under the 'economy axe.'

When I learned to ring at Langdon Hills we only rang call changes. Attempts to establish change ringing did not meet with very much success, although at least two of us became change ringers and tried to interest the others.

I do not think the bells are rung much these days. I was told some time ago that the bell chamber was knee-deep in twigs.

The Church of St. Nicholas, Laindon, also appears on page 65 of Mr. Dove's book as containing five bells for chiming only. These are chimed from a keyboard and the bells were hung 'dead' about 22 or 23 years ago, so there is no hope of them being rung again. The church has a wooden tower, of which there are several in Essex, so it is not surprising that when the bells were hung for ringing they were not considered safe.

When I lived in the district and was learning to ring I knew an elderly man, a local butcher, who had been a ringer at St. Nicholas' in the days when the bells were rung—about 60 years ago now at least, I should think.

Another memory of my call change ringing days at Langdon Hills is of a member of the congregation who had formerly been a member of the famous peal-ringing band at Southgate about the turn of the century. We often tried to persuade him to come and join us in the belfry but he would not do so, although after the service he often walked home with me and would tell me whether our striking had been satisfactory or not. He often talked of the peals of Surprise he had rung at Southgate but said he gave up ringing because he had lost interest. Alas, I cannot now remember his name, but I could easily take you to the house where he lived! Perhaps some of the old Southgate ringers may remember one of their number who moved to Laindon.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

OVER 100 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—An interesting paragraph relating to Dagenham, Essex, appeared in the Annual Register for October, 1804:—

'A singular accident happened at the new church, Dagenham, Essex. The Society of Cumberland Youths were invited to open the new peal of bells, which they performed in the morning by ringing 7,008 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal in four hours and forty-nine minutes; but in the evening Mr. Channon, Master of the Society, wished to oblige the inhabitants of the village with another peal, when, unfortunately, his leg got entangled in the rope, which drew him up to the next loft, and falling from thence on his head he was killed on the spot, the upper part of the skull being beat in so that the brains oozed out through the cavities.'

Nothing is known of this gruesome report at Dagenham, which has never had more than eight bells. One wonders whether this is recorded in the archives of the Cumberlands, and if so are they to emulate their eminent brothers and introduce a toast to the fragrant memory? —Yours sincerely,

L. V. GANT.

Hornchurch.

WHERE DO SHIPS' BELLS GO?

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.

MANY a ship's bell, after an adventurous career, often continues to render service long after the decease of its parent ship. Thus in many villages near the Scottish coast, and in other parts of Great Britain, we may find bells used to call the good folk to church that formerly were in service on the sea! Others may be found serving as alarm bells, fire bells or even factory bells. Some are preserved in museums as mementoes, or serve as memorials similar to that of the R.N.V.R. at Crystal Palace, and those in the headquarters in London of the League of Remembrance.

The bell of H.M.S. 'Canterbury,' which has been through tempest and battle (the cruiser of this name was present at Jutland) now rests in the peaceful surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral. An impressive service, attended by five thousand seafarers, was held in the Cathedral on June 9th, 1934, when the bell was presented. Admiral Sir Percy Royds, who commanded the 'Canterbury' during the first Great War, struck six bells, and the Psalm beginning 'They that go down to the sea in ships' was sung, and the famous anthem by Tennyson, 'Crossing the Bar,' was chanted. Now every morning at 11 o'clock a serving or retired seafarer strikes six bells on the 'Canterbury' bell, thus to remind all seafarers that the longest voyage and the strongest gale come to an end. Also, just as the Army has its 'Unknown Warrior,' so the Navy has a permanent memorial to those who gave their lives.

THE 'EMDEN'S' BELL

A bell that had a chequered history is that of the German cruiser 'Emden.' This vessel was launched in 1908, and during the Great War did much damage to British and Allied commerce. It was while convoying Australian troops to England that the Australian cruiser 'Sydney' learned that the 'Emden' was at Cocos Island and drove her ashore at the North Keeling Island on November 9th, 1914, destroying her with the loss of 230 of her crew. Commander Muller, who was among those saved, and who had put up a gallant defence, was allowed to retain his sword. This was the first actual fighting done by any ship of the Australian Navy, and relics from the 'Emden' were distributed in various cities in Australia. The bell, broken and battle scarred, was displayed in the Garden Island Navy Depot, Sydney. In 1932 it mysteriously vanished, but later was discovered buried in Hyde Park, Sydney. For safety it was then placed in the Museum, yet even so was stolen again on April 28th, 1933. Eventually a young German was sentenced to imprisonment on a charge of stealing the bell. After such an adventurous career this bell was later restored to the German people by the Hon. Stanley Bruce, High Commissioner in London, who made a special journey to Germany for the purpose.

The bell of the German battleship 'Hindenburg,' sunk at Scapa Flow, was restored to the German Navy. It was carried over by the British cruiser 'Neptune' on August 3rd, 1936, in recognition of the graceful act in restoring the drums of the Gordon Highlanders.

Preserved in the Mission Inn Museum, California, is the bell from the cruiser 'Don Juan de Austria' inscribed with that name and the words 'Crucero 1889' and 'Caraca.' The cruiser was one of the Spanish squadron captured in Manila Bay on May 1st, 1898, by Admiral Dewey in the Spanish-American war. With other ships, this cruiser was burned after the battle, and the Philippine Islands became a U.S. possession.

THE LUTINE BELL

The historic 'Lutine Bell' at Lloyd's had many vicissitudes. It began life as a ship bell of the French frigate 'La Lutine,' subsequently captured by Admiral Duncan. In October, 1799, the 'Lutine' was wrecked at the entrance to the Zuyder Zee while carrying specie from England. Lloyd's eventually obtained salvage rights, and in 1858 the bell was recovered. Since then it has been preserved at Lloyd's, and is now rung to announce the arrival of a vessel that is overdue or presumed lost.

At the Baltic Mercantile and Shipping Exchange, London, is preserved a bell inscribed 'Ceres 1729' and a brass tablet records: 'This bell was washed ashore at St. Colomb. Porth, Cornwall, September, 1929.' The chapel of St. Endock, Minver, Cornwall, purchased the bell of the 'Immacolata' of Barlette, after it had been driven on the rocks in 1875, and the church at Carbis Bay was formerly served by a ship's bell until able to have a proper ring of church bells. At Jevington, Sussex, one of the bells is inscribed: 'W. Gyles, Captain; John Wood made me 1698,' and this is thought to have been a ship's bell from a wreck, similar to the one at Berwick. There are quite a number of churches in Scotland whose bell was formerly serving on sea. Thus at Durness, Lairg, Sutherland, is one inscribed: 'William 1782,' and its history says that the ship 'William' ran ashore on the shallow sands at Bakakiel Bay below the ancient parish church of Durness. All the men folk were away from home fishing, so the women helped to remove the sand away from the ship which, when the tide arose, was able to refloat. In return for their services the Captain presented them with the ship's bell.

Until quite recent times the ancient and venerated Cathedral of Iona was served by a ship's bell, while at Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, the bell formerly used was that of a wrecked Norwegian vessel. At Durris an old bell inscribed 'Fortune' is used, and at Fetteresso the bell used as the church bell was fished up from the sea in 1847.

At Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, where an armament training station of the R.A.F. is situated, there is a one-time ship's bell serving as the church bell, and at St. George's Church, Oldham Road, Manchester, is a bell from the Bremen steamer 'Rheim,' dated 1868. In the Scilly Islands the five churches have one bell each, four of which appear to have been originally ship's bells.

A JAPANESE NATIONAL TREASURE

One would hardly expect to find a ship's bell in a Japanese temple and registered as a national treasure of the country! Yet the Shungo-in, one of the subsidiary temples of the Mioshin-ji, possesses one which is claimed to be the bell of Namban-ji. It is unquestionably of Western manufacture, for it is rung with a clapper inside instead of being struck from the outside as in the case of all Eastern bells whether small or large. On the waist in low-relief is the date 1577 and three repetitions of a device consisting of the sacred monogram 'I.H.S.' surmounted by a cross with the three sacred nails below. This bell was taken to Korea by the Lord of Sendai at the time of Hideyoshi's invasion of that country and used as a ship's bell, being brought back again at the conclusion of the expedition.

The writer frequently receives from the Admiralty notice of the sale of ship's bells from British ships that have been famous in historic association, and one wonders where some of these will end their days. At the moment I have a small one mounted in a suitable frame and standing on the top of my desk and sometimes used as a dinner gong! The bell of the

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well-known liner 'Lord Gough' is now on the stage at Eastham on the Mersey, whilst that of the 'Royal Charles,' which sank off the coast with £350,000, is now at Lord Boston's castle in Anglesey. The bell of the original 'Britannic' (1870) is preserved by the White Star Line. The bell of the 'La Marguarita,' the ship that conveyed the City of London Rifles to France, is now to be found at their headquarters in Farringdon Street, London. Thus we see that some of our old ship's bells do finish their activities in peaceful and appropriate surroundings, no longer to be subjected to the caprices of storm and tempest.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Hutton Cranswick on July 14th at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Storer. The occasion was the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the late Archbishop of York on July 15th, 1950.

Forty-one members attended from Acomb, Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Bridlington, Cottingham, Driffield, Goole, Hessle, Hutton Cranswick, Kirkella, Patrington, Pocklington, Rise, Sutton-on-Hull, Scarborough and York.

The six bells were raised and rung to various methods from rounds to the service touch of Cambridge Surprise. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the Society in his address and was pleased to see such a good attendance.

Tea was provided and served by the church ladies in the schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. A. E. Sellers, president, in the chair. After the meeting members returned to the church, where the bells were again rung until 9 p.m., when they were lowered in peal, bringing an enjoyable and memorable meeting to a close.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary's, Leyton, was visited by the Northern District for their quarterly meeting on July 21st. Ringing, under the direction of the District Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, commenced at 3 p.m. and methods ranged from call changes to Cambridge Surprise.

A short service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. M. Strapps, who extended a very cordial welcome to the Association. Tea and cakes, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. Frank Food, were served in the Church Hall.

The business meeting followed, with the Master in the chair. Three vice-patrons were recommended, namely, the Rev. James Isherwood (South Hackney), the Rev. Francis Mettrick (Bow, East), the Rev. Frank Food (Leyton, East). Three ringers were elected members, Messrs. J. D. and D. M. Hibbert (Herts) and Mr. B. W. Patmore (Walthamstow). Votes of thanks were duly recorded.

Further ringing was obtained at St. Mary's, Woodford, where these light and tuneful eight were rung until 8 p.m., when methods up to spliced were rung. L. W. B.

5,088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By WILLIAM THORNLEY

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Repeat twice.

First rung June 20th, 1956, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, conducted by the composer.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

HASLEMERE, SURREY

A most enjoyable day was spent by the Haslemere ringers and friends from neighbouring towers on July 21st, when they toured the Thames Valley.

Towers visited in the morning were St. Peter's, Old Windsor, St. Giles', Stoke Poges (where the inevitable American tourists to the scene of Gray's Elegy provided an unusual and interested audience), and St. Peter's, Burnham. It was most interesting to meet Mr. George Gilbert here, for he well remembers ringing peals with Mr. F. Bowden (the band's tower captain and Ringing Master) at Haslemere before the recasting in 1927.

After a hilarious lunch at Maidenhead and several attempts to find a way out of the one-way streets of the town, a very pleasant hour was spent at All Saints', Boyne Hill, where the sway was apparently rather frightening to some of the younger members of the party. Unfortunately there was not sufficient time for bathing but an agreeable half-hour was spent watching the boats and ringing the handbells before tea at Bourne End.

During the evening All Saints', Marlow—on the banks of the river—St. Mary's, Twyford, and St. Peter's, Caversham, were visited. Since the majority of the band are teenagers without a great deal of experience of other towers, all rings chosen for this tour were light in weight, and only simple methods were rung, including rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and the youngsters acquitted themselves very well.

The band was particularly struck by the friendly welcome received at each tower and the excellent 'go' of the bells. They are very grateful to the local ringers who met and took a rope with them.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT

On July 7th our party left Barnsley in the early morning and after a short journey arrived at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, where we received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, members of the local band and Mr. Leslie Woodhead. A nice light six proved somewhat lively for some of the visitors, but some fair ringing was done when we settled down. A halt was made at Selby for a late breakfast at the Corunna Cafe, where the fare is well known amongst Barnsley ringers. At our next tower, Escrick, we were greeted by Mr. Robbins and Miss Wilkinson, who had kindly travelled from York to tell us of a re-arrangement in the ringing at York. Oxford and Kent Minor were rung here, no Major being attempted as most of the party were from six-bell towers, but as all were contest ringers some good cartwheeling resulted.

After a short run to York a quick lunch was taken, then the ringers proceeded to the Institute of Architectural Study, where Mr. Walker and Mr. Steel awaited the party, having had to secure these bells at short notice owing to a misunderstanding. Mr. Frank Atkinson, an old friend, stood in with the 'tykes' for a touch of Oxford and soon recalled his close-lead ringing days. After some good striking on the old bells we hurried to the Minster, where only a few moments' ringing could be had as tea awaited us at the City Arms Hotel.

On the return journey a call was made at the old church at Sherburn-in-Elmet, where we had some really good ringing on a fine ring of bells. Miss M. Hawley and Mr. Edward Bradley stood in with us and the Oxford Minor was close to perfection. This was the last call of the outing, which was very successful, due in no small part to the welcome we received at all the towers. N. F. M.

LYME REGIS

Members of St. Michael's Guild visited East Dorset on July 28th, penetrating a little way into Hampshire. Making an early start in rather unpleasant weather, Wimborne Minster was the first objective. Mr. L. J. Lockyer met the party here, and after some little refreshment (coffee only) the lovely ten in the Norman tower were kept going in Caters and Royal for an hour. Travelling on to Cranborne the good-going eight were soon swinging to various methods, including Bristol and Yorkshire Major. The solidity and roominess of the tower here are noticeable and all the bells can be heard comfortably.

It is an attractive, winding run from there to Fordingbridge, the road skirting at first the watercress beds. Fordingbridge was reached a little after schedule. This tower was drafted into the programme in place of Ringwood, where the bells were otherwise engaged. The lightish eight proved easy to handle, though the standard of striking suffered a little owing to the false clappering of some of the bells. From Fordingbridge the heavy stream of Bournemouth traffic was joined. A quiet spot, however, for a well-earned picnic lunch was found by crossing the Avon at Harbridge. Then on through Ringwood for the pleasant drive to Christchurch, making good progress until A35 was reached, when some patience had to be exercised before that ultra-busy road could be taken.

Mr. A. W. Davis had everything in readiness at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, where the nicely-toned eight were fully enjoyed for an hour, Mr. Davis joining in some London Major. Afterwards everyone found the interval for tea very welcome with some spare time following for shopping—not a little 'dodging' being necessary on the overcrowded pavements.

From here sunshine favoured the more interesting part of the tour via the Sandbanks Ferry, giving clear views of the intricacies of Poole harbour, and through the Purbeck hills to Swanage—also teeming with holiday makers. Some good ringing was done on the fine eight at St. Mary's, Mr. A. J. Clark coming along to give his welcome. Fishing was unexpectedly included in the programme here before leaving—what was thought to be a small shark being netted by one of the party out of the shallow stream below the church amid the excited directions of the rest! It proved to be an unknown species of dab, to be carried home triumphantly by a small boy in his bucket. Kingston was the final tower of the day, the climb thither giving a wide view with a splendid impression of Corfe Castle as the ancient gateway to the Dorset moorlands. A pleasant hour was spent on the fine heavy eight of this church, the interior of which is a gem of Purbeck marble erected regardless of cost.

With storm clouds gathering the homeward route was taken and, after a short supper stop at Wareham, Lyme Regis was reached soon after 10.30 p.m. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bristol, Cambridge, Yorkshire, London and Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich.

All were grateful for the enjoyable arrangements made, especially to the incumbents who granted the use of their bells, to the drivers of the cars, also to the ringing friends who added to their welcome at each tower by having the bells raised beforehand. C. C. C.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Minor (720 each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. Rooke 1, Miss B. Payne 2, Miss F. Robinson 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss B. Payne, who is leaving the district.

TAUNTON

Ringers from the three towers at Taunton—St. James', St. Mary's and Wilton—and friends from neighbouring towers had a very enjoyable outing in the Torquay area on June 16th.

Taunton was left at 8 a.m. and after ringing at Kingsteignton (8, tenor 17 cwt.) and Brixham (8, tenor 15 cwt.), the ferry was taken to Dartmouth from Kingswear.

After lunch the good eight at Paignton were rung for an hour, and later came one of the best rings of the day at Upton, Torquay. At tea, at Callard's Cafe, Mr. G. Coles thanked Mr. W. Gigg for making the arrangements for such an excellent outing. An hour's ringing at Babbacombe, and then the attractive drive along the coast road to Teignmouth, the last tower of the day. Here Mr. Atkins joined in a very good touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The journey home was via Dawlish and Exeter, with a stop at Pinhoe for refreshments. Taunton was reached at 11.45 p.m.

REDENHALL AND DISS

The annual outing of the Redenhall and Diss ringers took place on July 21st. Leaving Diss at 7 a.m. for a tour in Northamptonshire, the first call was at Higham Ferrers. Then on to St. Edmund's, Northampton, and, after an hour's ringing, lunch, and during the afternoon the bells of St. Peter's (8) and St. Giles' (10) were rung. After tea, on the homeward journey, Earls Barton was visited, and the last call was at Wellingborough, with the heaviest eight of the day. Bidding farewell to Northamptonshire at 8.30 p.m. a call was made at St. Neots for supper, and Diss was reached at midnight.

Thanks to Mr. William Flatt, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, who again arranged such an enjoyable and successful outing. A. G. H.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE

On May 12th ringers from Wistaston, Marbury and other towers combined for a pleasant half-day outing, which covered four six-bell towers in Cheshire. The towers visited were Chelford, Nether Alderley, Marple and Disley, and ringing ranged from call changes to a variety of Doubles and Minor methods.

A very good tea was enjoyed at Marple after a long walk up the hill to Mrs. Thwaite's farm, the road being too steep and narrow for the bus. To round off the day's events and provide some scenic attraction for the non-ringers, the return journey was made via Buxton and the Cat-and-Fiddle Moors.

To the incumbents who so readily granted permission to ring and to the ringers who met us we would say 'thank you' for a warm welcome and an enjoyable outing. J. D. S.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Activities in Rochester District

Approximately 50 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District held at Borden on July 14th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and catered for all tastes under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. W. A. J. Knight. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar of Borden. Tea in the Church Hall was given by local ringers and their friends. It was a fine spread and included cherries, recalling the teas at Tunstall at this time of the year during the time of Mr. W. Spice.

The Vicar was elected chairman of the business meeting, when various Association matters were discussed, and two new members were elected—Mr. Lawrence Mitchell, of Newington, and Mr. A. Dunk as an honorary member, from Borden.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. Knight to the Vicar, organist and lady helpers and all who had had connection with the arranging of the meeting. The Vicar and Mr. T. Barton, captain of the local band, replied.

Among the ringers present was a soldier ringer who came from Portsmouth and gave the meeting the best wishes of the Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who were also holding a meeting that day. After some handbell ringing a return was made to the belfry and ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

COMBINED PRACTICE AT SITTINGBOURNE

A combined practice of the Rochester District was held at Sittingbourne on July 16th. Quite a good number attended despite the wet weather. Ringing under the guidance of Mr. Stan Dobbie consisted of rounds and the usual standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative. At the end of the practice a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung to finish off the evening.

This had been quite a ringing week-end in the Sittingbourne area, as on the previous Sunday afternoon a peal of Stedman was rung at Tunstall, and included in the band was an old friend, Mr. George Spice, who had not attempted a peal for a number of years owing to his continued ill-health, and it was a pleasure to see him ringing so well.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY

The Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society met at Boughton Monchelsea on July 21st. Fortunately the weather was favourable in spite of a dull morning, and 20 ringers were present.

The Vicar conducted the short service and, instead of a sermon, we were told of the history of the church, with a conducted tour, which proved extremely interesting. The church, which dates back to the Norman period, is built on the site of a Roman temple. There is a glorious view across the Weald from the well-kept churchyard.

An abundant tea of sandwiches and home-made cakes was enjoyed in Boughton Monchelsea Place, at a very low cost considering the amount of food that was consumed and enjoyed.

The business meeting was held in the vestry and two new members were elected. After the meeting, ringing continued until 8 p.m. Method ringing included Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor and Doubles. It is hoped that the next meeting will be at Wateringbury on September 15th.

ORIGINALITY OF PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Mr. Norman Chaddock writes:—

The recent correspondence on the above subject prompts me to forward the following ode, which prefaces an old notebook formerly the property of the late Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, the famous composer. The book contains a collection of 300 peal compositions of Treble Bob Major 'perpetrated by ye Council of ye Wise Ones,' and was given to Arthur Knights by Joe E. Sykes 'in memory of many peals well rung.' The only date in the book is the bookseller's (1921) and no indication is given of the author of the following poem:—

THE WAY OF SPIRIT IN COMPOSING—
'PEPPERY'S VARIATION'

One day through the primeval wood,
Holt's calf walked home as good calves should,
And left a trail all bent askew,
A crooked trail as all calves do.
Since then, some hundred years have fled,
And I infer, Holt's calf is dead.
He left behind Holt's single.

The trail was taken up next day,
For Lates' sheep dog passed that way,
And good Brook's bell-wether sheep,
Followed Holt's trail o'er vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him too,
As E. B. James is sure to do,
When he dispenses 'Hot Tom.'

So from that day when peals were made,
Through Holt's old woods a path was made,
And many men wound in and out,
And bobbed and changed and dodged about;
But still they followed—do not laugh.
The early pattern of Holt's calf,
Who'd ever heard of Q sets.

Holt's forest path became a lane,
Which Vicars and Taylor used again;
Their crooked lane became a road,
Which Snowdon made a village street;
And this, before men were aware,
The 'Ringing City's' thoroughfare
Of countless compositions.

And soon the central street was this,
Of Thurston's four-part Metropolis.
Composers through an age and half
Trod in the footsteps of Holt's calf;
They followed still its crooked way,
Left variations by the way,
Trying to improve Holt's pattern.

A moral lesson this might teach,
Were I ordained and called to preach,
For men are prone to go it blind,
Composing just what's on their mind.
They tail away from sun to sun,
Repeating as their course they run,
Work that other men have done.
And how the wise old woods must smile,
Who saw good Holt's primeval calf.
Walk home through the woods awhile.
The first, the pure Original.

Postscript:—
Of changes there are not a few.
Of compositions many.
Mark it well, the reason is,
Enthusiastic, eager men
Who love through every scene to range,
Their own examples to produce,
Have taught us bells to change.
First this, then that, then t'other leads,
The fourth next shows the way,
Then him the fifth succeeds,
And all come into play.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT EDWARDS

Mr. Albert Edwards will be remembered as a member of the St. Mary's Church band of ringers, Swansea, and later at Sketty Church, Swansea. He was not a great peal ringer, but was a loyal member to the band of ringers to the church he belonged. His attendance chart always showed 100 per cent. attendance, and 'Good old Albert' was always on everyone's tongue.

He learned to ring at Pontypridd under the tuition of the late Mr. Charles Perry, and later the family moved to Swansea, where he became a member of the St. Mary's band.

After a very short illness he died on July 24th. The service, which was held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Williams, and the bells were rung half-muffled for the occasion by Fred Thorne, John Edney, J. Arthur Hoare, Miss Pat Whitworth, Mary Kean and Mary Dean.

'Albert' will be missed by many, but not more so than by the bellringers of Sketty Church.

J. A. H.

MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

An obituary report of the great services rendered to ringing by Mr. E. Alexander Young, who died on July 23rd, will be given in our next issue.

Will those ringers who desire to write an appreciation of this courtly gentleman, who was secretary of the Central Council from 1921 to 1931, kindly forward the same as soon as possible.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On July 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. W. James 1, A. J. Frost 2, F. E. Croisier 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, G. E. Watson 5, B. Hendry (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. All ringers are students at the Kettering Grammar School with the exception of G. E. Watson, who is an Old Boy of the school. Rung for the festival of St. James.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Wilde 1, Evelyn Adams (first 'inside') 2, Elsie Feltwell 3, G. Tizzard 4, F. Hicks 5, I. Butcher (cond.) 6. A 17th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Butcher.

KENTISBURY, DEVON.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. M. Boyle 1, Margaret Ladd (first of Minor) 2, E. Ladd 3, J. Brownlow 4, L. Walters 5, D. K. Walters (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. P. Mead 3, L. Battley 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. A. Godwin 1, E. Newton 2, W. Wright 3, L. Sly 4, W. Clayton 5, H. Barrett 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, H. Edwards 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles Westmacott, a member of the local band.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): C. Poulson 1, W. Shorter 2, R. Chambers 3, D. Alderton 4, M. Symonds 5, H. Hollox (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. H. Marley, Rector of Preston, who was interred that day.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (every call a single): J. Pemberton (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Rita Stratford 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Christine Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, M. Vernon 6. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Dorcas Wood, of Newark, a native of this parish.

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There will be no practice at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, August 14th. Normal practice will be resumed on August 21st. 8725

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL (Yorkshire Association).—The next practice will be held Tuesday, Sept. 4th, 1956. 8744

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, East Grinstead, Aug. 11th. Names for tea to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. Bassett, I. Butcher, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Aug. 11th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8717

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Northchurch (8), Aug. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch. 8721

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, Aug. 11th, 3 p.m., Standon. Names for tea to Mr. J. Little, New Street, Standon.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8720

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Southgate on Saturday, Aug. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 8689

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Wingfield (6), Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business: Election of a new District Secretary.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 8712

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8709

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Chale, Aug. 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea available.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8739

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, Aug. 18th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8740

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Aug. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Short service 6. Names for tea, by 16th, to Mr. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Beds.—Kenneth G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8730

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Marbury, **not Wrenbury**, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea must be received not later than Aug. 15th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8730

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 18th, Blackwell (near Alfreton). Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, Mr. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8728

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8742

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8743

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Aug. 18th, High Halden (6), 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 16th, to John F. Burden, 23, Chennells, High Halden. 8726

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton bells (6), Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. No name, no tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8733

LADIES' GUILD. — Kent Branch.—Meeting at Walmer on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, **with cash**, by Wednesday, August 15th, please, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters. 8707

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Haslingden on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Own tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8738

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Brown Edge, Bamber Bridge, Saturday, Aug. 18th (not 11th). Bring own food. A6 road, Withy Trees bus stop.—L. Walmsley. 8737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District. — Branch practice meeting, Kendal, Aug. 18th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8746

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Swepstone (6), Aug. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Aug. 15th, to Mr. H. Carter, Dishley Farm, Measham. 8729

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe, business and further ringing until 8.30.—Frederick A. Finch. 8741

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst on Aug. 18th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Summer meeting, King's Bromley, Aug 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 8698

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify, by Aug. 15th, Mr. R. Bennett, The Limes, Maresfield, Sussex.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8731

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Kirkby Moorside (6), Aug. 18th. Bells from 3. Names for tea, by Aug. 16th, to Alan Rutter, River View, Keldholme, Kirkby Moorside. — Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8713

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh (6) on Aug. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Aug. 21st, to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Hythe, Kent. Please make effort to attend this meeting.—W. P. G 8719

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Third quarterly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 25th, at Wells. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. 8745

—PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Oundle on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Service arranged for 3.30 p.m., and tea to follow in the Drill Hall, Benefield Road, at 5 p.m. Names must be sent, by Aug. 25th, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, South Road, Oundle, Peterborough. Towers open from 12 noon: Aldwincle, Wadenhoe, Stoke Doyle, Benefield, Cottestock, Warmington, Polebrook and Oundle. All, together with Thrapston, open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs. 8732

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The half-yearly ringing meeting and committee meeting will be held at Liverpool on Sept. 8th. Bells available: Our Lady and St. Nicholas' (12) 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Emmanuel (8) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting to commence at 3 p.m. in the Library of Our Lady and St. Nicholas'. Tea in Refectory after meeting. Names for tea, before Wednesday, Sept. 5th, to Miss G. I. Howlett, 10, Green Lane, Seaforth, Liverpool, 21. 8734

STEDMAN COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The Ely Association will hold a dinner, to commemorate the 325th anniversary of Stedman's birth, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge. Ringing during the afternoon; times to be announced later. Tickets by remitting 11s. 6d. to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 8699

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social will be held at Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate, Loughborough, on Oct. 27th at 6.30 in honour of the new president (Mr. P. L. Taylor) Visitors especially welcome. General ringing in afternoon. Visitors wishing to ring peals, Saturday morning, please notify requirements. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) from B. G. Warwick, Gen. Hon. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel. Wigston 3244.) 8727

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OVERHEAD OR OVERBOARD?

EVERY keen ringer in the country will have been disappointed to learn from recent copies of the 'Ringing World' that the journal is still in a precarious financial position. The situation is especially disappointing to the Committee, who find that, as a result of the recent wage awards in the printing industry, the surplus made last year will not recur this year. They had hoped to use this extra revenue for improving the paper in various ways, e.g., by the inclusion of more illustrations.

The general feeling of most ringers is 'Where do we go from here?' Some of the representatives at the Central Council meeting said quite bluntly that if it was going to cost more to produce the journal, then we (the readers) must pay more for it. This attitude was opposed by the assertion (probably correct) that if the price were increased still further there would be a substantial fall in circulation. Such a fall would be very undesirable, even if on balance there were a net increase in revenue, since the purpose and aim of the journal should be to be read by as many ringers as possible. Other suggested ways of increasing income were increased charges for notices and a levy on all peals published. If this latter course were adopted it would be equally logical to charge all contributors at so much a line for publishing their articles and letters.

One point, however, on which everyone agreed was that the financial worries would disappear if the circulation could be increased. Even a mere increase of 250 copies a week to postal subscribers would produce an increase in net revenue of approximately £220—which is just about the amount received in donations last year. Surely there must be 250 ringers in the country who do not now take the 'Ringing World,' but who would be pleased to see it come through the letter-box every Friday morning!

What if a substantial increase in circulation cannot be achieved? Shall the 'Ringing World' cease publication? Certainly not—and that is another point over which everyone agrees. Perhaps there is another way? Yes, there is, though it may seem somewhat revolutionary to some people. However, not all revolutions are bad, and maybe a good one will be caused.

Two important facts should be remembered: (1) quite a considerable number of ringers read the 'Ringing World' without paying anything towards it (by borrowing someone else's copy, for example), and (2) a large proportion of the present expenses of producing the 'Ringing World' would be substantially the same whether 2,000 or 10,000 copies were sold every week. In other words, the cost of producing the journal can be divided into two main classes—'fixed' expenses and variable expenses. The fixed expenses include, for example, the cost of setting up type for printing, editorial fees and office expenses, the cost of keeping the accounts and the auditor's fees. The variable expenses are directly related to the number of copies sold, and include such items as the cost of the paper on which the journal is printed, the cost of printing and the cost of wrapping and posting journals.

Clearly, if some method could be found of guaranteeing that the fixed expenses would be covered, the price of the journal could be decided according to the variable cost. Since the 'Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council, could that body not meet the fixed expenses? In principle this may appear attractive—many professional and technical institutions publish private journals for circulation to their members and the cost is met largely or completely from subscriptions—but the Central Council at the moment simply has not the necessary income to do so. The revenue could, however, be provided if the Exercise as a whole were willing to do so by every Association affiliated to the Council paying a contribution proportional to its membership or the number of its representatives on the Council.

There would be, of course, a number of difficulties in operating such a plan. An immediate question is whether non-territorial Associations should also contribute—it would not be unreasonable to exclude such Associations since their members, almost without exception, belong to a territorial Association as well. Some ringers, though the total number is probably comparatively small, belong to two territorial Associations whose areas overlap, but some method could possibly be devised to prevent double contributions being paid.

The basic cost of producing the 'Ringing World' each week (i.e., editorial fees, office expenses, type setting, etc.) amounts to approximately £2,100 a year. If this were distributed equally among the 150 members of the Central Council representing territorial Associations, each such Association would be asked to pay £14 a year for each representative. This, however, is somewhat unfair because the number of representatives to which an Association is entitled is not strictly proportional to its membership. The scale is: 75 to 150 members, one representative; 151 to 300

members, two representatives; 301 to 450 members, three representatives; and over 450 members, four representatives. Thus, very large Associations, such as Essex with over 900 members, could more easily find the extra money than small Associations. It would be more just to ask a contribution per head of membership. Applying the minima in the scale for representatives, there must be at least 13,610 ringers represented on the Central Council. The basic cost, on this figure, works out at just over 3s. a head. In fact, the total number of ringers represented must be much greater than this figure, and the cost distributed over all ringers belonging to territorial Associations would probably be between 2s. and 2s. 6d. a head. If the basic cost of the 'Ringing World' could be covered in some such way as this, the journal could be sold to ringers for about 3d., and this much lower price would probably lead to an increased circulation. Furthermore, it would mean that every ringer was paying some contribution towards the official journal of the Exercise. The 'Ringing World' would continue to be sold to non-members at a higher price.

'That's all very well,' the harassed Association Committees will probably say, 'but where do we get the money from? Our position is bad enough already—we haven't been able to publish a Report for the last two years—and now we're to be asked to subsidise the "Ringing World."' The answer is quite simply to increase subscriptions to cover the cost. This may produce a loud outcry from ringers generally, though really it ought not to. The real purchasing power of money to-day is only about one-third of what it was pre-war, and yet most Association subscriptions are only very slightly above the rates fixed 30 or 40 (or even more) years ago.

We ringers, on the whole, are fortunate in our hobby. We do not have to buy and replace a lot of expensive equipment like so many clubs and societies do, and the only real expenses of ringing are travelling and refreshment, both of which can be as much or as little as we please. Many people will pay annual subscriptions of a guinea or more in other fields of activity, and when one stops to think of the benefits to the 'Ringing World,' and ultimately to the Exercise, an extra 2s. or 2s. 6d. a year from every ringer in the country would produce, few people are likely to have any serious objection. Moreover, those who already take the 'Ringing World' would, in fact, be paying less for it.

There are many points of detail which would have to be settled before the scheme could be put into operation. It is vitally important at this stage that all ringers should discuss the matter informally and at ringing meetings all over the country during the next few months. The idea would depend for its success on the wholehearted support of every ringing Guild and Association in the country. If such a scheme as this were generally agreed in principle, then the detailed operation could be fully worked out later.

D. N. L.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	*RONALD SUCKLING	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	†WALTER ARNOLD	8
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	9
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	TERRY EARLE	10
GEORGE SAYER	5	BERT GOGLE	11
*BRYAN J. HOWARD	6	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal on 12 'inside.'

TEN BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On *Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt in D.

PERCY H. PIGG	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	7
J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	8
F. BRIAN COOKSON	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	9
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

RONALD SUCKLING	*Treble*	RICHARD ROSE	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
TERRY EARLE	3	WALTER ARNOLD	8
JOHN S. BARNES	4	BERT GOGLE	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Mrs. W. G. Stockley, who has lived within the sound of the bells all her life.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS TEMPLEMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK ROBSON	5
*CAROL HALL	2	CHARLES N. LEA	6
†PAMELA C. JAMES	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. MEADOWS. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WILLIAM GORRINGE	2	BERT GOGLE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	JOHN MOORE	7
WILLIAM LOVE	4	SAMUEL J. HAINES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Ringers of 2, 7 and tenor from Hawkhurst, Heston and Wigston Magna respectively.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 20. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	5
GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	6
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	3	ALEX. RICHARDSON	7
ERIC ELLISON	4	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal of Kent Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*JOAN K. BROWN	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 16). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Mills, of Bures.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	6
*HORACE W. EASEY	3	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	7
*MICHAEL SOLLEY	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. First peal of Kent T.B. Major as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 IRTHLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method by all the band.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
*MOLLIE TILBURY	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
F. ERIC ROBERTS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. Leslie Evans has now 'completed the circle.'

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	‡CLIVE M. SMITH	6
*JOHN L. MORRIS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
†PETER P. BROWN	4	§ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ 100th peal. § 300th peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD
On Sat., Aug 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
JOHN S. BARNES	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
*JOHN W. BLYTHE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	†COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	5
*W. ERIC ROBERTS	2	BERNARD MADELEY	6
HAROLD F. WHITE	3	FREDERICK PRICE	7
THOMAS PRICE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung on the birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	5
IVOR R. NICHOLLS	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
BERNARD MADELEY	3	FREDERICK PRICE	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First touch in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. Gallop and Miss C. M. Trist, whose marriage took place on August 1st at St. Peter's Church, Wrockwardine, Salop.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal of Bristol on the bells and in the city of Cambridge.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
ROGER O. FRY	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
DAVID J. KING	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY	*Treble*	*KENNETH RUTLAND	5
ARTHUR B. COOPER	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
*ALAN KELLER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	4	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the 13th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 84 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE HOWLETT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
WILLIAM C. PORTER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SIX BELL PEALS

KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANTHONY R. WEBB	*Treble*	*JOHN VOYCE	4
†JOHN ROYAL	2	JOHN WEBB	5
†CYRIL WILLIAMS	3	*TREVOR RAGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WEBB.
* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell.
Rung as a farewell to John Webb on entering R.A.F. and for T. Ragg's 21st birthday.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	4
JAMES BENNETT	2	*KENNETH G. BROWN	5
ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in seven methods. James Bennett has now rung each bell in this tower to a seven-method peal.
Rung to mark the retirement of Rev. F. S. Keane after many years as Rector of Ashbocking and Swilland.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

CLIFFORD J. BEADLE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. DENYER	4
*ROSEMARY ANN HEATH	2	*DENNIS SHEPHERD	5
*E. MARY WELLS	3	*ARTHUR C. BEADLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal.
Rung on the 717th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 17, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

ARTHUR W. BIRD	*Treble*	JAMES BROOKS	4
MONICA HOWARD	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Double Oxford, two Single Oxford, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIE G. FALL	*Treble*	DOUGLAS A. FRENCH	4
PHILIP W. MOGG	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
WILFRED J. MOGG	3	CECIL RIDOUT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung by the Sunday service ringers as a compliment to Canon E. C. Edrup, who has completed 40 years as Rector of Corfe Mullen. Also for his 83rd birthday.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. ROBINSON	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
FREDERICK C. ROPER	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
JOHN R. SMITH	3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.
J. R. Smith has 'circled the tower.'
A farewell peal for Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Blair, who are leaving the village for Ireland.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY JONES	*Treble*	*JEFFRY ORCHARD	4
BERNARD C. COLLINS	2	ROY WOODRUFF	5
*SIDNEY ORCHARD	3	*ARTHUR SEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. COLLINS.
* First peal. First peal on the six bells.
Rung to welcome the Commonwealth Youth Conference to the church.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BRIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	WALTER SHAW	4
*MARGARET HALL	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in three methods 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Chapman, and on their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Old Oxford Delight, (2) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

MOLLIE TILBURY	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4
PHILIP G. MORGAN	2	*REGINALD T. JONES	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 50th peal of Minor for the Guild.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints, Hoole,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	John Hughes	4
George Case	2	John W. Griffiths	5
Henry O. Baker	3	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

A birthday peal for Percy Swindley.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

F. B. Cookson	*Treble*	J. D. Painter	4
*Susan Jackson	2	W. J. Ridgman	5
T. R. Dennis	3	†J. G. Gipson	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. Ridgman.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. The ringer of the 4th has now 'circled the tower."

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edith,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 10 methods: (1) Sandal Treble Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb. in B.

*Desmond Ferguson	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Leslie Evans	2	Philip G. Morgan	5
Reginald T. Jones	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First attempt for a peal. The first peal in more than one method on the bells.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Alan E. Hartley	*Treble*	Harold B. Schofield	4
Sheila M. Schofield	2	Frank Rayment	5
John Thorley	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Arranged to mark Alan Hartley's return to civilian life.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Newdigate Delight, (2) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Capel Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (4) Hereward, Oxford Bob, Court and Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Plain, Reverse, Double, Canterbury and Fulbeck, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

Leslie Evans	*Treble*	Wilfrid F. Moreton	4
*Philip G. Morgan	2	*William E. Thompsett	5
F. Eric Roberts	3	*Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in 25 methods The conductor's 100th peal of Minor for the Guild.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Philip G. Erith	*Treble*	William J. Brunt	4
Alan R. Andrews	2	Felix H. Erith	5
Charles A. Andrews	3	Roy Duesbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Duesbury.

* First peal.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Mrs. P. W. Mills	*Treble*	Michael A. Mills	4
Fred Day	2	Percy W. Mills	5
Marian H. Mills	3	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

John A. Smith	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth	3—4	Ernest Morris	7—8

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by John A. Acres.

A WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Stephen J. Ivin	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
Malcolm S. Cloke	2	Philip Mehew	6
Brian Bladon	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells, and the quickest peal on the bells.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Stephen J. Ivin	*Treble*	*Eric Sutton	5
Malcolm S. Cloke	2	A. Patrick Cannon	6
Brian Bladon	3	Ralph Bird	7
*Philip Mehew	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Cambridge First peal of Cambridge as conductor. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

*A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
Philip Mehew	2	Ralph Bird	6
*Brian Bladon	3	†Stephen J. Ivin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Rutland. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Rutland on the bells and the quickest peal on the bells. Mr. R. Bird's 150th tower for a peal.

CIRENCESTER GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor.
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Ralph Bird	6
Brian Bladon	3	*Stephen J. Ivin	7
Malcolm S. Cloke	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

* First peal of Superlative. The first peal of Superlative on the bells and the slowest peal on the bells. Mr. A. P Cannon's 100th peal of Surprise Major in 91 towers.

WORST BELLS IN BRITAIN THAT ARE REGULARLY RUNG

IN these words were described to me, before I knew for myself, the bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge. The claim might, perhaps, be disputed, but all who have rung at St. Andrew's will acknowledge it to be a very strong one. Rough-going, odd-struck and discordant, ringing them was never a pleasure; nevertheless, they were the only bells St. Andrew's had, and the Cambridge University Guild have ensured that they have been rung regularly for Sunday service, morning and evening, for some years past.

The bells have, in addition, in spite of all the abuse heaped on them, proved an invaluable help to the University Guild, for regular practices here have filled a gap which the strictly limited ringing at St. Benet's could not (Great St. Mary's is, of course, the home of the Society of Cambridge Youths, and the University Guild are only guests there). Many Guild members have rung their first quarter at St. Andrew's, and have gone on to ring their first peal, an event which the absence of practice at St. Andrew's would have delayed considerably if it had not made it impossible. Interest in ringing among the members of the University has accordingly grown, and the Guild is probably in a more flourishing state than ever before.

It is not surprising that such bells should make for poor ringing, and poor it often has been, in spite of repeated efforts to improve it. Triples went better than Major, and some of the best ringing at St. Andrew's in recent months was appropriately enough the touch of 504 Grandsire Triples which greeted Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her visit to the City and University last year. The bells were easier to strike when rung fast, and the last three peals rung there took respectively 2 hours and 39 minutes, 2 hours and 35 minutes and 2 hours and 31 minutes.

Peals were never rung there for pleasure, although, thanks to the unfailing interest and encouragement of the Vicar (Canon A. L. Woodard) the bells were readily available. As something of a return for Canon Woodard's support the University Guild has for some years attempted a peal on the Saturday nearest to the Patronal Festival on November 30th, for on this day each year St. Andrew's holds its annual appeal, and the ringing attracts the attention of passers-by.

It was on this day in 1954 that a landmark in the history of the Guild was reached with a peal of London Surprise Major—the first by the Guild (and by all of the band who took part in it)—which, although by no means perfect, was a much more creditable performance than the usual ringing. This success was followed up last year by a peal of Stedman Triples, this time rung for the Ely Diocesan Association (Mr. T. R. Dennis, a good friend of the University Guild, stepped in at short notice to replaced a member who was indisposed). This was generally reckoned to be the best peal on the bells in the last few years.

NO TEARS SHED

This year there has been a peal rung at St. Andrew's out of turn, on July 21st. The reason for this sudden enthusiasm is not far to seek, for the following Monday Messrs. Taylors began the work of removing the bells for recasting and rehanging. None of the Cambridge ringers shed a tear as they were lowered down the tower, even if some of us did, to quote one respected member of the University Guild, 'have a sneaking affection for the old pots.' Two old and thoroughly undistinguished bells from the 17th and 18th centuries were accompanied by six others dating from that time in the mid-19th century when bell founding was at its nadir—even when well-struck, they were never pleasing to the ear.

Now we are to have a new and, we hope, tuneful ring. It is estimated that the new tenor will weigh about 11¼ cwt (the weight of the old one is variously estimated at between 8¼ and 10 cwt.). New frame and fittings will accompany the new bells, and although there may be something to be said for teaching learners on rough bells ('If you can ring St. Andrew's you can ring anything'), the University Guild will now have at its disposal bells on which there will no longer be an excuse for bad striking. Parish and ringers both stand to gain.

There only remains the awkward matter of paying the bill. The University Guild is naturally doing all it can to help raise the money, but the only source is voluntary contributions. If any readers of 'The Ringing World,' especially those who remember what the old bells were like, can spare even the smallest sum, it will be most gratefully re-



The bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, after their removal by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.
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J. D. P.

LIST OF PEALS

Appended is the list of 25 peals rung at this tower:—

March 18th, 1864.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 59 minutes. (Rung for the Cambridge Youths).

March 24th, 1865.—5,040 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 58 minutes. (Cambridge Youths).

June 22nd, 1887.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hours and 1 minute. (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

December 23rd, 1899.—5,056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 2 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

January 31st, 1901.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 8 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

June 17th, 1903.—5,024 Plain Bob Major in 3 hours. (Cambridge University Guild).

August 1st, 1903.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hours. (Ely Diocesan Association).

January 16th, 1904.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hours and 1 minute. (Ely Diocesan Association).

March 1st, 1904.—5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hours and 9 minutes (Ely Diocesan Association).

December 26th, 1907.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 4 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

December 26th, 1908.—5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major in 3 hours and 4 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

June 20th, 1912.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 2 hours and 59 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

August 4th, 1913.—5,152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 5 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

March 26th, 1914.—5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 6 minutes. (Cambridge Youths and Ely Diocesan Association).

June 1st, 1914.—6,336 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 31 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

December 26th, 1922.—5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 2 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

February 22nd, 1947.—5,040 Plain Bob Major in 3 hours and 4 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

December 2nd, 1950.—5,008 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 53 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

July 14th, 1951.—5,040 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 55 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

February 15th, 1952.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 14 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

November 29th, 1952.—5,056 Plain Bob Major in 2 hours and 50 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

November 28th, 1953.—5,088 Superlative Surprise Major in 2 hours and 55 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

November 27th, 1954.—5,024 London Surprise Major in 2 hours and 39 minutes. (Cambridge University Guild).

November 26th, 1955.—5,040 Stedman Triples in 2 hours and 35 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

July 21st, 1956.—5,040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 31 minutes. (Ely Diocesan Association).

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Yoxford and Peasenhall on July 7th. Ringing commenced at Yoxford, a light six, in the afternoon, and Peasenhall, also a light six, in the evening. The meeting was well attended.

The service was at Peasenhall, where the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Thickett) gave an interesting address.

Tea had been organised by the Vicar, with the help of the local ladies to make sandwiches, cakes and pastries, and an excellent tea was had by all. At the business meeting the financial position of 'The Ringing World' was discussed, and an increased circulation seemed to be the only answer. A vote of thanks was given to the Vicars for the use of the bells, and the ladies for the tea. Next meeting: Tunstall and Blaxhall on September 22nd.

A. R. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Claiming to be the oldest active change ringer, Mr. F. V. Sinkins, in his 92nd year, rang the treble to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples for service on Sunday morninf, August 5th, at St. Leonard's, Streatham.

The company who took part in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise, rung at Bures for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mills, are grateful to them for entertaining them to supper afterwards.

The Citrus Growers' Association have offered to supply the restored St. Clement Danes' Church with oranges and lemons for special occasions, writes 'Squirrel Nutkin' in 'The Church Times.'

The conductor of the peal of Surprise Major rung at Willesden on July 12th (page 482) informs us that the method rung was Ripon, and not Acton. He expresses his apologies to all concerned.

Following the successful reunion of veterans last year, Mr. A. W. Coles, of 41, Holloway Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts, is arranging a similar gathering in London this year on September 15th.

Five girls from Rotherham High School, assisted by a local ringer, rang touches of Plain Bob and Little Bob and an extent of Grandsire Doubles for the School's annual service in All Saints' Parish Church. The ringing was of a good standard and a worthy contribution by the girls to this annual function.

There are prospects of Cottingham, Yorks, bells ringing shortly. The Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hebron) writes in his parish magazine that repairs to the tower roof are to begin next week and when complete 'we shall be able to ring our bells again.' For the repair work to the roof, steel girders, an aluminium alloy floor and a thin coating of asphalt are to be used.

Owing to severe damage to bell ropes by pigeons at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, S.W., the bells will be silent until further notice.

The first peal of Chester Imperial Bob Major was rung at Chester on August 4th. It is C.C.C. 252.

A new reader from overseas, sending his initial cheque, writes: 'I can't tell you how much I look forward to the arrival of the first issue. I hope to be a subscriber for many years to come.' The wish is mutual.

The centenary of the birth of Sir Henry Rider Haggard, K.B.E., the famous novelist, was celebrated by a peal on the bells of Ditchingham, Norfolk. Following the peal the ringers were entertained to refreshments by his daughter, Miss Lilias Rider Haggard.

Members of the Kettering Grammar School Society attempted a peal at Great Addington on July 13th which failed in the second extent because of a shift. The first extent (480) of Little Bob by the Society was then rung, and the first course of Cambridge.

St. Christopher's Society of Change Ringers have 18 members on tour this year in Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. The Society was started in 1951 and is led by Mr. Peter N. Bond. A feature of the year's tour is the taking of tape recordings of bells so as to provide a permanent feature. Their visit to Louth on August 9th was the subject of a very good Press report in the 'Lincolnshire Evening Telegraph.'

After over 30 years as a carillonneur, Mr. Ferdinand Timmermans, Stadsbeiaardier, Rotterdam, Holland, retires this summer. Mr. Timmerman is the foremost carillonneur in Holland, and special concerts in his honour will be played on carillons all over the world. He is also a composer of note.

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THE LATE MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

ARCHITECT-HISTORIAN WHO WAS FOR TEN YEARS CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

THE death occurred on July 23rd of Mr. E. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., of Bromley, Kent. He had reached the age of 91 in May last. Cremation took place at Streatham on July 27th, and the ringers present included Messrs. T. H. Taffender (Master), H. W. Rogers (secretary), A. D. Barker and W. G. Wilson, of the London County Association, of which Mr. Young had held one office or another for more than 50 years; J. S. Mason (Master), A. A. Hughes and J. F. Smallwood (Past Masters) and A. B. Peck (secretary) of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of whom he was Master in 1933; E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, of which Mr. Young was secretary from 1921 to 1931, and a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee from its formation in 1912 until his death; I. Emery (Bromley) and J. W. Chapman (Streatham).

Ernest Alexander Young was born at Southampton in 1865, and after being educated in London was articled to an architect in 1881. He began in private practice as an architect and surveyor in 1904, and seven years later became district surveyor for the Borough of Lewisham, retiring in 1931. At one time he was well known in London as a public lecturer on matters relative to architecture and building, and he had a wonderful knowledge of London's architectural history.

WITH ST. JAMES' SOCIETY

His acquaintance with ringing started in 1885, when he got to know some of the St. Clement Danes' ringers, being at the time engaged as a student in surveying and measuring the steeple of that church (and paying the steeplekeeper, Edward Albone, sundry half-crowns for the privilege). It was not until 1890 that Albone taught him to handle a bell. On January 5th of the following year he joined the old St. James' Society, soon to become the London County Association, at its old headquarters in Essex Street, Strand, a room at the Essex Head, which had once been a favourite rendezvous of Dr. Johnson. His membership of the College Youths began a few years later.

Mr. Young became secretary of the St. James' Society in August, 1892, holding this office for two years. Some years ago the present secretary persuaded him to record in detail his experiences during his first 15 years of membership, and this forms a fascinating account of London ringing and ringers of the day, and some of the many factions and intrigues which went on, not only between the different Societies but within the one with which he was most closely associated. Later, Mr. Young designed the present membership certificate, and in 1924, the centenary of the formation of the St. James' Society (so named from its original headquarters, St. James', Clerkenwell), presented to the London County Association a silver badge to be worn by the Master.

WORK FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL

Mr. Young's membership of the Central Council began in 1912, when he was elected for that Association, whom he continued to represent until 1923. He then became an honorary member and, in 1951, a life member. Increasing infirmity had prevented him from attending the last four meetings, but before this he had missed only three in 40 years. His work for the Council began at once when, with Mr. E. H. Lewis and Major J. H. B. Hesse, he assisted Sir Arthur Heywood in writing 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' which remains a standard work on the subject. Mr. Young devoted considerable attention to the movement of bell towers during ringing, and at one time was a member of a committee approved by the R.I.B.A. to report on what was then a somewhat obscure question.

In 1921 he took part in a conference between the Towers and Belfries Committee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, as a result of which a report was drawn up, setting out the points on which the two bodies agreed, for the first time, in connection with the hanging of bells in old church towers. In the same year Mr. Young had succeeded the Rev. C. D. P. Davies as secretary of the Council, and during 1925 and 1926 took a leading part in the gallant but unsuccessful endeavours made to save the famous ring of ten at St. Michael's, Coventry (Coventry Cathedral), from being recast and made into a carillon. He published at his own expense a booklet containing no fewer than 73 communications on the subject which passed between the various parties concerned. As a practising musician and a determined opponent of Simpson tuning, he moved a resolution on the subject at the 1926 Council meeting which led to a long and interesting discussion; before the meeting he had presented to the members a pamphlet entitled 'Bell Tones,' in which he set forth his objections to this type of tuning.

'THE FRAGRANT MEMORY'

In 1933 Mr. Young was elected Master of the College Youths. It was his practice for many years at the Society's annual dinner to propose 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years ago,' which he would do with a wealth of detail which was obviously the product of much careful research. Latterly he had supplied the information for another to read out. It was he who discovered in a little courtyard opening off Lime Street, a narrow thoroughfare in the City of London, the tomb of Sir Henry Tulse, sometime Lord Mayor and Master of the College Youths in 1684. The inscription was almost indecipherable, but luckily it was known, and in their tercentenary year the Society had the inscription restored and a commemoration plaque fixed to the stone.

A HEARTBREAKING TENOR

Mr. Young claimed no prowess as a practical ringer. He described his first attempt at rounds, on the 9th at St. Clement Danes', as 'a lamentable failure,' adding that he was roundly admonished by a famous ringer who was present. He became a member of the 'scroof,' and was content to remain a tenor-man, having no ambition to go further. In 1893, the bicentenary of the casting of the bells, he suggested a peal attempt, only to find himself omitted when the band was made up. After strong protests he was included but 'some grit was put into the tenor bearings in order to make it a heart-breaking job, even for a lusty youth like myself. But it was overdone, and in 40 minutes she would "set" vertically and remain stuck so.' In the following year the bell had to be rehung in new bearings.

After this discouraging experience he vowed he would never ring a peal, but 30 years later he relented and rang Lavenham tenor to Stedman Triples, in which Bert Langdon, Alf Peck and Challis Winney took part. He had just previously rung two handbell peals, the second one when Challis Winney called Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples, to which Mr. Young rang 7-8. Subsequently he took part in at least one more tower-bell peal. He was very fond of ringing the tenor to Stedman on handbells, and a few months after his 90th birthday took part in a course of Triples 'in hand' at a meeting at Farningham, Kent—probably the last ringing function he was able to attend.

It is, therefore, not for his ringing prowess that Mr. Young will be remembered, but he served the art of ringing faithfully for many years and in many different ways. He outlived his contemporaries, and as his main work ended nearly a quarter of a century ago, he was unknown to many ringers. Those who were acquainted with him, however, will always remember him as a dignified and courteous old gentleman, who was liked and respected by all.

E. A. B.

APPRECIATIONS

'Friend after friend departs.
Who has not lost a friend?'—Scott.

Mr. E. Alexander Young was a stalwart who had served the Exercise in his day, as witness his secretaryship of the Central Council. His tenacious struggle to save Coventry Cathedral bells, his fight for the name of a famous ringer, over 30 years ago, 'tis true. To have known E. A. Y. and have his friendship I deemed an honour.

I last saw him about a year ago when he visited this Island, the first time for 25 years. When, over a cup of tea, he joined with the late Walter Scott (another veteran of this town), then 85, and myself to talk of happy days—for instance, his 60th birthday peal at St. Mary's, Southampton, now 31 years ago last May. Only two of that band survive—T. H. Taffender and myself. The late Challis Winney called Holt's Original, and E. A. Y. rang on the treble. We shall not see his like again, I am afraid, in these days of hurry. He was of the old Victorian type, gracious, kindly, courtly and full of humour, 'one of nature's gentlemen.' May he rest in peace and his name and memory be honoured in some way by the Exercise he served so loyally and well is the hope of one of his humble admirers.

W. UPTON.

Newport, Isle of Wight.

Dear Sir,—As one who knew the late Mr. Young for only about 20 years—a short period compared with a good many other people—may I say what a perfect Christian gentleman I found him to be. Kindness and consideration were his watchwords. I shall always remember him ringing 7-8 on handbells to Stedman Triples, when 90 years of age, at the annual meeting of the Lewisham District, K.C.A., in October, 1954—a feat many others would like to do at a much earlier age.

May he rest in peace after 'a course well rung.'—Yours sincerely,

A. PURDOM.

Bromley.

REDEDICATION

ST. JAMES', BRISTOL

The rededication of the ten bells of St. James', Horsefair, Bristol, took place during the morning service on Sunday, July 29th. After the dedicatory prayers a short course of Grandsire Caters was rung. The bells have been silent since Easter, when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank commenced the fitting of ball bearings, new clapper staples, rope guides in the ringing chamber and the strengthening of the frame carrying the two trebles. The work has cost about £560.

The bells are now in excellent condition and the keen band of ringers at this church look forward to a long period of progress under the able leadership of Mr. Leslie Pearce.

THE SOCIETY OF LIVERPOOL COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Continued from page 506)

LIVERPOOL, 1850

IT is 50 years since the Society was established, and 47 peals have been rung in whole or in part membership.

Easter Monday, April 21st, 1851, witnessed the opening of a new ring of eight by Mears, at Runcorn, Cheshire. The 'Youths' were conveyed to and fro by omnibus, 'every expense was paid and every man had 7s. for his day's trouble.' The first peal on the bells was accomplished on the anniversary day in 1852, when the journey was by steamboat, returning the same day.

The year 1852 saw two peals of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Peter's, and peals of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Christleton, Cheshire, and St. Luke's, and an opening peal at St. Thomas', Douglas, I.O.M.

IN THE ISLE OF MAN

To open the bells at St. Thomas', I.O.M., cast by Mr. Murphy, of Dublin, the company embarked on the 'King Orry,' at 9.25 a.m. on December 4th, and after a tolerably fine passage, arrived at Douglas at 5.50 p.m. the same evening, while the rain poured down in torrents. Ringing the following day for service, morning and afternoon, is recorded.

The opening peal, Holt's Ten-Part, was not uneventful. Following the half-way single the second and sixth ropes broke. A fresh start was made and the second rope again broke, as did the third rope. While Mr. Andrews, a ringer, spliced the ropes, some 300 ladies were entertained by the 'Youths' with their handbells. One 'Youth,' Evans, is reported 'nervous.' A change course upset the next attempt, the record continues, 'Started again and the peal was successful.—December 7th, 1852.'

ELECTION INCIDENT

Ringing for the General Election, for which the Society was promised £10, but had great difficulty in getting £5, is recorded. One member, Ned Davies, 'conducted himself very disorderly and was intoxicated as well—fined 5s.: 2s. for being drunk, 2s. for insulting and abusive language, and 1s. for leaving before the ringing was done.' (Incurring the last 1s. at least stabilised his loss).

The 'Youths' had now learnt something of politics, and something of finance, more than many modern men, for an entry reads, 'Rung for the school children's anniversary—5s. per man, and 5s. extra for the man getting the money.'

In 1853 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's, and in 1854 Grandsire Caters was also rung at St. Peter's, and two peals of Kent Treble Bob Maior at St. Luke's.

It was on October 3rd, 1854, George Borrow writes of the sweet bells of Llangollen ringing for joy on the reported capture of Sebastopol; Liverpool bells were rung for the same purpose on Monday, October 1st. George Borrow appears to have been the only one to benefit from the ill-founded report.

Two peals were rung in 1855, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, both at St. Luke's.

Holt's Original was rung 'in hand' for the Society in 1856, at Mr. Bates', Boar's Head, Drury Lane, conducted by John Heron, ringing 3-4, and was followed by a peal at St. Luke's in honour of Mr. Hand's 80th birthday.

AN ALTERCATION

On quarter night, December 24th, after some little altercation. Thomas Gay tendered his resignation, but becomes a member again on Sunday morning, January 2nd.

Two peals were rung in 1857, one a United Societies' peal and one for the Liverpool College Youths—Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, both at St. Luke's.

Visiting Liverpool in 1858 and 1859, Mr. Albert Escourt, of Painswick, took part in two peals. The distinguished visitor conducted, in 1859, a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Nicholas'.

Holt's Original was rung at St. Luke's in March, 1862, and a week later Grandsire Cinques is recorded at St. Nicholas', with Stedman Cinques the following year on the same bells. A peal of Grandsire Caters was also rung at St. Peter's in 1862. All four peals being recorded for the Liverpool College Youths.

The year 1865 brings to an end this era of Liverpool belfry life, with a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Peter's as a tribute of respect to the G.O.M. Mr. John Hand, who conducted the first peal in Liverpool, in 1800.

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

(To be concluded)

NOTES

The torrential rains at Douglas reminds the writer of an expedition into Wales, recorded thus:—

'One unlucky Friday—with sorrow and pain
I proceed to record it—it came on to rain!
It rained on the Saturday, it rained on the Sunday,
It rained every hour of the day on the Monday,
On Tuesday it rained cats and dogs, as they say,
And Wednesday was also a very wet day.
On Thursday and Friday, especially the latter day
It rained very hard—but my gracious on Saturday.' etc.,

To be fair to Ned Davies: Liverpool possessed a modern, adequate and clean water supply in 1892. Old prints show the well from which the town's water supply was drawn in a field, in which cattle are grazing. Sterilised and pasteurised milk was introduced by the large milk distributors in the 1920's, and about the same time a few farmers introduced T.T. milk into the city.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Double Court: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, C. T. Hillis 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Hereward Bob: Miss R. E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, L. C. Smith 5. M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN NINE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Further to my composition in eight methods, as published in 'The Ringing World' on November 4th, 1955, I have managed to add Cassiobury, making it nine methods with all the bells doing all the work of each method, but it makes a little longer peal.

The following gives the arrangement as it must be rung with this method included.—Yours faithfully, A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot.

5,472 OR 5.408

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
23564	2		2	1	LBNBL
52364				1	PWW
65324			1		NSDDYY
35264			2	1	WPBL
63254			1	(3)	LPNNNBB*
45236	1		1	1	NNNPL
24536			3	1	LDSLLBL
32546			1		LDL
24365	2		2		LBYYYBL
53462	1			1	LDL
45362	3			1	LBLLSDL
64352			1	3	LCYYBB
34562			2	1	LSBW
65243	1		1		CPPDPWYP
25463			2	1	WCBL
42563				1	PDCCL
32465		1	1		SDBBBW
56423	1		1	1	CNCCW
45623				1	DCLSS
64523				1	SSLCD
25346	1		1		WCCNC
54326	1	1			WBBBDS
54263	2		2	1	LBWWWWWBL
62345	1		1		WCW
43526	1		1		WCW
63425	2				LBCW
52436	1		1	1	PYWPDPPC
62534	2			3	WBSLBB
35426	1		1		YYCCDP
42356			1	1	LCL
62453	2				LBPW
34256	1			1	YYDDSN
23456				1	WWP

1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury (Y), 384 Superlative, 352 Lincoln (N).

* 3 Bobs Home may be omitted at (3) and the two leads of Bristol to reduce.

North Weald Ringer's Wedding

Members of St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers, North Weald, Essex, presented an oak striking clock to Mr. Sidney King on July 22nd as a wedding present. A congratulatory quarter peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor was lost five minutes before the end through the tenor rope slipping off the wheel.

Mr. King's marriage to Miss Maisie Davis took place at Holy Trinity Church, Southall, on July 28th. Another congratulatory quarter was attempted on July 29th before morning service at North Weald, but this had to be called round after about 1,000 changes because of a late start.

The honours were done before evening service, when 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles were rung.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELLS OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN HALL

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Ogden's letter in your issue of July 20th, as I made a similar visit to this tower in 1946 and my experience and observations are recorded in 'The Ringing World,' Vol. XLI., page 543, dated November 15th, 1946.

The present Master Bell Ringer of Berwick appears to be rather ignorant in the matter of the history of his bells; they were certainly cast and hung for ringing long before the present century. The ring was cast by Lester and Pack of London in 1754 and presumably installed about that year; the Freeman's Records maintained at the Town Clerk's office have reference to bell repairs going back to the early 19th century.

A peal has been rung on these bells. The bells were rehung by Carrs of Smethwick in 1894, and on completion of the work the bell hanger, J. Buffery, arranged for a trial by a band of ringers from Newcastle. The result was a peal of Stedman Triples in just over three hours, a series of complaints by resentful citizens and tea with the Mayor in his parlour! As Mr. Ogden shows, the bells are now unsafe for ringing, but they were rung by occasional visiting bands until just before the last war.

It seems very doubtful now whether any full scale restoration of these bells is possible, as the Town Hall is owned by the Freemen of Berwick, and, like most of these old corporations, their plea is one of poverty. Then again, Berwick is isolated in both a geographical and a ringing sense and there are no competent local ringers with the required zeal to investigate any scheme.—Yours truly,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CORNELIUS CHARGE—A MEMORY

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. E. Morris' interesting letter of the 3rd inst. of the late brothers Charge, Reuben, who came to ring recently at Streatham, often used to talk about his brother's achievements—'Corney slipped up,' once he said.

At one time the brothers were ringing quite a number of peals at Fulham, and at the finish of a peal of Grandsire Caters (one of Cornelius' compositions) his brother, Reuben, who took part, declared that the peal was false.

Subsequently the figures of the composition appeared in 'Bell News,' which was sent with the report of the peal in question. The figures caught the eye of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, the well-known composer, who proved it false. Result—peal withdrawn.—Yours sincerely,

J. W. CHAPMAN.

Streatham, S.W.

'OPEN' OR 'CLOSED' LEADS

Dear Sir.—In some towers I notice that the bell leading full at handstroke makes a slight but definite pause before leading, in others no pause is made. On more than one occasion I have brought this up for discussion and find that there are two schools of thought on this matter. Some bands say pause; others say no pause.

Is there any ruling on this, please?—Yours faithfully,

AUSTIN STONE.

Cottingham, Yorks.

Note.—The 'open' handstroke lead is normal in most parts of the country, but 'cartwheeling,' as the 'closed' lead is usually described, is not uncommon in parts of Yorkshire and Cheshire particularly among six-bell bands. It is also frequently used by call change ringers in the West Country. There is no rule on this subject. —Ed.

EXPANSION OF OUR ART

Dear Sir,—Referring to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' for February 10th, on the subject of the limited scope for the production and sale of ringing books and pamphlets, I believe that this is only one small facet of a much larger problem which continually confronts the Exercise. As the author rightly suggests in his closing remarks, these books do help towards the expansion of the art.

But sureiy the converse is also true. An expansion in the art, and in the number taking part in it would also help the sales of books and pamphlets, and sir, as I believe you would be only too happy to agree, the sales of 'The Ringing World' itself.

Are we, as ringers, doing all we can to further the art of ringing? Are we satisfied that ringing is making advances comparable with, shall we say, electronics or other expanding industries?

When one opens 'The Ringing World' and from time to time reads that yet another record has been created in Spliced Surprise, one must admit that at any rate technical advances are undoubtedly being made. But are these advances really helpful to the expansion of the art? I should not like for one moment to underestimate the very great skill and sustained effort demanded of these torch-bearers. Those who have progressed as far as the standard methods may be dimly conscious of what breaking a record in Spliced Surprise must mean in terms of skill, study, practice and time; but what of the many who can do little or no change-ringing, and what of the vast multitude of the 'listening public' who neither know nor care what is being rung so long as the striking is good?

These torch-bearers have done noble work, but their light is out of sight of the main body behind. As Sir Winston Churchill once said: 'Britain leads the world; but is the world following?' It is to the followers of the Exercise, and the general public after them, that we must look for an expansion in the art.

What then is the scope for expansion, and what part can ringers play in helping to fill the ringing vacuum that undoubtedly exists even in these overcrowded islands? Probably the most promising field for immediate expansion would be those churches where the bells are for some reason sadly silent. Most of us who have rung away from our own tower can call to mind such a church not many miles away. Then there are the churches that have towers but the bells are either derelict or wanting. A more difficult problem here. Then, seemingly right out of reach, are the churches that do not even possess a tower.

I visited such a church recently. It is comparatively modern and unfinished, the west end being bricked off and awaiting extension. Inside there is a plan showing the existing portion and the proposed extension. I could not see anything to indicate that any tower was planned. I wondered if any of the good folk living there realised what bells mean in the life of the English Church, and what they would miss if the church should be completed without them. The church is in a wealthy neighbourhood, and I came to the conclusion that it could only be through complete unawareness of the real meaning of the bells that they have been completely ignored in the design.

There must be scores of similar examples of the ringing vacuum throughout the country. A vacuum which if not filled by us will be eventually filled in other ways, leaving the churches in question permanently the poorer for being deprived of this much-cherished traditional way of life.

Surely it is up to us as ringers to ponder these things and to try and form as clear a picture as we can of what ringing means in the life of the church. This, of course, is what really matters. It is the factor that has governed the total number of ringable towers we see published in Dove's Guide. There is scope here for reading and research, and with a clearer view of the meaning and purpose of the bells constantly before us, and a willingness at all times to keep the wellbeing of the art in the forefront of our own personal desires, we can in time still further improve our relationship with our fellow ringers and the rest of the church.

Such a policy persistently carried out on a large scale would surely improve the soil in which a genuine expansion of the art could flourish.—Yours faithfully,

Bexhill-on-Sea. COLIN E. VERDON.

HENRY BRETT, OF COWLEY

Dear Sir,—Cowley is a little village just west of the main Cirencester-Cheltenham road, and it is truly an unspoilt village, and a pure agricultural village by reason of the fact that there is no trace of industrial development, no railway or main highway to mar the tranquil atmosphere of this rural community high up in the Cotswolds.

In 1946 the County Council took over the Manor House as a residential conference house for adult education and youth movements. With the estate went the age-old rights of the Lord of the Manor, possibly the first time that a local authority has ever acted as a village 'Squire.'

Like much of the lands in England at that time, Cowley belonged to one of the religious houses, in this case the Abbey of St. Mary's, at Pershore, and it remained in their possession until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. The lands were originally given to the Abbey by Edward the Confessor in return for some land which he required to build a church in London—the site where now stands Westminster Abbey.

It was Westminster Abbey with which Cowley thus possesses a singular link into whose hands the Manor passed after the dissolution of Pershore Abbey.

It was leased successively to families named Bridges, Bloomer and Brett, and late in the 17th century one of the last-named, Henry Brett, built the first Manor House on a site south-east of the present buildings. Henry Brett was eventually made bankrupt, the reason of his failure being an unusual one. The local historian, Rudder, tells us that he was passionately fond of bellringing and was continually travelling about the country at a vast expense with a company of ringers, and dissipated a splendid fortune. The present Manor House was built just over a century ago by Mr. James Hutchinson, and stones from the old Manor House were used in the foundations. Between this date and 1946, when the County Council purchased it, several families have lived in the house, and made improvements and additions. Prominent in this respect was the late Sir James Horlick, by which time the estate had grown to 3,000 acres.

Built in the early 13th century and sharing the dedication to the Blessed Virgin of its parent church at Pershore, Cowley Parish Church stands close alongside the Manor House. Though only a small building, its seating capacity, 100, is roughly equal to the population of the village. In 1500 the embattled tower at the western end, the porch and chancel were added. There are six Rudhall bells in the tower, and three were given by Henry Brett, whose excessive interest in campanology brought about his ruin.

Could any reader give more details of the ringing career of Brett?—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD J. THOMAS.

Carmarthen.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES

There are many ways of spending a ringing week-end. One of the most enjoyable is to invite eight ringers of much the same ability and arrange five peals for them. This is exactly what Mr. Brian Bladon, of Swindon, did for August 4th-6th, and a very successful venture was the result.

A start was made at Stratton St. Margaret, a very pleasant eight, with a tenor of 8¼ cwt., for Lincolnshire. The peal seemed 'in the bag,' but with only three courses to go the conductor called 'Stand,' owing to a shift course. After lunch in Swindon a visit was paid to Great Coxwell (5, 11¼ cwt.), where the very genial Vicar (a Yorkshireman) gladly gave permission for us to ring on his seldom-heard bells.

Then over to Highworth for the first peal of Surprise on the bells. These are a clear-sounding ring, rehung by Taylors, and a start was made for Yorkshire. Brian Bladon, who was conducting, was not satisfied with the ringing, which was too slow, and set the bells up after 30 minutes. A change round in the band, and a really good peal was rung at a brisk pace. Some were a little tired, but we still went on to Lechlade (6, 15 cwt.) and rang London and Stedman for the benefit of a local ringer.

We started off on Sunday with service ringing at Christ Church, Swindon, a grand 10 (tenor 22½ cwt.), and then went over to meet Mr. W. B. Kynaston at Rodbourne Cheney (6, 8 cwt.), where on a pleasant ring we rang Plain Bob, Cambridge and London.

The afternoon peal was booked for Bishopstone, where the bells have a reputation for noise. However, Derek Jones made a really good job of the tenor and making his calls heard, and we scored the first of Surprise on the bells, and the first Major since 1921. A short run over to Ashbury (6, 14 cwt.) and permission was granted by the churchwarden for us to ring after Evensong on a good-going rehung Taylor six.

Our first tower for Monday was Shrivenham and we scored a very good 'fast' peal of Rutland, which was Malcolm Cloke's first peal of Surprise as conductor. As he is the second Oxford Guild ringer to do this within two months, someone suggested the method must be easier than it looks! The Vicar of Shrivenham kindly congratulated us while we were having lunch.

Our last tower was Watermoor, Cirencester, and we were welcomed by Mr. F. J. Lewis, whom the writer had not seen since 1934. The bells are rung from the ground floor and have a long draught, with the treble hung above the others. The method chosen was Superlative, and a very slow peal was accomplished. The writer's wrists ached more on the treble than if he had been on the tenor!

The parting of the ways came after this, and the band thanked Brian Bladon for arranging so enjoyable and successful a week-end. A. P. C.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting of the Society was held at Calverley on Saturday, July 28th. Throughout the afternoon and evening members and friends, representing a dozen or more towers, took part in ringing a variety of methods, including many touches and courses of Plain Bob for the learners present.

Tea was served in the local schoolroom at 5 o'clock and was enjoyed by all present. The business meeting followed immediately afterwards, at which the local company and helpers were thanked for their hospitality to the Society.

The next meeting will be held at Otley on August 25th.

SINGLE HUNT TRIPLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—As there are only 52 decent regular six-lead Triples methods, perhaps you would publish them in 'The Ringing World.' The only double changes that occur in these 52 are of the form 125, 127, 145, 147, 347 and 167, 347. 367 at the half-lead only. There are many others with places such and 123 or 345, but, personally, I don't think they are worth while. I give them in place notation, grid first, then half-lead, then lead-end places:—

1.—3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 145; 7; 127a.
2.—3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 5; 7; 127a—Waterloo Bob.
3.—3 1, 5, 3, 7, 125; 7; 127a.
4.—3, 1, 5, 3, 127, 5; 7; 127a.
5.—3, 1, 5, 1, 347, 1; 7; 127b.
6.—3, 1, 5, 3, 147, 3; 7; 127b.—Stanstead Bob.
7.—3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 5; 367; 1c.
8.—3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 125; 367; 1c.
9.—3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 5; 167; 1c.—R. Waterloo Bob.
10.—3, 1, 5, 3, 127, 3; 147; 1d.
11.—3, 1, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127a.—New Bob.
12.—3, 1, 7, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127a.
13.—3 1, 7, 3, 7, 145; 7; 127b.
14.—3, 1, 7, 3, 147, 5; 7; 127b.
15.—3, 145, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127a.
16.—3, 145, 7, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127a.
17.—3, 145, 7, 1, 7, 5; 147; 1d.
18.—3, 145, 7, 3, 127, 5; 147; 1d.
19.—3, 145, 7, 3, 147, 5; 347; 1d.
20.—3, 147, 5, 1, 7, 5; 167; 1d.—Croydon Bob.
21.—3, 147, 5, 1, 347, 1; 367; 1d.
22.—3, 147, 5, 3, 127, 5; 167; 1d.
23.—347, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 347; 1c.
24.—347, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 147; 1c.
25.—347, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3; 127; 1d.
26.—5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 125; 7; 127a.
27.—5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 5; 7; 127a.—Carshalton Bob.
28.—5 1, 5, 1, 347, 125; 7; 127a.
29.—5, 1, 5, 1, 347, 5; 7; 127a.
30.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127b.—St. Edmundsbury.
31.—5 1, 5, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127b.
32.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 167; 1c.—Burnham Bob.
33.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 367; 1c.
34.—5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 145; 367; 1c.
35.—5, 1, 7, 1, 7, 3; 7; 127a.—Hawkhurst Bob.
36.—5, 1, 7, 3, 147, 5; 367; 1d.
37.—5, 147, 5, 1, 347, 1; 7; 127a.
38.—5, 147, 5, 3, 147, 3; 7; 127a.—Pennings Bob.
39.—5, 147, 5, 3, 127, 3; 7; 127b.
40.—5, 147, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127b.
41.—5, 147, 5, 1, 7, 125; 347; 1c.
42.—5, 147, 5, 1, 7, 5; 347; 1c.
43.—5, 147, 5, 1, 347, 5; 347; 1c.
44.—5, 147, 5, 1, 347, 125; 347; 1c.
45.—5, 147, 5, 3, 7, 5; 147; 1c.
46.—7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 347; 1c.
47.—7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 147; 1c.
48.—7, 145, 7, 1, 7, 5; 347; 1c.
49.—7, 145, 7, 1, 7, 125; 347; 1c.
50.—7, 145, 7, 1, 347, 5; 347; 1c.
51.—7, 145, 7, 1, 347, 125; 347; 1c.
52.—7, 145, 7, 3, 7, 5; 147; 1c.

Methods marked 'a' and 'b' have a 127 plain lead-end, 147 bob lead-end and 12347 single lead-end.

Methods marked 'c' and 'd' have a 1 plain lead-end, 147 bob lead-end and 14567 single lead-end.

I have seen a paper, signed by J. J. Parker, with the figures of No. 30 under the title of Farnham Royal Bob Triples. This name was changed to St. Edmundsbury by a pre-war Methods Committee.

In addition to these regular methods the following have also been 'pealed':—

53.—7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 127.—Plain Bob (St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, January 17th, 1689.)

54.—347, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 127.—Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Warnham, Sussex, February 3rd, 1887.)

55.—5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1.—College Single III. (St. Olave's, Southwark, March 23rd, 1727.)

56.—3, 147, 5, 167, 7, 1; 7;127.—Cumberland Imperial Place. (Hackney, February 17th, 1801.)

57.—3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1.—St. Dunstan's III. (St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, January 27th, 1727.)

58.—7, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1.—Fulham III. (Fulham, 1748.)

59.—3, 1, 7, 1, 7, 3; 7; 1.—Grandsire Double III. (Richmond, Surrey, January 4th, 1767.)

60.—5, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 125.—Middlesex Bob. (Twickenham, January 22nd, 1733.)

61.—7, 1, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 127.—St. Simon's College Bob. (St. Bride's, London, April, 1732.)

I hope that the list of regular Triples will prove useful, until the Methods Committee complete and have published their collection. —Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Binsted on July 21st. This most out-of-the-way tower in the District had not been a meeting place for many years owing to the state of the bells and lack of ringing interest locally. However, in the past few months the new Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Gant) has gathered together about a dozen young people, who, under the leadership of Mrs. Gant (captain), have learned to handle and can ring rounds well. At the Guild service the Vicar welcomed the Guild and gave an amusing but instructive address. Tea was served in the Institute, to which 28 sat down.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member, and the following ringing members from Binsted tower were elected:—Mrs. P. E. Gant, the Misses G. W. C. Stretton, S. Jones, H. M. Cain, Mrs. White, Messrs. A. E. R. Knight, P. E. Knight, B. L. Newport and P. W. Collins.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District welcomed a fine day on August Saturday for its meeting at Ottershaw, where methods up to London were rung before the service at 4.30.

Only 24 people sat down to a good tea at the Otter, this being followed by a short business meeting at which an honorary member was elected from Weybridge. The secretary asked whether it was worth holding a meeting on August Saturday, as the attendance was so low, but the meeting favoured the continuance of the practice.

Mr. G. Talbot proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. D. Hiam, for the use of the bells, to the organist, who was called in about ten minutes before service time, and to the ladies who prepared tea.

On returning to the tower the bells were put to good use until 8.30 p.m., about 40 people having handled the ropes during the ringing time. E. A. H.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHECKENDON, OXON

Overcast skies met the party which set out from among the Chiltern Hills for the Sussex coast on July 21st, accompanied by friends from Shiplake and Reading.

In spite of being late off the mark, we arrived at the first tower, Bosham, dead on time. This is King Canute's church, built by the Saxons, and overlooking a pleasant little Sussex backwater dotted with sailing ships. The bells (6, tenor 13 cwt. 7 lbs., in F) are quite a good ring, but we found them difficult to handle and didn't really do them justice.

Later on, the peaceful countryside round the unspoilt little village of Walberton was echoing to the music of the little Taylor six (10½ cwt.), which were rather noisy in the church. An enthusiastic young reception committee met us here, and ringing was much improved on our efforts at Bosham.

At lunch-time we dispersed into the seaside crowd at Bognor, meeting later to make the short journey to Felpham (6, 12 cwt.). Here a big wedding was in progress, and the happy couple were serenaded on their way with a good extent of Stedman. The bells, however, are odd-struck, and, according to their 'go,' will soon be needing some attention by the founders. Just before we left, the non-ringers' paddling party arrived back from the beach, with the usual trappings, and were annoyed to find they had missed a wedding.

The coach sped on through Littlehampton, and the good Mears six at Lyminster were soon going to Plain Bob. These bells are a credit to the towerkeeper, and the best ringing of the day was heard here. During the early touches the Vicar came in, welcomed us, and showed the party round his recently restored church.

After a commendable tea in Arundel, the swarm settled on the last tower of the day, the six at Goring-by-Sea (18 cwt.). A small, enclosed ringing room made it warm work but everyone enjoyed the hour spent here. The writer has two vivid memories of this tower; that of Ben Wakefield let loose on the fine organ next door to the ringing room, and of the one-eyed secretary of the Reading University Society poring over St. Clement's in a crowded corner. Incidentally, one also found it difficult to catch John's good eye for a Stedman dodge!

The homeward journey took us through Horsham and Guildford, where the customary halt was made. Ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Kent, and the party express their thanks to those who met us at the towers, and to George Hearns for another grand outing. R. K. R.

SPALDING, LINCS

Spalding ringers and friends from neighbouring towers chose Norfolk for their annual outing. Leaving Spalding at 7 a.m., the first stop was made at East Dereham, where the eight bells were made good use of, although the ropes, falling anti-clockwise, were found difficult by some members.

Two famous Norwich towers, St. Giles (8) and St. Peter Mancroft (12), were visited before lunch, partaken of at Norwich, and in the afternoon Aylsham (10) and Cromer (6), where the sea also proved quite an attraction, were visited.

The coast road was followed to Wells-on-Sea, tea being taken before ringing on the eight bells of St. Nicholas' Parish Church. The last tower of the day was Fakenham, where the eight bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 8.30 p.m. A call was made on the homeward journey at King's Lynn for refreshments, and Spalding reached at 11.30 p.m.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

Fine weather favoured this outing on July 21st. Joined by ringers from East Retford, Rampton, Warsop, Tuxford, Sutton-on-Trent and Muskham, the new 41-seater bus left Retford at 7.30 a.m., making its way to Staffordshire via Newark, Nottingham and Derby. Rolleston-on-Dove was reached at 10, dead on time. The nice eight were kept going for fifty minutes, the Vicar giving us a welcome. Hanbury should have been reached at 11, but delays through road work, narrow lanes and inquiring the way found us forty minutes late.

The Rev. R. Russell thought we were going for the day and boiled water for making tea, which some were ready for. However, ringing had to be short on this good octave, and then came the time for departure. The Vicar was reluctant to let us go, visitors please note! We should have got to Marchington by noon, but, sad to say, did not arrive until 12.50. We marched to the church, a 'No Through Road' notice preventing our driver from taking the coach down. Only half an hour was had on the grand six. We learned afterwards the Vicar had waited fifty minutes for us. An apology has, however, been sent to him. The six at Dilhorne followed; although the treble gave some a bit of trouble, Cambridge was brought round. Here the Rev. A. Stanley met us.

Mr. A. W. Hall met us at Cheadle (R.C.), and an hour was spent on the grand eight before tea, a touch of Spliced Oxford Bob, Court, St. Clement's and Grandsire Triples being rung. After tea the good ring of six at the Parish Church was put to good use for an hour. The last tower of the day was Mayfield, another good six. After a group photo had been taken, the hour of good ringing came to an end all too soon. Goodnight was said to the local ringer who met us and so we left for home. A short stop was made at Alfreton, as some had become hungry and others dry. Thanks are accorded to all the clergy for giving permission to ring, Messrs. J. W. Cotton and E. H. Edge for information and the local men who met us. Retford was reached at 11 p.m. after an enjoyable day. H. D.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE

Kingstone ringers, together with ringers from Peterchurch, Much Dewchurch, Madley and Allensmore, spent an enjoyable day in Leicestershire on July 28th. Making an early start by coach, 5 a.m. from Peterchurch, passing through Hereford at 5.45 a.m., arriving Loughborough at 9.45. The first call of interest was Messrs. J. Taylor's bell foundry, where the party was met by Mr. P. Taylor. During a very good tour of the foundry various processes were explained and many questions answered. Clearly the average person knows little of the amount of experience and craftsman's skill that goes into the making of a ring of bells. The foundry campanile was the next item of interest, and most of the company tried their skill at handling this very light ring.

Calls were made at Hathern (6), Rothley (6) (best ringing of the day here), and finally Sharnford (6). Ringing during the day included rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A most enjoyable day came to an end all too quickly. Home was reached safely and happily after various adventures not really connected with ringing.

The grateful thanks of the company are due to Mr. Paul Taylor, the incumbents and local ringers who met us and gave their kind assistance, also to Messrs. A. Colcombe and C. Phillips, who organised the trip so efficiently. T. H. Y.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual outing on July 21st. Leaving Runcorn, we travelled to Loughborough, where we were met by our friends from Grappenhall and Frodsham who had travelled in another coach. We were then taken on a tour of the bell foundry by Mr. P. Taylor, who explained the various stages by which the bells are made. After ringing several methods on the foundry bells, we had lunch in Loughborough.

After visiting Kegworth for ringing at the Church of St. Andrew, we returned to Loughborough for more ringing at All Saints' Parish Church. On the homeward journey ringing took place at Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Overseale. The organiser of the outing was Mr. C. Radden, of Stockton Heath. H. H.

LAVENHAM

Lavenham ringers, with their wives and friends, held their 31st annual outing on July 28th.

Leaving Lavenham at 8 a.m., halts were made at Long Melford and Clare to pick up other ringing friends. The first stop for ringing was Godmanchester, where some good striking was enjoyed on the bells. Next came St. John's, Peterborough, with more excellent striking, followed by lunch at the Granville Cafe. St. Mary's was next on the programme, where various courses were rung.

A move was then made to Whittlesea St. Mary's for further ringing, and, after tea, St. Andrew's was visited, where the final touches of the day were brought round.

Methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge. Thanks are due to the five incumbents for the use of their bells, to those who kindly met the party, to Messrs. G. Bush and H. S. Peacock for their great help, and to Stedman Symonds for his grand organising. S. H. S.

NORTH SHIELDS

The annual outing of Christ Church Guild, South Shields, was held on Sunday, June 24th, when the ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends and six ringers from South Shields, travelled by coach to High Force, Middleton-in-Teesdale. Although fog was encountered, the destination was safely reached and lunch enjoyed at the High Force Hotel. The surrounding area was visited, including the waterfall, and the journey resumed to Allendale.

After an excellent tea, the bells of St. Cuthbert's, Allendale, were rung for evensong, about 15 ringers taking part. The return journey was by Hexham and Newcastle, and North Shields was reached at 10 p.m.

A most enjoyable day was spent by the combination of a comfortable coach, good meals and a nice ring of bells.

KETTERING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The end of term outing was made by bicycle in very wet weather. However, eleven members came, and we were met later in the day by Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson and Mr. B. S. Cope. Towers visited were Clipston (newly rehung), Sibbertoft (rough), Welford, Misterton, Husbands Bosworth, Lubenham, Foxton, Great Bowden, East Farndon (with queer noises aloft) and Great Oxendon.

There was a wide range of methods, with more Surprise than on previous occasions (including the first course of London by the Society). About 70 miles were covered during the day. P. G. K. D.

QUARTER PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Leavett (Tollesbury) 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, W. S. Girling 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Jones (first quarter) 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, J. Pink 3, F. P. Jones 4, E. G. Talbot 5, F. D. Jennings 6, L. A. Reece 7, S. F. W. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,896 Minor (being 1,176 London Surprise and 720 Norwich Surprise): S. Twitchett 1, Miss M. Mills 2, M. Mills 3, Miss R. Seabrook 4, T. Bird 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): H. Preece 1, E. Turner 2, J. Hale 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, D. W. Davies 5, P. J. Perham (first quarter) 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. For Evensong and the annual visit of Mr. P. J. Perham (Hornsey).

CAMBRIDGE.—On Aug. 5th, 1,257 Stedman Cinques: P. H. Pigg 1, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 2, C. M. P. Johnson 3, F. B. Cookson 4, J. D. Painter 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, J. G. Gipson 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. L. Martin 10, P. Border 11, H. F. Brown 12. For Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. White 1, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 2, W. F. Jenkins 3, S. Walter 4, D. Chatfield 5, P. Newing 6, B. J. Luck 7, A. Butler 8. A birthday compliment to W. F. Jenkins.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Shingfield 1, R. C. Button 2, E. Shingfield 3, C. E. G. Banham 4, W. M. Mann 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung for Holy Communion service on the Feast of Transfiguration to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of the Rector (Canon H. E. King) and Mrs. King.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,056 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Jennings 1, Ann Miles 2, Mrs. P. A. Cracknell 3, J. Laker 4, B. Cracknell 5, S. Arnold 6, W. Slaughter 7, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 8. Longest Bob Major for 1, 3, 5 and 8 as conductor. For Evensong.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Hill 1, Miss B. Sanger 2, D. Hill 3, R. Crago 4, H. C. Lintern 5, A. J. Sanger 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, H. Look 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. S. Tucker of the local company.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): W. Geers 1, J. Sims 2, G. Hurrell 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Rablah 8. For Evensong. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Rablah; also a farewell to Miss Beryl Stubbs on leaving the Eltham band to join her parents in Tanganyika.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Brunger 1, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 2, W. R. Manser 3, S. A. White 4, G. Fry 5, L. J. Honess 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, J. T. Medhurst 8. Rung for the wedding of the grand-daughter of L. J. Honess.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Foreward 1, V. Green 2, D. Simms 3, M. Thomas (first of Minor) 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day, All Saints', St. Simon's, Bob, and 300 Grandsire): S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. Button 2, Miss W. M. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, R. Pye 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss J. Skingle and Mr. F. Whiterod, a member of the local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Peacock 1, Daphne Hyams 2, R. Stevens 3, R. Bridges 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. Conducted by H. King. Rung for evening prayer and a wedding compliment to Mr. Sidney King and Miss Maisie Davis.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thomas (cond.) 1, C. J. B. Taylor 2, C. D. Mann 3, F. Dickinson 4, Miss G. Hawkins 5, M. S. Hart 6, H. Hughes 7, W. Smith 8. First of Triples for 1, 5, 6, 8. Rung for the patronal festival and as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire Doubles): S. Pugh 1, F. E. T. Tranter 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, C. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. Rung for the homecoming of Mrs. T. Goodyer, wife of the Master of the Australian Association until his business trip abroad.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Marshall (first quarter) 1, F. Hill 2, P. Sewry 3, R. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Brown 5, J. Faulkner 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On Aug. 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Wm. Butler 1, F. R. Scott 2, B. L. Taylor 3, Sylvia Wickenden 4, J. C. Birt 5, Janet Adamson 6, K. Buckingham 7, A. J. Glass 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, E. L. A. Hudson 10. First quarter on ten bells for 4, 6 and 7. Specially rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. Claude Williams), who is to be Rector of Henley-on-Thames.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Race 1, D. A. Lodge 2, F. J. Wood 3, B. W. Parke 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, P. J. Crouchman 6. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mary L. Wood. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. L. Wood 1, J. E. Race 2, F. J. Wood 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, H. O. Goddard 5, B. W. Parke 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Margaret Clegg, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Parke.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Hills 1, L. Turner 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, W. Flatt 4, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. Smith 7, H. Turner 8. In memoriam H. Chinnery (Orsett), who was interred this day at Orsett.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX. — At the Church of All Hallows, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples: Jill Barron (first quarter, age 13) 1, Ann Muir (first quarter, age 11) 2, A. J. Muir 3, J. B. Thorp (first 'inside') 4, W. A. Lewis 5, Miss J. Barbrook 6, D. Hill Brown (cond.) 7, R. Holmes 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS. — On July 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, G. Crisp 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, Mrs. Bagworth 2, J. Tomsett 3, A. Bishop 4, N. Bagworth 5, M. Sinden 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, H. Cox 8. First in the method for 1 and 4. Rung for the 75th birthday of the tenor ringer.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringers Asked to Honour Enthronement

A party of 63 sat down to tea at the summer meeting of the Wellingborough Branch held at Higham Ferrers on July 21st. Ringers were present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Bozeat, Great Doddington, Rushden, Raunds, Earls Barton, Kettering, Lowick, Bromham, Pertenhall, Luton and Denton, with local ringers.

The Guild service was led by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Ford), who also gave an address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 11s. 3d. Before the business meeting a silent tribute was made to the memory of Mr. T. Fowler, who died at Wilby the previous week, aged 88. The Branch hopes to hold its next meeting at Wilby.

Mr. B. P. Morris, the Guild's Master, asked members to make September 29th, the date of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Peterborough, an occasion for ringing in the diocese. It was agreed to send a donation of one guinea to the Spencer Leeson Memorial Fund.

WEDDING

MR. RONALD J. SANDERSON—MISS DOREEN E. SMYTHE

The marriage between Mr. Ronald J. Sanderson and Miss Doreen E. Smythe, two members of the local company and former officers of the Doncaster and District Society of Change Ringers, took place at St. Peter's Church, Bentley, near Doncaster, on July 28th. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by Canon H. G. G. Herklots, M.A., president of the Doncaster and District Society.

The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Elizabeth Bate, secretary of the Ladies' Guild, Yorkshire District, Miss Barbara Hulme and Miss Pamela Lee. The best man was Mr. Dennis A. Chapman, cousin of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Mr. C. Donald Wheat, of the local company, and Mr. Raymond Doff.

After the service the five bells were rung by fellow members of the Doncaster and District Society. The reception was held at the Angel and Royal Hotel, Doncaster, and the honeymoon was spent in London and Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Lympsham, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. —E. C. Wickham. 8778

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 22nd, to A. T. Wingate, c/o 30, Venns Lane, Hereford. 8782

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Windsor, August 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. from nearby cafe. Further ringing 6 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, September 15th, 1956, at Manchester. Ringing details later. Business meeting at No. 4 Committee Room, Town Hall, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Waldorf Hotel, Cooper Street. Social evening to follow. Tickets for dinner 12/6 each; applications for tickets with remittance to Hon. Sec., C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by September 6th, 1956. 8776

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MISCELLANEOUS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The ringing meeting arranged for Saturday, Aug. 18th, at St. George's, Mossley, has now been **cancelled**.—R. Benson. 8760

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8742

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8743

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Aug. 18th, High Halden (6), 2.30 p.m. 8726

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton bells (6), Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8733

LADIES' GUILD. — Kent Branch. — Meeting at Walmer on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ladies welcome; gentlemen corlially invited.—Jill Waters. 8707

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe, business and further ringing until 8.30.—Frederick A. Finch. 8741

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Howden, Aug. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Names to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8755

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8731

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Practice meeting at King's Somborne on Aug. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8758

CRAYFORD, KENT. — Surprise practice, Tuesday, Aug. 21st, at St. Paulinus' at 7.30 p.m. We shall be pleased to see you.—Mary R. Andrews, Bexley. 8764

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, St. Maryatte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, 6.30-8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 8768

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 25th, meeting at the Queen's Head, Cranford, 6.30. Details of ringing next week. 8762

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches.—Combined meeting, South Petherton, Saturday, Aug. 25th. —T. J. Setter, J. T. Locke. 8749

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, Aug. 25th, 2.30 p.m.-3 p.m. Well Dressing ceremony 3 p.m. Ringing again at 4 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 8763

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Campsall (8), Aug. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Aug. 23rd, to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 8774

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Southern District.— Annual meeting at Southchurch, Aug. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, by Aug. 22nd, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 8773

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Alderton, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, Aug. 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8757

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Pirton, Aug. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Winchendon Place Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8752

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh (6) on Aug. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Aug. 21st, to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Hythe, Kent. Please make effort to attend this meeting.—W. P. G. 8719

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (free). Business 6. Names to Joseph Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington. 8761

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Otley, Aug. 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Whitaker, 97, Ilkley Road, Otley.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8750

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at Star Inn 5 o'clock; please bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Dis. Sec. 8756

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurmaston, Aug. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (at 5), by the 20th, to W. Partridge, 40, Charnwood Avenue.—B. S. Payne. 8771

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walesby (8) on Aug 25th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8766

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Aug. 23rd, Mr. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. 8736

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Third quarterly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 25th, at Wells. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. 8745

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Aug. 25th, changed to Pevensey (6). Service 4.30. Afterwards at Westham (6). Practice method: Double Court. Names for tea (early, please) to H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8753

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting to be held at St. Bees on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 8772

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Tollesbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8724

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Bobbingworth, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Speed, 6, Council Cottages, Bobbingworth. 8769

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Sept. 1st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Waterloo Restaurant, Market Place, 5.15. Notify for tea by August 27th. Ringing: Sandhurst, Finchampstead, All Sajnts', Wokingham, 2.30-3.30; St. Paul's 3.15-4.15; Arborfield, Binhurst, Hurst and All Saints' 6-9.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 8747

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, to Mr. W. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 8765

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Will those requiring tea please notify, by Aug. 28th, Mr. F. Townsend, Main Street, Maids-Moreton, Buckingham. — R. H. Howson, Hon. Sec. 8759

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth at 3 p.m. on Sept. 1st. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, please, to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2.—J. Seager, Sec. 8775

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at Thrumpton (5), 3 to 4.30, and Gotham (5), 6 to 8 p.m. Bus to Thrumpton leaves Nottingham (Huntingdon Street) at 2.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cuckoo Bush Inn, Gotham. Names to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 8754

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Dyffryn, Neath, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. — J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Please note change of date.** Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, near Rochester, Kent. —Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8751

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THE TALE OF JOE SNOOKS

JOE SNOOKS was an airman, a regular airman, and when friends asked him why he had signed on in the R.A.F., Joe would say, 'Well, I like to do a bit of tower grabbing, and this seems as good a way as any.' Well, Joe had certainly been lucky; for nearly two years he had been stationed on an airfield in the south-west of England. He had been happy in his work; he had ploughed satisfactorily upwards from the rank of aircraftsman second class to that of junior technician. Now, with ample money in his pocket, he was able to spend his leisure hours in travelling the county and ringing in numerous towers. He had made many good friends among the local ringers, and they would spend Saturday afternoons attempting peals. These were not always successful, but each afternoon would be nevertheless most enjoyable, and there was always a noggin of ale to be had in the evenings. Each Sunday would see Joe and his friends ringing once more in fine form, and afterwards taking their places with the choir.

Yes, life was ideal for Joe; but one day the blow fell. He was happily toddling off to work one morning when he was collared by an N.C.O. and informed that the 'gaffer' wished to see him in his office immediately. Joe was first advised to shave, put on a clean collar, clean his boots, etc., before presenting himself to the officer. This done, Joe presented himself at the inner sanctum wherein the said officer sat. He was cordially invited therein and offered a seat (a most unusual occurrence).

After opening an expensive gold cigarette case and offering Joe a 'Woodbine,' the officer proceeded to explain why Joe had been summoned to his presence. 'You see, Snooks, old chap, the jolly old R.A.F. are valuing your skill enough to make you up to a corporal.' Joe blushed with pride, he had never expected to reach such a position so soon in his service career. 'However,' the officer went on, 'a most unfortunate thing has happened, you are being posted to Scotland next week.' Joe was dumbfounded. 'You can't do this to me,' he cried. 'Oh no?' said the officer; 'we've done it.' Joe pleaded, argued and very nearly wept, but to no avail; there was a bed and a place in the Naafi queue waiting for him in Scotland. Sadly he went to the billet to pack his kit. What could he do? Commit suicide? No, you could get a court-martial for that. Desert, and hide away in some lonely bell tower? No, it was winter and too cold for that.

The following week Joe bade a sad farewell to his friends and eventually entrained for bonny Scotland. Upon his arrival there (it was still snowing) he set about finding some bells to ring. In this he was sadly disappointed. True, there was a ring of eight some thirty miles from camp, but these had not been rung for at least twenty years owing to lack of interest and ringers. The nearest change ringing available was nearly 170 miles away, at Edinburgh, and necessitating a six and a half hours train journey.

Joe, as far as we know, is still in residence in the wild Highlands, silent save for the skirl of the pipes and the tinkling of cattle bells; spending his time in composing false peals and writing silly articles to 'The Ringing World.'

Therefore, you ardent ringers of bells, when you ascend your towers Sunday by Sunday and casually tap off a touch of Grandsire Doubles or Cambridge Twelve, spare a thought for those even less fortunate than Joe; those who are serving (perhaps unwillingly) thousands of miles across the sea. Pray that when they eventually return to their homes their ringing enthusiasm may be doubled and that they will once more take their places as useful and active members of their towers and Associations. R. A. S.

A TRADITION

There is one thing that all newspapers endeavour to follow—a regular style in the presentation of their news. Since 'The Ringing World' was founded by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith certain styles have been followed which, if correspondents could be persuaded to adopt, would save the time of the Editor.

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TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
EDWARD JENKINS	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.
Rung for the christening of the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Hill (Ruth Olwin). Christened prior to the peal by her grandfather, Rev. E. C. G. Weeks, Vicar of the above parish.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM DAVIES	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	†STELLA HUGHES	7
*ERNEST STITCH	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
†ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	5	†FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM D. CROFTS. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* 100th peal on ten bells. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. ‡ 125th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung to mark the 16th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. S. B. Ashley.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
CHARLES COLES	2	*CLARENCE R. STEED	7
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	*FRED C. LYNE	8
*FRANK A. BARRETT	4	†GEORGE F. BURTON	9
†DAPHNE R. CASTELL	5	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal on ten bells as conductor.
Rung for the birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	6
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	HENRY H. FEARN	8
ALAN F. THIRST	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
WILFRED WILLIAMS	5	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
GILLIAN A. WILLIAMSON	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	PETER BORDER	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
*GEORGE A. PARSONS	2	JOHN W. EUSTON	7
KENNETH SNELLING	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	8
†BETTY PERCY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
RAYMOND OVERY	5	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER (No. 53 C.C.C.).
Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
Rung to celebrate the consecration of the Emmanuel Church, Bentley, by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal on the bells since recasting.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.
A PEAL OF 5088 CHESTER IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN DEAN	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 252).
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother; also a birthday compliment to Dennis H. B. Millward.

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FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
CHARLES CATCHPOLE	2	*ROBERT PLUMMER	6
E. AUSTIN HEAD	3	*GEORGE FILBY, JUN.	7
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	4	WILLIAM J. FLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Major.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
*JOHN HALL	2	STEPHEN BROOMFIELD	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	ARTHUR PASHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.
A compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who on this day and date, 1906, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Andrew's, Grimsby.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's. Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
*JANET FRENCH	2	STANLEY JENNER	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.
Birthday compliments to F. H. Hicks and E. J. Ladd.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
FREDERICK C. CASE	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
W. CHARLES GOUGH	4	*GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* 25th peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
†ROLAND H. COOK	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	ALBERT J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	2	GEORGE CECIL	6
*COLIN A. TESTER	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Ernest J. Ladd.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*SHEILA DANIELS	*Treble*	†PHILIP N. TUBBS	5
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Arranged by D. H. LAYTON (adapted).
Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First tower bell peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the twin daughters of the ringer of the fourth.

CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEWBRED.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

V. MARY MATTHEWS	*Treble*	DOUGLAS BURNETT	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	6
ALAN CARVETH	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
DAVID N. PENROSE	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung in the diamond jubilee year of the casting of the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 48 lb. in E flat.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*WINIFRED WHEELER	*Treble*	ALAN G. FEVER	5
*WINSTON S. GIRLING	2	KENNETH G. BROWN	6
ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	†LEONARD S. SHARPE	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWARD E DAVEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.
A 21st birthday peal for Rosemary Seabrook and David Brand, and 13th for Peter Lester.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BROMHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

PERCY BRAY	*Treble*	W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
MRS. R. E. C. SMITH	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
*MICHAEL R. ROSE	3	RONALD E. C. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
* First peal.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

HAROLD J. MUNCEY ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS ..	4
*HENRY FOSTER	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN..	3	†STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 50th peal.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

ALAN THORNTON	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	4
G. FRED TERRY	2	JOHN POTTS	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
Rung on the back six bells.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*J. MERRICK	*Treble*	F. MERRICK	4
J. RANFORD	2	†W. H. CALE	5
†W. HUBAND	3	†J. CALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. MERRICK.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

UPAVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY BRAY	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	4
MRS. R. E. C. SMITH ..	2	ERNEST E. BRAY..	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	RONALD E. C. SMITH.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

PERCY BRAY	*Treble*	W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
MRS. R. E. C. SMITH ..	2	RONALD E. C. SMITH ..	5
ERNEST E. BRAY..	3	DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. F. Honeybun, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bouch.
Mr. F. Honeybun has been treasurer and churchwarden at Corscombe for 20 years.

NEWINGTON, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	4
TERENCE BARTON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
ALBERT DUNK	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Minor.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 4½ cwt.

STANLEY SHIPP	*Treble*	*CLIVE A. GOODING	3
HENRY FOSTER	2	HAROLD J. MUNCEY ..	4
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.
* First peal 'inside.'

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Double and Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
*RONALD RUSSELL	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in eight methods.
Mr. Louis Willders has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Single Court, (2) Double Court, (3) Reverse Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	4
WILFRID F. MORETON ..	2	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
*MOLLIE TILBURY	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal in nine methods 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 8, 1956, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	*†JOHN A. ACRES	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	*JOHN M. JELLEY	5
*†PHYLLIS POOLE	3	*ROLAND H. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † Have completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. The quickest peal yet rung on tower-bells.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD ..	*Treble*	*LESLIE MELTON	3
ALAN G. FEVER	2	KENNETH G. BROWN ..	4
ARTHUR F. BALLAM	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal of Doubles.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*†EDWARD J. BOFFEY ..	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	4
HERBERT SUTTON	2	*J. DEREK SMITH	5
A. ANTHONY JAQUES ..	3	‡FREDERICK S. SUTTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in four Minor methods. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal 'inside' in four Minor methods.
A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer, Edward J. Boffey, and Mrs. Boffey.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Wragby and Neasden Delight; (3) St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (4) Oxford, Kingston and Sandal Treble Bob; (5) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel Treble Bob; (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 26 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Treble*	*RONALD DAWSON	4
*†MRS. G. RICHARDSON ..	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH.. ..	5
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	3	*HENRY KIRK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.
* First peal in 15 methods. † 25th peal. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*NANCY WILLCOX	*Treble*	‡ALAN KELLER	4
†HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	†GEORGE CHALLANS	5
KENNETH RUTLAND	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal at first attempt. † 75th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford Bob. (4) Thelwall. (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double and Plain Bob, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*PETER J. CAME	3	*PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

* 25th peal together. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 18, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT 67, ORIEL ROAD, NORTH END,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods, viz.: (1) London Bob, College Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob: (3) Double Court and Single Court; (4) Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob; (5) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in 17 methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) London Bob, Double Court, College Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob: (3) Cromer Alliance, Crayford Little Bob: (4) Walsingham Alliance, Little Bob; (5) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (6) Single Court, Reverse Bob; (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of 1-2.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	3—4
		MRS. B. G. WARWICK	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, June A. Grieveson 2, C. D. Linington 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. First in method 'inside' for 2 and 3. Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Valerie Mepham.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Lawson 1, W. Middleton 2, N. M. Newby 3, J. W. Brownrigg 4, J. E. Burles 5, J. Sewell 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8. Rung during the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Ambleside.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Tyson 1, A. Capstick 2, F. H. Crawley 3, R. Wilton 4, H. Wilson 5, J. E. Burles 6, J. Bagnall 7, G. Richins 8. To welcome H.M. the Queen and the Duke to Barrow-in-Furness.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. M. Bagshaw 1, Miss E. A. Charlesworth 2, Mrs. M. Finlow 3, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 4, F. Forster 5. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all except conductor.

BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Slack (first quarter) 1, T. K. Farrow 2, W. Collett 3, H. M. Windsor 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse (cond.) 5, R. J. Edden 6. Rung to mark the 79th birthday of Mr. W. Collett.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): N. Greenaway 1, E. C. Leigh 2, B. F. Jeffrey 3, S. Jenner 4, E. J. Jenner (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6. Also on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Greenway 1, D. E. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, D. E. Leigh 5, B. E. Jeffrey 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7. W. A. Leigh 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band as a token of respect to Mr. A. J. S. Webb, a local ringer.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Beresford (cond.) 1, Margaret Lewis 2, A. Harman 3, G. F. Oakshott 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, A. J. Adams 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 of (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel, and (2) Kingston): Mrs. G. Richardson 1, Miss E. A. Charlesworth (first of Spliced) 2, Miss E. M. Bagshaw 3, H. Kirk 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, B. J. Woodruffe 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On July 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, M. Moreton 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, J. S. Mason 7, J. Chilcott 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. M. Page 10.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, I. Biggs 2, A. Heppinstall 3, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cornwall 5, E. Gosslin 6, J. D. Kape (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Also on July 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. C. Jones 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, A. Heppinstall 3, J. D. Kape 4, W. Lee 5, A. Newton 6, A. E. Cox 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. These two quarters were rung as a farewell to A. Heppmstall, who has been stationed at Walters Ash, and is now demobilised from the R.A.F.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Aug. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Powell (first of Major) 1, N. G. Hollingworth (first of Bob Major as cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. E. Corffeld 4, J. Hales (100th quarter) 5, P. J. Hutchings (first in method) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Edwards (first of Minor) 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker (first away from treble) 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. Hales 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, M. H. Hayes 8. For evening service.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Simon's, 120 London, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Canterbury, 240 Old, 300 Grandsire): L. Battison 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, J. Kightley 3, M. Ringrose 4, A. Ford 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Osbaldiston (first quarter) 1, A. Osbaldiston (first 'inside') 2, Christine Macnair 3, R. Smith 4, A. McFall (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Pryon 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Hague and Miss D. Bowden.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): A. Boyd 1, A. Bull 2, B. McKie 3, C. Hayter 4, B. Pinnock 5, W. Foote (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 4, 5 and 6 and first as conductor as such. For Evensong.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Buswell 1, Pamela Clarke (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Margaret Hill 3, T. Goodwin 4, T. Greasley 5, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 6.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On July 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Rita Stratford 2, M. Vernon 3, G. Ball 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. A. Hall, a devoted member of this church, beloved wife of Edwin Hall, verger and ringing master.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, W. Theobald (cond.) 2, M. J. Rowe 3, H. Howson 4, E. J. Rowe 5, Miss J. Turner 6. Miss J. Turner is the first lady to ring the tenor to a quarter peal.

SUSSEX TOURISTS IN THE NORTH

THIS year's tour of the Sussex ringers and friends, organised by Miss F. E. Wyman, could very quickly be summed up as a journey of 1,500 miles, through 22 counties (17 in England, five in Scotland), with visits to 24 towers in eight counties, where 13,324 changes were rung in 21 methods after climbing 1,155 steps.

However, behind this recital of figures there is a story of a very enjoyable week spent by a very friendly crowd of ringers and friends, a week in which our good luck was certainly in, to quote but two examples. First, the weather; on arrival at Carlisle we found that the city centre had been flooded out before our arrival owing to a thunderstorm, while we had been enjoying sunshine, and Friday, the day of our visit to Edinburgh, brought the residents their first fine day for over a week.

Your chronicler journeyed to Liverpool on Sunday, July 1st, and after ringing for Evensong at the Parish Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas on the grand 12, went to the hotel to wait for the main body of the party, who had journeyed up from Horsham via Kingston, Towcester, Lichfield, picking up at various points. Arrangements had been made for all to ring on the 12 after Evensong, but we arrived too late and could only express our thanks to the captain with regret at missing this unexpected treat.

Monday saw us away through that modern engineering marvel, the Mersey tunnel, for Bromborough, Cheshire, where the Rector met us with the news that a crack had developed in the tower, stopping all ringing. He had, however, made arrangements for us to ring at the Undenominational Church at Port Sunlight. This church was a personal gift of the first Viscount Leverhulme, and has a nice eight by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F). The bells being up, we were soon away to short touches in standard methods.

Returning via the tunnel, we headed for Lancaster, and lunch, after seeking a parking place for the coach, and the cafe lunch was enjoyed before we were away once more for Windermere. (This is the only reference I shall make to the parking problem, although it was with us all the week, and our thanks are due to Tom, our driver, for making things so easy for us and reducing walking to a minimum.)

The eight at St. Martin's, Windermere, proved rather tricky, but were mastered. Miss Wyman was told by the tower captain, who had been listening across the lake, that the ringing was good. Tea was enjoyed at his cafe by the lakeside, in company with swans and seagulls.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

Our road to Carlisle, headquarters for the rest of the week, was by the way of Kirkstone Pass. Slight engine trouble here caused us some delay. Arriving late at Carlisle, it was a case of dinner or bells: two plumped for bells, the rest for a meal, which was awaiting us. This was hastily eaten by some, who then went down to the Cathedral and were in time to meet the local ringers coming away from their practice. We had a short talk with Mr. Farrington, the head verger, and he contacted the Dean, who very kindly gave us permission to ring early on Tuesday morning between Holy Communion and Matins. Up early in the morning, 15 of the party went to Communion. Joining the others, we went by way of stairs at the west end and along the clerestory to the central tower, where it was again short touches in order to accommodate everyone in the short time given us. In 1745 the six bells were rung to welcome Prince Charles Edward (Bonnie Prince Charlie) as he marched southwards. After the rebellion had been quelled, the Duke of Northumberland had the wheels removed, and the bells were not rung again until 1926, when they were augmented to eight and rehung. The bells are a mixed ring, the present seventh dated 1401, the fifth 1608, and the tenor 1657.

On to St. Andrew's, Penrith, where the eight, augmented by Taylors, who added a tenor and treble, were soon away to some grand ringing.

In the church are two candelabra, each for 24 candles, given to Penrith by the Duke of Portland for their loyalty in the 1745 rebellion. From here we crossed into Westmorland to Kirkby Stephen. Legend has it that these bells were paid for by Dick Whittington, for Appleby, but because they were left in the churchyard for such a long time the people of Kirkby Stephen fetched them for their own church, which is one of the largest in the county and like a small cathedral. Our road to Barnard Castle lay through the North Riding of Yorkshire, and just before reaching Bowes we passed a building with a board bearing the name of Dotheboys Hall, original proprietor Wackford Squeers. We were early at Barnard Castle and had to wait because of a funeral. Again these eight were soon away to some good ringing. After tea, another light eight in Durham, at Staindrop, gave us a very enjoyable hour's ringing before returning to Barnard Castle for dinner. Staindrop has a ringing vicar, who sent us best wishes, as he was away on holiday.

CUMBERLAND TOWERS

Wednesday was spent in the south west of Cumberland, our first call being at Aspatria, where we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. V. D. Clarke, who, after the ringing, led us in a short service of prayer and dedication. They are trying very hard to train a band of young ringers here, no easy task, as they have a long draught and very springy ropes. The next tower before lunch was at Workington; work was certainly the right word. These bells had not been rung for some years before the war, and it is only recently that they have started ringing here again. The locals thought that these bells had beaten us, but before our short stay was over the bells had been mastered and several touches successfully brought round, the second being rung without a stay. After ringing, the local Press, in the neat shape of a lady reporter, was there to get details and a photograph. If the bells were not too good the lunch made up for it.

Through the mining area to Hensingham, where the bells had not been rung open since Easter. Here we were met by the Vicar, who was quite grieved at not having his bells rung more often, as they are a fine ring and bring a great deal of joy and happiness to many people when rung. (Taken from his letter to Miss Wyman.) As the bells were being raised it was found a number had clapper stays on, which a local ringer removed for us before joining us for a ring. We were told that the touch of Bristol was the first on the bells.

At Egremont, our next tower, London Surprise was the first rung on the bells. It was here that a good touch of Stedman was rung by the lady members. After tea, we rang at St. Bees, a fine old church with a beautiful Norman door, part of the old Priory. Ringing arrangements had been altered because of the close proximity of the church to the famous school, and the visit coincided with examinations.

SNOW ON MIDSUMMER DAY

Rumour has it that an Irish princess, Bega, fled here to avoid being married to a Norwegian prince, and she was well received by the great lady here, who asked her husband to give Bega land for a nunnery. He jokingly said he would give her as much land as was covered by snow on Midsummer Day. On that Midsummer morn there was snow for three miles around. Snow has been known on Midsummer Day in Cumberland—maybe there is a little truth in it. From here a short run brought us to Cleator Moor; its fine eight (tenor 21¼ cwt.) had all too quickly to be left so that we should not be late for dinner at Keswick. We were met at Cleator Moor by the local ringers and others, who joined in ringing with us.

Thursday was spent in two counties—Northumberland and Durham—and although we started well, a blocked road and a long detour nearly wrecked the afternoon's ringing, but, thanks to the co-operation of all, the day was saved. The first town visited was Allendale, which claims to be exactly in the centre of Britain, and has its latitude and longitude on the sundial over the church porch. Here again we were met by the Vicar, who wished us a happy tour. This was the tower of events—a broken rope, which was quickly repaired, a course of Cambridge by an all-ladies band, and Miss Wyman and Mr. F. Stilwell achieved the distinction of having rung in every county in England.

At Hexham Abbey two pulleys gave protesting squeals at hand stroke, but the bells went well and several good touches were rung. While ringing here a party of about 40 school children came into the belfry to wach us, and their behaviour was such that they did not cause any distraction. One girl asked the usual question, 'Is it hard?' and then, during some preliminary rounds, said, 'They would be better if they kept them more even.' I hope someone keeps an eye on her; she could be a budding recruit for some northern tower.

After lunch came the detour to reach Black Hill, where we were met by Mr. D. A. Bayles and Mr. K. Arthur, who acted as our guide for the rest of the afternoon. Here the short time at our disposal was spent on the grand eight at the Roman Catholic Church. Chester-le-Street, in the same county (Durham), produced a fine ring of eight and a good tea to prepare us for evening ringing.

NEWCASTLE'S WELCOME

The local Press had been forewarned of our visit to Newcastle with a four-inch article in its columns about our activities at Newcastle Cathedral. Mr. and Mrs. Guiness and others were awaiting us. Touches of Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, with some rounds on the twelve. This most enjoyable day had been arranged with the help of Mr. D. A. Bayles, who had given quite a lot of time and thought to making our visit so pleasant. Our journey back to Carlisle was along the course of the old Roman wall, which can still be seen in places.

Each year this party has a long day with a packed lunch, and my memories of three previous ones had me looking forward to this year. Friday morning breakfast, at 7.15 a.m., and away prompt at 8 a.m. for Edinburgh. We made good time, and after a break at Selkirk for 'elevenses,' Edinburgh was reached just after 12 o'clock, so a normal lunch was had and the sandwiches saved for the homeward journey.

Our first ring here was at St. Mary's Cathedral, where we were met by Mr. R. S. Wilson, who was our guide for the afternoon, and once again we must say 'thank you' for all arrangements made for our visit to Scotland. The bells are under the central spire (276 feet high). In the ringing chamber are casts of various famous bells and these proved of great interest. The ringing chamber is very lofty and a circular canopy over the ringers acts as a rope guide and effectively disguises the long draught of rope. By ringing here M. R. John-

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SUSSEX TOURISTS — Cont.

son has rung in every county in England, and in the four countries of this realm.

St. James', Leith, was a tougher proposition, and those who had stayed in the city round the shops need have no regrets. Our third and last tower in Scotland was St. Cuthbert's, and this grand eight was a fine climax to the afternoon's ringing, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you, Scotland. A grand tea and a pleasant ride home with the usual break (only just in time—they close at 9.30 p.m.) made a really enjoyable and memorable day.

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY

Saturday saw us packing bags ready for the first leg of the homeward journey, and shortly after 9 a.m. we were away southward to Richmond, North Yorkshire, for lunch and ringing. In the Church of St. Mary there is a nice light eight (tenor 11 cwt.); various touches in standard methods were rung. The Green Howards Memorial Chapel, with its carving by 'Mousey' Thompson (he left a carving of a church mouse on each piece of furniture he made), was visited by most of the party.

The journey southwards was resumed via the Great North Road to Sheffield, our headquarters for the night. Before dinner the grand eight of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie were at our disposal for an hour, and this proved all to short for this lovely ring. After dinner we had an hour's ringing on the twelve at the Cathedral, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal and a course of Double Norwich on the back eight were rung.

Owing to a delay over breakfast, we were late in leaving on Sunday morning. Before we set off, Mr. H. V. Young, in a few well-chosen and appropriate words, thanked Miss Wyman for what she had done (over 300 letters written) to give us such a grand week, and presented to her, on behalf of the party, an electric iron as a token of our appreciation and thanks. He also presented a sum of money to our driver as a small token of our appreciation for all he had done during the week for our enjoyment.

As we were late in leaving Sheffield we did not reach Newark-on-Trent in time to ring for morning service, as arranged. However, arrangements had been made for us to ring after service if we could postpone lunch at Leicester for an hour. This was arranged; some went to church, others for 'elevenses,' until we were able to start ringing, then it was a case of short touches on this grand ten (tenor 32 cwt., cast in 1842, rehung in 1954). Everybody was catered for, and then your scribe reluctantly left the party and set off for home alone.

Our thanks are due to all clergy and local ringers for arrangements made, to our driver for all we know he did and for all he did which we never knew about, and last of all, but by no means least, to Miss Wyman, at whose labours one can only guess.

Thanks, Florrie, it was a grand week, or, as we say up here, 'a reight good do.' E. S.

Miss Wyman adds a postscript: Old friends were missed this year, but new ones made. Regret is expressed at not having more spare seats in coach. Thanks must be given to those not mentioned by name for all the help given to me in arranging this tour. Special thanks must be given to the incumbents, whether it be cathedral or village church, not only for permission to ring but for letters of thanks, in visiting, and ringing their bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

As a ringing member was heard to say, 'The Farnham District is like a "Yo-Yo," sometimes it is up and sometimes it is down. Well, 'it' was certainly 'up' at the meeting held on August 11th at St. Michael and All Angels', Pirbright.

There was a very good attendance and many methods were rung, under the leadership of Mr. D. M. MacPherson.

During the ringers' service, conducted by the Rev. B. A. Whitehead, the District's Mixed Choir was heard for the first time, to good effect. Mr. T. W. Busby was the organist.

Tea was served by local ladies at the Red Cross Centre. A short business meeting followed, during which one new member was elected. On behalf of all present, Mr. S. Joyce, of Farnborough, thanked all ringers and friends of Pirbright for helping to make the meeting such a success. M. A. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The quickest peal yet rung on tower bells is claimed by the Leicester Diocesan Guild. It was Stedman Doubles on Aug. 8th at the Bell Foundry Campanile in 1 hour and 37 minutes, with a tenor of 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Mr. Norman Smith, of St. Peter's, Burnley, has recently completed his National Service at Bantry, near Doncaster. Through our columns he would like to express his gratitude to the ringers of that area for their kindness and hospitality.

Due to a last-minute alteration, the bells of Ellesmere, Shropshire, were not broadcast by the B.B.C. Our correspondent informs us that these old bells had been previously broadcast three times, and not twice, as was stated in this column.

As the result of the international situation, Mr. David Brand was recalled to the Services before he could participate in the peal attempt at Stowmarket to mark his 21st birthday. The peal was successful and was also a 21st birthday peal for Miss Rosemary Seabrook.

Although Ernest Morris was unable to go to Grimsby on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his first peal owing to unforeseen difficulties, it was fitting that his next peal after that date should be Grandsire Triples, and he rang the second bell, as he did in his first peal in 1906.

At Burton Dassett, Warks, where a peal attempt on July 20th was lost in the second 720 owing to a call being misinterpreted, the company had to be content with a quarter peal. Hopes are entertained of trying again later in the year. The ringing was for Mr. W. Collett's 79th birthday, and he was one of the ringers. There is a determination to ring a peal on his 80th birthday.

Mr. J. Barber, at the age of 81, has resigned the secretaryship of the Fressingfield District, Suffolk Guild. Was he the oldest District secretary in the Exercise?

To the list of ringers who have rung in every county in England must be added the names of Miss Wyman and Mr. L. Stilwell.

Meeting short for practice, six Pentre (Glam) ringers raised the back six bells and rang a quarter peal to mark the holding of the National Eisteddfod at Wales at Aberdare.

An 'In Memoriam' peal to Mr. E. Alexander Young, past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was rung by members of the Society at Southwark Cathedral on August 11th. The Master and four past masters were included in the band.

Governors of the College of Campanology include Messrs. Wilfred Moreton (vice-principal, Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. examiner), A. J. Pitman (who will be contributing to the section on composition in the Manual), R. F. B. Speed (hon. examiner and contributor to the Manual) and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. examiner). Other prominent ringers have also been approached.

While ringing for a wedding at Barthomley, Chesure, on August 11th, the clapper of the tenor fell out, caused through a nut having worked loose. After the clapper had been replaced and the bell was being re-raised a lady and her husband made their way into the ringing chamber. The former was so thrilled by watching the ringing that she invited the ringers to go down to the local hostelry for a refresher. What also impressed her was seeing Mr. Arthur Allman (78) and young Tony Trickett (18) ringing together.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 1, Cinques 4, Caters 3, Major 4, Triples 3; total 15.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 9, Triples 12, Minor 21, Doubles 21; 65.

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 2, Major 13, Triples 3, Minor 22, Doubles 4; 44.

Cambridge University Guild.—Cinques 1, Royal 2 (2), Major 7 (4), Triples 1, Minor 5 (1); 16 (7).

Chester Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 8, Caters 5, Major 43, Triples 1, Minor 26, Doubles 4; 88.

Cleveland and North Yorks.—Minor 1 (1).

Coventry Diocesan.—Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 6, Triples 3 (1), Minor 1, Doubles 1; 17 (1).

Cumberland and N. Westmorland.—Nil.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 3. Caters 1, Major 23, Triples 1, Minor 16 (2), Doubles 10; 54 (2).

Devonshire.—Cinques 1, Major 13, Triples 5, Minor 9, Doubles 14; 42.

Dudley and District.—Triples 1; 1.

Durham and Newcastle.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 16, Triples 4, Minor 13; 36.

East Derbyshire.—Minor 1, Doubles 1; 2.

East Grinstead.—Nil.

Ely Diocesan.—Royal 1, Major 14, Triples 1, Minor 53 (1), Doubles 5; 74 (1).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 2, Major 24, Triples 5, Minor 35; 68.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 4, Major 8 (2), Triples 8, Minor 6, Doubles 15; 43 (2).

Guildford Diocesan.—Major 15, Triples 3, Minor 10 (2), Doubles 6 (2); 34 (4).

Hereford Diocesan.—Caters 1, Major 8, Triples 3, Minor 15, Doubles 18; 45.

Hertford County.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 19 (1), Triples 2, Minor 28 (2), Doubles 2 (1); 53 (4).

Irish Association.—Doubles 2 (2); 2 (2).

Kent County.—Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 45, Triples 17 (1), Minor 36 (1), Doubles 5; 109 (2).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 1; 1.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 49 (2), Triples 12, Minor 18; 87 (2).

Leicester Diocesan.—Maximus 2, Cinques 4, Royal 3 (1), Caters 3 (1), Major 74 (13), Triples 23 (6), Minor 47 (3), Doubles 12 (1); 168 (25).

Lincoln Diocesan.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 9 (2), Caters 1, Major 43 (2), Triples 6 (1), Minor 58 (1), Doubles 3; 123 (6).

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 13, Triples 6, Minor 4, Doubles 7; 32.

London County.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 4; 7.

Midland Counties Guild.—Major 9, Triples 5, Minor 6, Doubles 1; 21.

Middlesex County.—Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 24, Triples 3, Minor 3, Doubles 2; 35.

Norwich Diocesan.—Cinques 2, Caters 2, Major 36 (1), Triples 6, Minor 44 (2), Doubles 7; 97 (3).

North Wales Association.—Major 4, Triples 2, Minor 1, Doubles 1; 8.

North Staffordshire Association.—Major 3, Triples 1, Minor 6, Doubles 3; 13.

Oxford Diocesan.—Cinques 3, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 41, Triples 26, Minor 28, Doubles 16; 116.

Oxford Society.—Caters 1, Triples 3, Minor 1, Doubles 2; 7.

Oxford University.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 2, Minor 4 (2).; 11 (2).

Peterborough Diocesan.—Caters 2, Major 13, Triples 2, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 21; 52 (1).

National Police Guild—Nil.

St. David's Diocesan.—Major 1; 1.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinques 4, Royal 11, Major 55, Triples 3, Minor 4, Doubles 2 (1); 83 (1).

Salisbury Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 15, Triples 3, Minor 2, Doubles 3; 26.

Scottish Association.—Nil.

Shropshire Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Major 4, Triples 1, Minor 3, Doubles 2; 13.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 2, Major 1, Triples 1, Minor 1 (1), Doubles 1; 6 (1).

Southwell Diocesan.—Caters 1, Major 9, Triples 10 (4), Minor 27, Doubles 16 (1); 63 (5).

Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Cinques 3, Royal 6, Caters 7, Major 20 (1), Triples 10 (1), Minor 4, Doubles 4; 54 (2).

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 20, Triples 1, Minor 24, Doubles 2; 51.

Surrey Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 3, Major 1, Minor 4, Doubles 1; 10.

Sussex Association.—Royal 2, Major 26, Triples 5, Minor 23, Doubles 6 (2); 62 (2).

Truro Diocesan.—Major 11, Triples 2, Minor 6, Doubles 2; 21.

Swansea and Brecon.—Major 1, Minor 1, Doubles 1; 3.

Universities Association.—Major 8 (1), Triples 1, Minor 4 (2); 13 (3).

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Royal 5, Caters 1 (1), Major 30, Triples 5, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 8 (6); 63 (8).

Worcester and Districts.—Maximus 1, Cinques 4, Royal 3 (1), Caters 3 (1), Major 21 (2), Triples 18 (4), Minor 2, Doubles 1; 53 (8).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 48 (3), Triples 11, Minor 29 (5), Doubles 8 (6); 106 (14).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Royal 1, Major 4, Triples 3, Minor 11 (2), Doubles 3 (1); 22 (3).

Totals.—2,237 (111).

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals included in the totals.

W. AYRE (Convener),
K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
H. MILES,
Peals Analysis Committee.

Cambridge University Guild's Summer Tour

Croptthorne, a pretty Worcestershire village, will be the centre for this year's tour of the Cambridge University Guild, which starts next Sunday. This is a memorable year in the history of the Guild, as it is the 50th anniversary of the first tour held in Derbyshire, in 1906. These tours have been an annual event ever since, except for the two war periods, and no ringing association has such a record.

The tour has been organised by the Rev. E. G. Benson, and 27 members are expected for whole or part of the time.

Peal attempts will be made at Hinton-on-the-Green, Badsey, Salford Priors, Claines, Mickleton, Tewkesbury Abbey and Norton.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Training of Ringers

'The Ringing World' will publish, starting next week, the Manual of Ringing Training of the College of Campanology.

Successive articles will deal with the following subjects of Part I. of the course:—

The 'Cathedral' System of Basic Training.
Course Organisation.
Introduction to Belfry (Lesson 1).
Ringing Action — Analysis and Drill (Lesson 2).
Stroke Practice (Lesson 3).
Bell Balancing and introducing Rhythmic Hunting (Lesson 4).
Ringing in Concert (Silent) (Lesson 5).
Plain Hunting (Silent) and Tone Recognition (Handbells) (Lesson 6).
Raising and Lowering (Silent) (Lesson 7).
Fixed-Place Ringing (Open) (Lesson 8).
Covering, Place-making, Dodging (Lesson 9).
Plain Hunting (Extending Range) (Lesson 10).
Two Examinations on Part I.
Appendices.

Copies of these issues should be filed in every tower; they will prove invaluable to instructors and beginners.

Later on the lessons or selections of other parts will be published. These are:—

Part II. — Method Structure and Theory.
Part III.—Practical Method Ringing—Simple to Advanced.
Part IV.—Handbell Ringing.
Part V.—Composition and Proof.
Part VI.—Calling and Conducting.
Part VII.—Historical and Towers and Bells.

Associated with this college are several prominent ringers and it represents a concerted effort to place the training of ringers on a uniform and sound basis. Preliminary details were given on pages 492 and 502.

RADIO EIREANN

Dear Sir,—Your issue of August 3rd contained reference in 'Belfry Gossip' to the report of the Television and Broadcasting Committee of the Central Council with regard to the omission of any matter relating to Radio Eireann. The position has been that we have had no information of bell broadcasts in the Irish Free State, but following correspondence with Radio Eireann, a copy of whose letter I attach, we hope in future to include mention of these broadcasts, etc.—Yours faithfully,

Evercreech, Som. H. J. SANGER.

COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM RADIO EIREANN

The Controller of Programmes has asked me to thank you for your letter of August 7th concerning the broadcast of bells from Irish churches. The position here is that bells are very infrequently broadcast—I should say only about two or three times in the year. We shall, however, take note to keep you informed of future transmissions.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK G. O'REILLY,
Assistant to Controller of Programmes.

In Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire Villages

An August Week-end

IN pouring rain on Saturday, August 4th, a party of ringers from Northampton and district set out on the beginning of a three-day ringing tour of Northants and Bucks. The first day proved to be a very strenuous one with the result that the following day of rest was very much appreciated.

The first stop was East Farndon (5), where some extents of Doubles were rung 'at the double,' due to the treble not going right up at back stroke. (It is hoped that a certain gentleman will put things right before he attempts to ring this bell to a peal!) The next stop was Dingley (5), where we were met by two local ringers, who had oiled the bells for the occasion. The church is set in beautiful surroundings, which we could not appreciate owing to the weather.

On to Brampton Ash, where the six bells were set going to Minor methods, with the second running as hard as the tenor! Having been refreshed in the local at Stoke Albany, the beautiful Parish Church was next visited. The bells, however, were not so beautiful, and some hard work was entailed in ringing the six bells, which were desperately crying out in need of lubrication.

Wilbarston (5), however, were not so tough, but we soon found that the second rope cast wheel and the third bell was loose on its headstock. We made a quick departure after ringing several 120's.

A much-needed meal was had at Corby, where we were able to regain our strength. At Caldecote (Rutland) the ladies of the party took over the tower, and rang some good extents of Grandsire. Here, one of the local ringers invited us to look the bells over, and, having had the pleasure of ringing on this excellent five, we departed for Gretton (5), where we were met by some of the local ringers, who took a great interest in our change ringing. We learned that this tower has a keen band, but is unable to progress due to the lack of instructors in method ringing.

The last tower for the day was Deene. Here we found an excellent ring of six, which were a joy to ring, and some good ringing was had to conclude the first day of our tour.

AN ILLEGAL ENTRY

The weather for the second day of the tour, Monday, August 6th, proved to be good, and we certainly missed the rain, although somebody had it. The first tower to be visited was Pattishall (6), where the church roof is undergoing extensive repairs. Having been warned that the tenor needed oiling, we took some oil, but were unable to use it due to the tower door being locked. We, however, managed to keep the bells going with extra effort, and an enjoyable ring was had.

Paulerspury (6) was the next place visited, and here it was that one of our 'bright sparks' made an illegal entry into the belfry to open the tower door for the party to enter. The Rector greeted and welcomed them, but was surprised at the way entrance had been gained. After stopping for a few moments the Rector went off to feed his goats. Of course, the 'bright spark' went too.

On to Whittlesey (5), where the Rector awaited us with the information that the bells had not been rung for about 18 months, and he was not sure of the condition of the bells. Before ringing, however, we ventured to the bell chamber to give the bells a once-over. We found them in good condition with the exception of a worm-eaten stay, and, having 'oiled up,' they were set going to some Doubles methods. It is thought that noise coming from the bell chamber was due to slider trouble, as this ceased when the bells were ringing down.

SEEING THE BELLS IN MOTION

Refreshments were taken before we journeyed on to Lillingstone Lovell, where we found a very good ring of five. Although a Minor five, these proved to be quite musical. Here we were able to look up in the bell chamber and see the bells in motion—quite a novelty and good work on the part of the bellhangers.

A very good six was also found at Maids Moreton, where the bells went without effort. A very enjoyable stay here before going on to Buckingham for tea.

After relaxing, Padbury (6) was next visited, and after sampling this pleasant ring we next ventured to Winslow. Here we found that the Vicar had not informed the tower captain of our visit. Luckily the latter did not live far from the church and he was soon on the spot to allow us entrance to the church — we trust we did not put him to any inconvenience. Ringing on his new eight provided the highlight of the day and time for departure came too quickly.

The last tower of the day was Swanbourne (6). The Vicar and his tower captain were here to welcome us and we were able to view the bells while ringing was in progress. On our homeward journey, having stopped for refreshments, the 'bright spark' showed us his marksmanship with a syphon of soda water!

The weather for the last day of our tour, Tuesday, August 7th, was the best yet, and the first tower of the day, Calverton, was soon reached. Having obtained the key from the Rectory, this lovely ring of six was soon ringing the changes. On leaving the church an appreciation of our ringing was received from an old ringer.

Beachampton, with its unusual tower, was reached in good time and, although cramped for space, some good extents of Doubles were rung on this five. Here we wondered how a ring of five could be hung all on one level in such a small tower.

PICNIC ON RECTORY LAWN

At our next stopping place, Great Horwood (6), the Rector (himself a ringer) awaited us. The bells were pulled up in peal—this proving to be the best raise of the tour. Although we were inclined to ring this six a bit too fast, an enjoyable ring was had. On lowering the bells, the Rector invited us to have our picnic lunch on his lawn and, having accepted, we were made very comfortable and, with the sun shining beautifully, we probably could have stopped there for the rest of the afternoon. However, we were soon on our way to Mursley (6). Here we found yet another pleasant ring.

Before tea we stopped to ring at the Norman Church of Stewkley (8). The tenor here seemed to go hard for its weight, so a little oil applied made things a bit easier.

After a light tea at Leighton Buzzard, we travelled on to the highlight of the day, Wing, with its heavy six. Many of us had looked forward to ringing here and were not to be disappointed. We were also able to visit the bell chamber whilst the bells were ringing, and that hunk of bell metal swinging was a delight to see. We probably stayed a little longer than was scheduled; however, time was soon made up and our next stop was Drayton Parslow (6).

ATTENDED EVENSONG

On entering the church we found that the Vicar was making preparations for an evening service, so we hastily retreated to consult our time table. We found that if we all stayed we would be extremely late at the last tower, so we decided to split up into two parties, one going on and the other staying to join in the evening service.

On conclusion of the service the Vicar greeted us and showed us the way to the belfry. On pulling up, we set to go Bob Minor, and after a few changes heard something drop to the bell chamber floor. Not realising what the trouble was, we stood up because of a short rope on the treble, only to see the lady on the second 'ascending to heaven.' She, however, came 'down to earth' when she realised where she was going—none the worse for her experience. On investigating, we found the stay broken, due, we think, to some fault other than bumping. We therefore corrected the position of the rope and tied a note to the sally warning others of the missing stay, as, judging by the condition of the ringing chamber, these bells are rarely rung.

The last tower of the day was Shenley (6), where the advance party, together with the local ringers, had made good use of the bells in our absence. Time was all too short here and we vowed to return again to have yet another ring on these glorious six bells.

Thus ended a tour which was the first for many. In all, we rang at 24 towers and the time table was kept as arranged. The standard of ringing was good, and experience gained on all sorts of bells. We had a sincere welcome from all who met us and we thank the kind people for meeting us and having the bells ready for our use. Thanks also are recorded to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and all who made this tour possible. G. F. R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On August 11th the Eastern District met at Standon, and the heavy six (tenor 17 cwt.) were rung to a variety of methods. A service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., after which 20 members enjoyed a delicious tea provided in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting R. Upton and J. Little, of Standon, were elected ringing members, and it was decided to apply for Aspenden and Westmill bells for a meeting in October.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and also to the ladies who had prepared tea, the party returned to the tower. Methods rung during the day ranged from plain hunting for the learners, up to Cambridge, London and York Surprise. C. E. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ORIGINALITY IN PEAL COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—The lines quoted by Mr. Norman Chaddock in a recent issue (page 510) were composed by 'Samiwell Peppery' himself—otherwise 'Uncle' Joe Sykes, as nearly everyone called him—or 'Six foot and Whiskers'! He was a notable character who could—and did—talk on and argue on any mortal subject. He was a fine linguist and on this account was sent abroad to many countries by his firm (gas plant installation) and I received a large quantity of postcards from him as far apart as Manchuria, Canada, France, Belgium and elsewhere.

When here in England he invariably hunted out ringers and fixed up peals, his favourite being 'Yorkshire Glory' (Kent Treble Bob) and he had an ambition to ring every possible number of changes obtainable in the Major from 5,000 to 6,000, and all must be by his old friend, Arthur Knights. For his first peal of Doubles he travelled over 80 miles to get me to call it at Escrick, near York, whilst I was in the Army, July 20th, 1918.

I also rang peals with him in Worcestershire, Norfolk and here in Leicestershire. I have in my possession the very last postcard message he wrote before he died in Copenhagen in 1929. The lines quoted in your last issue appeared in your columns, I believe, about 1920.—Yours sincerely.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

WHERE DO SHIPS' BELLS GO?

Dear Sir,—Hanging in the north choir aisle of York Minster is a small bell which was formerly a ship's bell and was the spoils of an action with a Dutch frigate captured off the Frisian Islands by Admiral Brace, an ancestor of the late Canon C. C. Bell, Precentor and Canon Residentiary. Canon Bell presented it to the Minster in 1945. It is inscribed: 'Soli Deo Gloria. Anno 1742. Jean Wackernier.'

The bell is now sounded before the commencement of each service; the press of the switch actuates mechanism which strikes the bell three times.

I have in my possession a ship's bell given to me by my father-in-law, a shipbroker. It is 11¼ inches in diameter and is inscribed: 'Queen Mary, Glasgow.' Needless to say it has had nothing to do with the present Queen Mary.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

STAMFORD ST. MARTIN BARON

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. A. Corby re Stamford St. Martin Baron, the following is from Kelly's 1877 Directory: 'St. Martin Stamford Baron is a large parish adjoining Stamford in the Northern division of the County (Northants), hundred of Nassaburg, liberty of Peterborough, union of Stamford, rural deanery of Peterborough second, Archdeaconry of Oakham and Diocese of Peterborough on the south bank of the river Welland, which separates it from Lincoln.'

I suppose, like Little Bowden, Market Harborough, it has been added to the town for administrative purposes, but I think once in a county, always in the same county. We are getting quite used to bits and things being punched from us, but I believe we can still claim Stamford St. Martin as being in Northants county and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

G. S. VALENTINE.

Northampton.

Note.—The report on Local Government presented to Parliament in July recommends a review of county boundaries.—Ed.

KNOSSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Crossthwaite's letter, I should like to make it known that when the band decided to ring a peal of the above-named method it was not known that the method Ashtead, with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end, had already been named.

As soon as it was published, Mr. E. W. Tipler (of Lutterworth), who has been of great assistance to me during the past two or three years, sent me a very interesting letter giving me detajls of all the variations of Ashtead.

Perhaps it would clarify the position if I summarise these variations:—

Ashtead (formerly Preston): First peal at Ashtead, January 18th, 1932, conducted by A. R. Pink.

Boveney (formerly Hove): Ashtead with 1-8 instead of 7-8 at the half-lead. First peal at Old Windsor, October 25th, 1934, conducted by A. R. Pink.

Brighton: Ashtead with 1-8 instead of 7-8 at the half-lead, and 1-8 instead of 1-2 at the lead-end. First peal, St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, October 29th, 1913, conducted by Frank Bennett.

Knossington (formerly Denton, Ewell, Shoreham): Ashtead with 1-8 instead of 1-2 at the lead-end. First peal Loughborough Foundry, June 27th, 1956, conducted by B. G. Warwick.

It will be seen that Brighton is the original method and that Knossington had been given no less than three names **before** it had ever been rung. In any case the conductor has the sole right to name an unrung method.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston, Leics.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Crossthwaite re the above, I fail to see that anything out of the ordinary has been done in altering the name of a method which has never been rung to a peal. As stated, it is the 8ths place version of Ashtead. The methods were first introduced by Mr. G. Baker, but not under the name by which they are known now.

Taking Ashtead first, this was introduced as Preston. The first peal in the method was rung at Ashtead, hence the name. The method now known as Knossington was first known as Denton. It is understood that later it was altered to Ewell by Mr. Trollope.

Now if we look at Corrigan's 370 Surprise Major methods, No. 286, we find that once again it has been altered, this time to Shoreham. So surely the band ringing the method for the first time has every right to name it. Besides, what's in a name?—Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of July 27th last, R. M., in his letter headed 'The 29 Courses and their Origin,' stated that Middleton's five-part peal, composed in 1844, was 'the first true peal of Cambridge ever composed' and that 'Cambridge Royal would not be rung in his (Middleton's) day.'

On October 26th, 1822, nine Wakefield ringers, with one from Leeds, rang a peal of 5,400 Cambridge Royal composed and conducted by William Woodhead, 'the first Peal ever attempted in the above difficult Method by any set of Men in the Kingdom' records the peal board.

I understand from knowledgeable ringers that the composition of this peal, the course- and part-ends of which are given on the peal board, is not false.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Wakefield.

CHIPPING, LANCS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Felstead's remarks about Chipping, Lancs, in the obituary of the late E. Timbrell, on June 8th, I did mention the remoteness of the place. This is one cause why not many peals have been rung but, of course, there are other causes. The peal in 1898 was in seven different Treble Bob Minor methods and rung by all local men; this is proof that they possessed a good band. Two of the brothers Timbrell began to go further afield to ring Major peals, and this curtailed their own local attempts.

During World War I. a new vicar was appointed, who had his own ideas about ringers, with the result that the band was broken up and never re-formed. A new band was formed about 1925, but its ambitions did not go beyond the first 12 changes of Bob Minor. It is, more or less, the same to-day, but the present Vicar is very enthusiastic and readily gave us permission to attempt a peal.

Another tower which seemed to mystify Mr. Felstead in his recent 'Peal Ringing in Lancashire' was St. Mark's, Preston (6). This is a very weak tower with about 20 feet of glass in all four walls at ringing room level, leaving just the four corners. The bells are perched up at the top, so the movement can be imagined by anyone, and they drop on you when ringing. I am afraid that this is one of the late Canon Elsee's mistakes, for during a restoration in 1927 he advised the Vicar that a good job could be made leaving the bells where they are. It has not proved to be true, and though they may be pealable you would want a picked band of good handlers. Only one attempt has been made, somewhere about 1930, for a peal, but the band gave it up. The church authorities have been continually advised about lowering the bells in the tower but nothing has been done.

Hoping that this makes things clearer for Mr. Felstead and others who may be interested.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

SOUTHGATE VETERANS

Dear Sir,—I am keenly interested in the photograph which appeared in 'The Ringing World' recently. I knew Messrs. N. A. Tomlinson, S. Wade and A. Glasscock over 50 years ago, when I sang in the choir at Christ Church, Southgate. When I left the choir I entered the ringing room, and these three stalwarts assisted me in my first attempts to ring rounds. Together with Mr. Harry Balaam, who, I believe, lives in the Basingstoke district, they are the last members of the Southgate band of all those years ago.

Yet another member who still gives every assistance to learners at Southgate is Mr. Walter Bowden. He came a little later, but in spite of his 80 years he seems to have the energy of a man half that age, and attends practices and Sunday service ringing most regularly. The Exercise has much to be thankful for when it can point to such long-service members as these.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD NEWMAN.

Stroud Green Road, N.4.

BOW TENOR INSCRIPTION

Dear Sir,—I believe I am correct in saying that the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow were rehung during the inter-war years and that the tenor, along with several others of the ring, was recast. If that is so the inscription on Bow tenor when it was recast last month is **not** quite correct, as it was the bell that had been recast not long before the last war started that was destroyed by enemy action, and **not** the one recast in 1738. Can anyone throw any light on this matter?—Yours truly,

ALBAN DISNEY.

Anstey, Leics.

LETTERS—Continued

A POSER

Dear Sir,—Would some of your readers like to comment on the 720's of Minor given below:—

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23456 Oxford Bob

56342 Reverse College
64235 Oxford Bob
35426
26543 Court
— 64352 Oxford Bob
52436 Court
— 23645 Oxford Bob
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23456 Double Oxford

— 64235 Thelwall Bob
26543 Double Oxford
52364
35426 London Bob
— 64352 Lytham Bob
— 23645 Thelwall Bob
62534 Double Oxford
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Five times repeated, Single half-way and end.

(a) Should the first 720 be regarded as purely Oxford Bob, or spliced in three methods?

(b) Similarly, should the second 720 be regarded as two methods or four spliced?

(c) As the ringer of the fifth in the second 720 rings only Double Oxford, should it be counted as only one method?

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM BUTLER.

Windsor.

A LOSS TO ST. MARY'S, STAFFORD

Because of failing eyesight, Mr. John Warrilow, for many years head ringer at St. Mary's, Stafford, is retiring. He has a wonderful record of 62 years as an active bellringer.

A native of Hopton, Mr. Warrilow began ringing at the age of 17 at Ingestre Church. In 1911 he joined St. Mary's, Stafford, band, and every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning until a few months ago cycled from his home at Walton-on-the-Hill to the church. For many years he was St. Mary's representative on the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Writing in appreciation of his services in the August issue of St. Mary's parish magazine, one of his fellow ringers says of him: 'Those of us who have been associated with Mr. Warrilow in the belfry for a period of years hold him in the highest esteem. He is of a placid and unassuming nature, a man of sterling qualities, one who could always be relied upon to be present on all ringing occasions. For some years he has resided at Walton-on-the-Hill, yet Sunday by Sunday he has cycled to fulfil his service to God and the church in the ringing of the bells.

'His interest is not only in the ringing of bells for much has been done by him in their maintenance and much money has been saved to the church by his attention to the bells and bell ropes. He is now in his 80th year and age will not allow him to take so active a part in ringing, but this does not keep him from the belfry. We thank you, Mr. Warrilow, for all you have done for ringing, for your kindliness, your help, and the wonderful example you have given us to follow.'

MR. BRIAN G. WARWICK'S 400 PEALS

Mr. Brian G. Warwick, of Leicester, who rang his first peal on November 6th, 1948, rang his 400th peal on April 14th, 1956. These peals have been rung for 19 different Guilds and Associations in 90 different towers with 347 different ringers. His list is appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Doubles. — Grandsire 1, Stedman 1 (conducted 1), five methods 1 (1), six methods 1 (1), eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1 (1), ten methods 2 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 2 (2), Cambridge Surprise 7 (3), two methods 1 (1), three methods 1, four methods 2 (1), five methods 2 (1), six methods 3 (3), seven methods 2, eight methods 1, 10 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 2 (1), 16 methods 1 (1), 19 methods 1 (1), 21 methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 7 (6), Stedman 21 (12).

Major.—Plain Bob 7 (3), Kent Treble Bob 9 (5), Double Norwich 6, Double Oxford 1, Bristol Alliance 1, two plain methods 1 (1). Surprise: Arnesby 1 (1), Belgrave 2 (1), Belvedere 1, Biddenden 1 (1), Braunstone 3 (3), Bristol 4, Brumingthorpe 1 (1), Cambridge 34 (16), Cranbourne 1, Crewe 1, Counterthorpe 1 (1), Dorchester 2, Donisthorpe 1 (1), Edmondthorpe 1 (1), Forlesworth 1 (1), Glenparva 1 (1), Hungarton 1 (1), Irchester 1, Ingarsby 1 (1), Kirklington 1, Lincolnshire 8 (2), London 9, Lyme 1, New Cambridge 1 (1), Painswick 3 (3), Southgate 2, Southwell 1 (1), Superlative 13 (9), Trowbridge 1, Whitminster 1, Whitwick 1, Woodstock 1 (1), Wye 1 (1), Yorkshire 32 (16).

Caters.— Grandsire 2, Stedman 8 (2), Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Saltley Delight 1. Surprise: Albanian 1, Cambridge 7 (1), Harborne 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Southwell 1, York 1, Yorkshire 8.

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (1).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Albanian 2, Belgrave 1, Cambridge 10, Goscote 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 7, Spliced Surprise in two methods 1.

Total.—301 (118).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 1 (1), three methods 1 (1), four methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 7 (5), two methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 2 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 34 (26), Kent 1, two methods 3 (2), three methods 1 (1), four methods 1 (1), five methods 1 (1), eight methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 5.

Royal.—Plain Bob 15 (8), Kent Treble Bob 4, three methods 2 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 7.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1).

Sextuples.—Stedman 1.

Total.—99 (54).

Grand total.—400 (172).

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The N.W. Branch held its summer meeting at Holsworthy on August 4th. The weather was fine but the attendance (some 20 or so) was less than usual. (Even the Ringing Master was on a ringing tour in Sussex.) Nevertheless, ringers from Combe Martin, Plymouth, Plympton, Swansea and Woodbury, with members of the Branch, had a good time, and the fine octave responded to various methods during the afternoon. The president, the Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox was also present

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. Knight (curate), while the Rector (the Rev. A. Warne) gave an impressive address and also acted as organist. He gave a sincere welcome to all the ringers present.

After tea the chairman (Mr. F. C. Smale) expressed appreciation at the presence of the visitors, and a vote of thanks to the Rector and the Rev. D. Knight was unanimously approved.

HALF-DAY IN ESSEX

The village of Finchingfield, in North Essex, is probably one of the most picturesque in the county. It was visited by a band of ringers drawn from Dagenham, Loughton, Stamford Hill and Lichfield on July 21st, who enjoyed the pleasant eight (tenor 18 cwt.).

The splendid stone screen must surely be one of the more attractive things about St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Great Bardfield. As well as admiring this we also sampled the ground floor ring of eight, which we approved despite the 15 cwt. tenor setting back some considerable way at 'hand.'

After the 'inner man' had been temporarily satisfied, the three-mile journey was then taken to St. Mary Magdalene's, Wethersfield. Inside a very unusual-looking tower we found a nice ring of six (tenor 4½ cwt.). The rather large beams rising from the centre of the ground floor ringing room, rather like an old oak tree devoid of its leaves, proved to be not so awkward as was at first feared.

The gentleman who met us at Shalford gave us the sad news that the bells were very seldom rung although there was nothing wrong with them. It is perhaps typical of so many other five-bell towers up and down the country. Why can't more bands include at least one ring of five on their trips? Although the fourth proved a trifle awkward we enjoyed our stay here. They are a five, heard to better advantage outside the tower, with a tenor of 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Methods rung during the day were Kent Treble Bob Major (which just would not go), Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Stedman Triples and Doubles, London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, not forgetting Reverse St. Bartholomew.

The ringers would like to tender their sincere thanks to all who met them and so readily gave permission to ring, not forgetting old 'Bill' Bailey, who so cheerfully shepherded a rather unwilling vehicle through the trip. C. M. S.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Designs for a Badge

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Wingfield on August 11th, when the six bells were put to good use by the rather smaller attendance than usual. Methods rung included Stedman and Cambridge Surprise. Tea was served at short notice by one of the local ladies.

At the business meeting Mr. G. J. Filby was elected chairman. Mr. W. Cracknell was elected District secretary in place of Mr. J. Barber, who felt that at 81 it was time to retire. Thanks were extended to Mr. Barber for his services, and Mr. Cracknell was wished a happy term of office.

The secretary had received a letter from Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, stating that she wished to resign from the committee. The matter, however, was left over to the next meeting.

A letter from Mr. L. Freeman, of Beccles, was read, in which he suggested that the Guild should have a badge, and sent a proposed design. The meeting unanimously favoured the Guild having its own badge, and instructed the secretary to obtain further information for approval at the next meeting.

Three new probationary members were elected, two probationers elected full members, and one non-resident life-member elected.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of bells, the local ringers, and ladies for tea arrangements. Ringing was resumed, followed by further ringing at Stradbroke. J. W. B.

ACCRINGTON AND DISTRICT

On August 11th, ringers from Accrington, Church Kirk and Burnley, together with friends and relations, set out at an early hour for a day's outing to Windermere, hoping to see and ring for the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen at Bowness. Remarks such as 'Eight o'clock! It's as bad as gooin' to wark!!' could be heard. Heavy rain caused the appearance of a certain unique article of waterproof headgear, which is famous throughout the Lancashire Association.

The outward journey was made by prehistoric 33-seater chariot via the Ribble Valley, and much rain found its way into the vehicle. However, this did not prevent several touches being rung on handbells. On approaching Kirkby Lonsdale, one of our non-ringing friends moved to a seat near the rear of the coach, and it is thought that this had some connection with the fact that both offside rear tyres burst as we neared Kirkby Lonsdale Church.

We were joined by four friends from Todmorden, who had hired a van for the day, and half an hour's ringing on the well-kept six bells was enjoyed before they had to leave, together with two of the coach party, in order to reach Bowness in time for the Queen's arrival; they were not seen again until 6.40 p.m. Efforts were then made by the Ringing Master to persuade British Railways to lay a track from St. Mary's, Kirkby Lonsdale, to St. Martin's, Bowness, and, as a result, a substitute coach of superior condition was obtained from a Kendal garage.

We arrived at Bowness in fine weather, but two hours behind schedule, and proceeded to ring at St. Martin's Church. After lunch, the afternoon was spent at leisure. In spite of the determination of the Ringing Master that someone should be left behind, the whole of the party departed for Crosthwaite at 4.45 p.m.

After about 40 minutes' ringing at Crosthwaite we left for Kendal, where our original coach awaited us, and from there we travelled to our last tower, at Heversham, where we met our friends from Todmorden again. After 15 minutes' ringing on the fine six bells, our Ringing Master and the Burnley ringers deserted us to go 'tower snatching,' and a good run home ended a very eventful day.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob (Minor and Major) and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Our thanks are due to all incumbents and those who so kindly arranged to meet us, especially to the Rector of Windermere for his assistance in planning the route and allowing us to use the Parish Room for lunch. J. P.

DARLEY DALE

St. Helen's, Darley Dale, Derby, ringers spent the afternoon and evening of Thursday, August 2nd, visiting towers in North Derbyshire. A party of 40 ringers and friends left at 1 p.m. by motor coach and travelled by way of Chatsworth Park, Derwent Dams, Snake Pass and Kinder Scout to Glossop, where an hour was spent ringing the good-toned eight of the Parish Church. Before tea at Hayfield, the handy eight (tenor 9 cwt.) at the Parish Church were rung.

New Mills was the next call—another good sounding and good-going eight (tenor 14 cwt.). The last call was Taxal on the Cheshire side of the River Goyt. The church stands at the end of the road, with only the Rectory and a 'pub' as neighbours. This ring of six (tenor 12¼ cwt.) was enjoyed for an hour. A short time was spent at the 'Chimes of Taxal,' where changes of a different character were accomplished.

Methods rung during the trip were Grandsire, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor and Little Bob Major. The ringers wish to say 'Thank you' to incumbents and local ringers who met them for a very enjoyable outing.

OUTINGS

GAINSBOROUGH AND DISTRICT

It was very late on June 30th when 37 members and friends of the Gainsborough District arrived back from their annual outing. Before falling asleep to dream, perchance, of an even better outing next year, many memories would relive this happy day.

First there was the delightful Leicestershire eight at Sileby. Then on to Rugby, where, at the appointed time, we picked up Harry Morgan. He is an old friend of the District, having moved to Rugby recently. Soon after, we 'picked up' the sun, and how wrong George Clifton was in his forecast the night before of a dull day! Dunchurch next, with its thatched, half-timbered houses and good heavy six, and so on to Belton, a nice six (tenor 7¼ cwt.). These suited the young ringers down to the ground, or rather the boxes, so much in demand.

What we remember most, however, are the cups of tea and wonderful welcome to the home of the Morgan family. From here, most of the party went to Church Lawford, but a few caught the local bus for Rugby.

A leisurely walk through the shopping crowds of Rugby led to a sumptuous meal at Pattison's Cafe. Here we were able to repay the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and daughter, and were pleased to have Mrs. Vann, of the local company, join us. After tea we had the unique experience of collecting two rings and only one church, at St. Andrew's, Rugby. First the five in a modest tower at the west end. Amongst the rounds and Doubles methods was a 120 of Grandsire by the 'lads.' The other tower, on the north side, is most elaborate and is surmounted by a spire. The eight are a delight to ring and listen to.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Single Court and Cambridge Minor. Ages ranged from eight to 83, not forgetting that wonderful young man of Rugby, Mr. G. Peck, whose 88th birthday was the next day.

ST. NICHOLAS', SEVENOAKS

The annual outing of St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, ringers took place on August Bank Holiday. With 32 ringers and friends on board the coach left at 8 a.m.

The first stop was at Wadhurst (8, 12¼ cwt.), and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were successfully brought round. The next part of the journey was through heavy rain to Uckfield (8, 11¼ cwt.), and here the methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative. On then to the coast and Eastbourne was reached in time for lunch.

Ringing commenced at St. Mary's (8, 15¼ cwt.) at 2 p.m. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major. The other tower visited at Eastbourne was All Saints' (8, 18 cwt.), and here Grandsire and Stedman Triples, St. Clement's Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

Tea was taken at the Drive Hotel and was enjoyed by all.

The last port of call, Rye (8, 19 cwt.), was reached at 7.20 p.m. The bells here were found to be rather noisy and the ringing was not too successful. However, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung before the party had to leave at 8 p.m.

After setting down ringers in the icy town of Tunbridge Wells and some more at Tonbridge home was reached at 10.30 p.m.

Many thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and to Miss D. Colgate for organising such a successful day's outing. B. S.

ROSS AND BRIDSTOW

The usual small party of ringing enthusiasts from South Herefordshire travelled some distance afield on the afternoon of Saturday, August 4th, when they set out to ring at five towers in the Bridgnorth area of Shropshire. Transport was by car and motor-cycle.

Quite unintentionally the organisers had implicitly followed the injunctions of the author of 'Snatch and Grab' (see 'The Ringing World' of July 27th, 1956) in letting the party in for a selection of towers that between them surely comprised some of the most hard-going and the most inaccessible rings in Shropshire!

First on the list was Willey (5), with a lovely little church in the park of a large estate, and only reached by winding lanes. The light ring (tenor 5 cwt.) was about the best of the day for 'go'; it is a pity that they sound so shrill from inside.

We were a few minutes late at the next tower, at Chelmarsh (6, 10 cwt.), due to the mistaken enthusiasm of the map-reader, who, in order that the Bank Holiday traffic on the main road should be avoided, succeeded in guiding the convoy' along a number of tortuous by-roads—'short cuts' that took nearly half as long again! Chelmarsh Church has a brick tower, and the ringing chamber is reached by an ornate wrought iron spiral staircase. The latter amused everyone, since we had never come across anything like it before. A local ringer was here to greet us, and several of the villagers ventured upstairs to watch the ringing—including one of the cricketers from the match being played in the field opposite. It is to be hoped that our Cambridge didn't put any potential Lakers or Mays off their game! The bells are a pleasant ring, with a fairly long

Quatt Malvern (6, 8 cwt.) bells were next, and once we had sorted out the chiming apparatus we found them to be another nice ring. Walsingham Alliance, our 'special method for the day,' was successfully brought round here. This church, like the previous one, has a brick tower.

The rain, which had set in between Chelmarsh and Quatt, lifted enough for us to reach Alveley (6, 11 cwt.) in comfort. Here, to the girls' mingled amusement and dismay, we found yet another iron spiral staircase, much more formidable than the last. We were made very welcome by the local band, who had only just finished playing for a wedding. These bells, though of a good tone, take some ringing, and the girls early on decided that they were not 'ladies' bells.' Therefore, when the locals told us that we would have our work cut out to ring Kinlet bells (our final tower), we began to wonder what we had let ourselves in for. After tea at Bewdley we felt sufficiently fortified to go and find out.

Kinlet Church, like Willey, is situated on a large estate—the best part of a mile inside the park. It is a lovely little building with a long and interesting history, as the ringer who met us explained. Unfortunately, the state of the bells (6, 10 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.) does not live up to that of the rest of the church. Among other things, nearly all of them are loose on the headstock, the fourth so much so that we did not dare get it up in peal with the others. Rounds and some Doubles on 12356 were the utmost we could manage here, and we had doubts about the safety of attempting even this. It would be a pity if these tuneful bells became entirely unringable through neglect or ignorance, and we venture to suggest that a detailed inspection and some sort of restoration work are long overdue.

Although the rain descended on us again immediately we left Kinlet Park it did not dampen our spirits, but left us feeling not dissatisfied with our afternoon's outing. Home was reached at about 8.30 p.m. Thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers, organisers and transport-providers for helping to make our day a success. M. T.

QUARTER PEALS

PENTRE, GLAM. — On Aug 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lovett 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, R. Brabham 3, K. Jones 4, K. Hartnoll 5, H. Crabb 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Aug. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Hankey 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, F. T. Hoad 3, F. W. Bird 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, A. Streeter 6, A. T. Shelton 7, G. Oliver (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major by 1, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On July 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Beavan 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, H. Powell 3, P. G. Morgan 4, F. E. Roberts 5, C. G. Jones 6, J. J. Webb 7, R. T. Jones (cond.) 8.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On July 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Ralph 1, A. E. Woods 2, W. D. Whatmore 3, M. Hallet 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6. Rung for St. Peter's gift day; also as a farewell to the Rev. Ll. Edwards, 48 years' Rector of Kington Magna.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 28th, 1,320 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, E. J. Rowe 6. For patronal festival.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Beeby (first quarter) 1, G. Seth 2, P. Davies 3, L. Witten 4, E. Whitmore (cond.) 5. For the eve of the patronal festival.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bott 1, M. Roote 2, K. Rands 3, P. Pawley 4, L. Wykes (cond.) 5, J. Pawley 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first of Minor on the bells. A compliment to Mr. J. Pawley and Miss M. Starbuck, both ringers at this church, on their forthcoming marriage.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — On Aug. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Fry (first of Major as conductor) 1, Miss J. French 2, E. Brunger (first of Major) 3, A. F. Wellington 4, B. Collinson 5, S. Jenner 6, T. Jenner 7, L. J. Honess 8. Rung as birthday compliments to E. J. Ladd, G. Price and the conductor's mother.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, D. Hewitt 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, H. Strange 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. H. Strange, a member of St. Mary's band since 1921, upon leaving the district for Gloucestershire.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Perry (first quarter) 1, W. Mills 2, Miss E. Overend 3, P. Wycherley 4, R. Abbott (first quarter as conductor, aged 14) 5, H. Moody 6. For Evensong.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on July 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. F. Bryant 1, Miss C. F. Jones 2, Miss C. A. Muirhead 3, Joan Gray 4, G. McKay 5, D. N. Layton 6, A. R. Agg 7, K. W. Knowles 8, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 9, D. Beresford 10. A compliment to Pamela Martin and Derek Latchford, who were married this day.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS. — On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Smalley 1, C. McKernan 2, F. Wadsworth 3, J. Cunliffe 4, G. Fothergill 5, A. Greenhalgh (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Ridgway 1, T. E. Roberts 2, R. Reeves (first of Surprise) 3, J. Gregory (first of Surprise) 4, G. W. Holland 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6.

NOTICES

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PARFREY.—On August 12th, 1956, at Corston, near Bath, to Betty, wife of Harold L. Parfrey, a daughter (Judith Mary), a sister for Jane. 8788

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SEAMAN—AMBLER. — The marriage between Geoffrey Seaman and Shirley Ambler will take place at Watford Parish Church on Saturday, September 1st, 1956, at 12.30 p.m. 8792

MARRIAGE

SILLS—RANSLEY.—On August 18th, 1956, at St. George's Church, Wrotham, Reginald L. Sills to Patricia Ransley. The address is now Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, near West Malling, Kent. 8802

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 25th. Meeting at Queen's Head, Cranford, 6.30. Ringing at Heston 4.30, and at Cranford 5.30.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 8797

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, Aug. 25th, 2.30 p.m.-3 p.m. Well Dressing ceremony 3 p.m. Ringing again at 4 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 8763

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Pucklechurch, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. —W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 8811

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. 8782

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Pirton, Aug. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Winchendon Place Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8752

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh (6) on Aug. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please make effort to attend this meeting.—W. P. G. 8719

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walesby (8) on Aug 25th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Secretary. 8719

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8736

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Windsor, August 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. from nearby cafe. Further ringing 6 p.m. 8777

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Aug. 25th, changed to Pevensey (6). Service 4.30. Afterwards at Westham (6). Practice method: Double Court. —H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8753

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Milverton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8787

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Weaverham (6), Saturday, Sept. 1st. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, to W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8813

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Long Compton, Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All visitors welcome to this recently rehung ring of six. Names for tea by Aug. 29th, please. — H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 8779

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting to be held at St. Bees on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 8772

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8812

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Tollesbury (5), Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8724

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Bobbingworth, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Speed, 6, Council Cottages, Bobbingworth. 8769

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Sept. 1st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Waterloo Restaurant, Market Place, 5.15. Notify for tea by August 27th. Ringing: Sandhurst, Finchampstead, All Saints', Wokingham, 2.30-3.30; St. Paul's 3.15-4.15; Arborfield, Binhurst, Hurst and All Saints' 6-9.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 8747

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Sept. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Aug. 30th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8807

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, to Mr. W. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 8765

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 3 p.m, Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Aug. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. All welcome. 8799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Burton-in-Kendal (6 bells), on Sept. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to A. Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 8796

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Rainford, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at small charge, only for those notifying, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford, St. Helens. No names, no tea.—M. E. Ridyard. 8794

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Messingham on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by Tuesday previous, Miss J. M. Blackbourn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 8789

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Will those requiring tea please notify, by Aug. 28th, Mr. F. Townsend, Main Street, Maids-Moreton, Buckingham. — R. H. Howson, Hon. Sec. 8759

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Longcot, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8803

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Great Cheverill (6), Sept. 1st. Usual arrangements. — Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8817

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth at 3 p.m. on Sept. 1st. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, please, to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2.—J. Seager, Sec. 8775

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at Thrumpton (5), 3 to 4.30, and Gotham (5), 6 to 8 p.m. Bus to Thrumpton leaves Nottingham (Huntingdon Street) at 2.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cuckoo Bush Inn, Gotham. Names to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 8754

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Rusper, Sept. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8795

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Dyffryn, Neath, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. — J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8748

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—District quarterley meeting, Saturday, Sept. 1st, St. John's (Surrey Road), Bournemouth. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Peter's Hall, 5.15 p.m. St. Peter's bells evening. — 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8810

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Sept. 8th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 5th. — H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 8798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —N.E. District. — Meeting at Tendring, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, Sept. 5th.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8808

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Please note change of date.** Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, near Rochester, Kent. —Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8751

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 3s. per head. Those who require tea must inform Mr. G. T. Emptage, Orpen, Downbarton Road, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 8800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Lewisham District. — Practice meeting at Beckenham, Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Service 5.30. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Tuesday, 4th, to Miss M. Andrews, 43, Wantsunt Road, Bexley.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8805

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8801

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Halfyearly, Spalding, Sept. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.. at Greyhound Hotel for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 8786

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Names for tea to me by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8809

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Tenby, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 8815

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Monk's Eleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. —R. J. Seabrook. 8806

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Ripponden, Sept. 22nd. For teas, notify, by Thursday, Sept. 20th, F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8793

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, still available from Hon. Secretary, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The Annual Dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 6 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available shortly and obtainable from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8804

5,760 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

BY BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE

	W	5/4	M	H	
A	S	SS			64253
	S			S	52463
			S	(2S)	32465
	S		S	S	54236
			S	S	62435
			A		56423
			A		35462
	S	SS			24365
	S			S	63425
			S	(2S)	53426
	S			S	24356
		SS			63524
	S			S	25364
			S	2S	45362
	S		S	S	23546
			S	S	65342
			A		26354
			A		42365
	S		S	S	53246
	S	SS	S	S	35246
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726534	M. W.
746235	5.
427536	I.
42563	I. H.
32465	O. W.
54632	4. I. 4. I.
52436	M. M. H.
52364	O. H.
64523	O. W. W.

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BY JAMES TOPP

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43652		—	
56234		—	—
35264			—
25463		—	
45362		—	
56423	x		
62534	x		
35426		—	—
52364	x		
63425		—	—
32654	x		
25346	x		
54263	x		
46532	x		
34562			—
46325	x		
62453	x		
25634	x		
53246	x		
23645		—	

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A LONG HANDBELL PEAL RECALLED

TO-DAY, August 31st, is a date which has stood out in my memory for 44 years, back to the year 1912 when the longest peal on handbells was rung at Guildford, a 19,738 of Stedman Caters in 9 hours and 32 minutes.

When we failed on August Bank Holiday, our meeting time was 8 a.m., but on August 31st the earliest possible time was 12 noon, plenty late enough to start for a peal of 22,222, and even then one of the band was detained in London, which delayed the start until 1.50 p.m. During the long wait it was not easy to avoid a feeling of frustration when the task ahead was comprehended, and it was a relief when Arthur Shepherd arrived at Holy Trinity ringing chamber to take 1–2 for the peal. At 1.50 p.m. 'Go' was called, and after two attempts to ring the going-off course, the third try, starting at 1.55 p.m., saw us settle down to a nice beat with an average of 35 per minute. During the afternoon very few words were spoken except the calls, but after about two hours Alf Pulling on my right whispered, 'Have you changed your bells over?' but I assured him they were right and, as there were six umpires present, the assurance proved correct.

Movements on tiptoe revealed that the umpires were going to tea in relays, probably two at a time, and their consideration for the ringers by avoiding noise was appreciated. The turning course was reached soon after ringing 11,000, and a perfect course was rung without breaking the normal rate of striking. Some more movements towards the door by umpires told us it was probably their supper or refreshment time, but the five of us in the ringing circle could not possibly run the risk of wondering about such things, for we had passed our previous record of 14,031, and though Jim Hunt on 7–8 and Frank Blondell on 9–10 probably did not realise this, it was at this period (about 8.30 to 9.45) that we reached our fastest rate per minute, which worked out at 36. Shortly afterwards I had a desire to know the time and by slightly turning my head I glanced at the clock, which showed 10.5 p.m., and though unaware of it at the time, we had reeled off 17,000 in 8 hours and 10 minutes.

After another hour or thereabouts, Jim Hunt began to get restless and had no desire to go on to for the 22,222, so instead of ringing on until 12.45 a.m., which involved ringing into another day, another week and another month, the composition was shortened by 2,484 changes. Alf Pulling, the conductor, wisely consulted the rest of the band and the peal finished at 19,738 changes in 9 hours and 32 minutes with an average rate of 34.5 per minute.

It was after 11.30 p.m. when the bells came cleanly in rounds and my first desire was a drink, followed by a place where bed and breakfast could be obtained. Much to my surprise, the former was already waiting for me outside the tower, and never was a drink more enjoyed, for beyond a light breakfast nothing had touched by lips throughout the day, yet when my brother and I were hurried to the home of one of the umpires and a lovely supper awaited us, neither of us could touch a morsel of solid food. Nice comfortable beds awaited us, but sleep would not come, and after a restless night the early morning cup was doubly welcome. Breakfast enabled us to find our appetites again, and soon afterwards the cameraman was operating, after which we hurried to the station for a 13-mile journey to our home tower in time to ring for morning service.

Forty-four years have passed since that day and three of the band have passed on, viz., Arthur Shepherd, James Hunt and Frank Blondell, leaving my old friend Alf Pulling and myself with many memories of a day when a band of handbell ringers met and rang their longest handbell peal. Most of the umpires have completed their course, but still with us is Alf Winch, whose name can still be found in the peal and quarter peal columns of this paper.

In 1898 the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 8,888 Stedman Caters 'in hand,' which occupied 5 hours and 20 minutes, but from that date until 1912, when peals of 14,031 and 19,738 were rung, there appeared to be no desire for the 8,888 to be exceeded, and these three lengths appear to stand as the three longest peals of Stedman on handbells.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, S.E.1.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

Brooke K. Lunn	*Treble*	Frank E. Darby	7
John Phillips	2	Alfred B. Peck	8
J. Frank Smallwood	3	Stewart F. Kimber	9
G. William Critchley	4	John S. Mason	10
James Phillips	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
John Chilcott	6	Philip A. F. Chalk	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung in memoriam Mr. E. Alexander Young, Past Master of the Society.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 4 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt.

John E. Spice	*Treble*	Thomas C. Larkey	7
*Doreen Dutton	2	*Ernest Gower	8
*Patricia Bourne	3	*Ronald Kenrick	9
*Derek Ogden	4	*Cyril Crosthwaite	10
*Thomas W. Hesketh	5	*Edwin C. Birkett	11
*G. Alex Dimmock	6	*Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	*Arthur R. Wright	5
Wm. Thornley	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	John M. Jelley	7
Barnabas G. Key	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Thornley.
* First peal in the method.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor.
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

Peter J. Morton	*Treble*	Jeffrey B. Webb	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Dennis Beresford	3	Edmund Mann	7
*J. Edward Cawser	4	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 50th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

Stephen Ivin	*Treble*	Malcolm G. Hooton	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Dennis Knox	6
S. Kathleen M. Knight	3	Derek P. Jones	7
John W. Sinfield	4	Roger Baldwin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
Rung as a farewell to James R. Taylor on his departure for National Service.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Roger A. Brewin	*Treble*	B. Stedman Payne	5
Ernest Morris	2	F. Kevon Thompson	6
Mary C. Payne	3	Royston Wilmore	7
Ernest F. Payne	4	Frederick T. Bindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal on eight bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss Margaret L. Morris, daughter of the second ringer.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Richard J. Cann	*Treble*	Joan A. Beresford	5
Peter Beresford	2	William J. V. Conduct	6
Dennis Beresford	3	Edmund Malin	7
Margaret M. Lewis	4	George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Charles E. Fisher	*Treble*	James Bennett	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Walter Ruffles	6
George A. Fleming	3	Llewellyn Allum	7
William J. Button	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Norah M. Bibby	*Treble*	*Gwen I. Rusby	5
*Frank G. Bloomfield	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
Stanley E. Bennett	3	George H. Randles	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Wolborough,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Norman Mallett	*Treble*	†Michael Hood	5
*Heather Hood	2	Dennis J. Cross	6
E. Maurice Atkins	3	Frederick J. Wreford	7
John L. S. Glanvill	4	William J. Harvey	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

David Heighton	*Treble*	Arthur G. Bason	5
George Sayer	2	Nolan Golden	6
H. William Barrett	3	Thomas R. Simmons	7
Stanley W. Copling	4	F. Charles Goodman	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*Michael J. Thomas	*Treble*	†Gerald C. Hemming	5
J. Michael Lakin	2	†Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	†John A. L. Thompson	7
†Leonard Trevor	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First peal of Warwickshire Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal, and first of Surprise as conductor.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

M. Vivien Copping	*Treble*	Sam Longbottom	5
*Cyril F. Sutcliffe	2	*E. Martin Fielden	6
Thomas W. Strangeway	3	John Pearson	7
W. George Turner	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Wightman. Conducted by John Pearson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in conjunction with the Local Government centenary celebrations.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E.

Percy J. Spice	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Robert Collins	2	Thomas H. Frances	6
John R. Cooper	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	Herbert E. Audsley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

SIX BELL PEALS

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Ernest F. Payne	*Treble*	F. Kevon Thompson	4
*Geoffrey M. Brewin	2	Geoffrey J. Lowe	5
†Royston Wilmore	3	‡B. Stedman Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal on tower bells.

KINGS BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Eric Edginton	*Treble*	Arthur R. Wright	4
Stella Hughes	2	George W. Hughes	5
George L. Roobottom	3	Barnabas G. Key	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung as a welcome to John Watson, nephew of the treble ringer, born two days previously.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	*Royston Wilmore	4
*F. Kevon Thompson	2	Geoffrey J. Lowe	5
†Ernest F. Payne	3	B. Stedman Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.
A 21st birthday compliment to F. Kevon Thompson, and a first birthday compliment to Ruth Mary Payne, daughter of the conductor.

STOCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

G. Stedman Morris	*Treble*	†Walter H. Poole	4
*Raymond P. Selway	2	Henry G. Keeley	5
†Canon C. Carew Cox	3	William G. Gigg	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Minor in the method.

GWINEAR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gwinear,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Margery A. Birch	*Treble*	Harry Miles	4
*Gillian A. Neal Smith	2	Denys J. Neal Smith	5
Marion L. Lidgey	3	Walter Ayre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells. The conductor's 700th peal and 375th as conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Dorothy T. Gardiner	4
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Ernest Morris	5
*Eric Edginton	3	Barnabas G. Key	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung to mark the 28th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Also birthday compliments to James H. Musson and Anglea Key.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Sgt. John Kay	*Treble*	A. Harry Hawcroft	4
*Arthur Tate	2	Edward Philpot	5
†Ernest A. Newham	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.
A farewell to Sgt. J. Kay who is posted overseas.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) College and St. Clement's, (3) Double Oxford and Hereward Bob, (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Double Court, (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Beryl C. Philpot	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	4
Crawford T. Hillis	2	Raymond J. Carlton	5
Albert J. Lancefield	3	Mark S. Lancefield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
First peal in 11 methods by all of the band.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Jonathan Mark, to Jeanne Carlton, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Stamford, (4) Rossendale, (5) Durham, (6) York, (7) Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

Ronald J. Sharp	*Treble*	John W. Sinfield	4
Andrew C. Sinfield	2	Derek P. Jones	5
James G. Newman	3	*Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal in eight Minor methods.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Poole 1, L. Parris 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, T. Look 4, J. C. Taylor 5, G. Gaylard (cond.) 6, J. Looker 7, H. J. Gaylard 8.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ERIC SUTTON	*Treble*	BARRY G. SHEPHERD	4
RICHARD E. G. LUTON	2	RAYMOND G. WESTNEY	5
*THOMAS R. COLLINS	3	†ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb.

THOMAS J. GUNDY	*Treble*	LESLIE D. YOUNG	4
*†REGINALD G. POWELL	2	†LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	5
CHARLES PHILLIPS	3	TRACEY H. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

WINIFRED WHEELER	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH	4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
WALTER D. BAILEY	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLEN W. CANSDALE.
First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since 1939.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY J. SMITH	*Treble*	DAVID GILBERT	4
GEORGE ATKINSON	2	KENNETH LAWSON	5
MICHAEL A. BIDEAU	3	PAMELA BLAKELY	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
First peal for all except the tenor ringer. First peal by the Sunday service band for at least 20 years.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson.

HANDBELL PEALS

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 10, 1956, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT 26, HIGH STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	*STEPHEN IVIN	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal 'in hand.' 25th peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of 3-4.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on handbells for the Guild.

A LEICESTERSHIRE PEAL TOUR

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
Mr. A. P. Cannon's 425th tower for a peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
*DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
†BRIAN BLADON	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † 25th peal together. First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
ANN M. COX	2	*MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
REGINALD W. REX	2	*MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
BRIAN BLADON	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	9
F. HECTOR BENNETT	5	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
ANN M. COX	3	RALPH BIRD	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
*BRIAN BLADON	3	†ANN M. COX	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* 50th peal on the third bell. † First peal of Rutland. First peal of Rutland on the bells.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
RALPH BIRD	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
REGINALD W. REX	3	RALPH BIRD	8
*BRIAN BLADON	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Fulbeck; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (5) Thelwall and Childwall; (6) Single Oxford; (7) Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	‡TREVOR A. CROSS	4
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	‡F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
†CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal in 13 methods. † First peal in more than ten methods. ‡ First peal in more than seven methods. First peal in more than seven methods on the bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,496 Rutland, 1,344 New Cambridge and 1,248 Yorkshire, with 78 changes of method, and all the work of each bell in all the methods.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	3	RALPH BIRD	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. L. MORRIS. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor, and on the bells.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
ANN M. COX	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Lewin 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, J. G. Geary (cond.) 3, R. Russell 4, A. N. Geary 5, J. Norton 6. Rung as a compliment to J. Norton on his 79th birthday.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss O. Couchman (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Grenham 2, Miss B. Tester 3, R. E. Lambert 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, L. Pierce 6. Rung for Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading alternately): E. Turner 1, M. Edmonds 2, C. A. Gerrish 3, J. Hale 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, M. H. Williams 6, D. W. Davies 7, H. Preece 8. Rung for Evensong and a birthday compliment to C. A. Gerrish.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Mullard (first of Triples) 1, G. Bradbury 2, A. Armstrong 3, R. W. Barker (first 'inside') 4, A. E. Barker 5, H. Butler 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. Borley 8. Rung as a compliment to ringer of tenor on his 27th wedding anniversary, also as a 14th birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. G. L. Coward 1, A. Selway 2, C. G. Solmon 3, T. Look 4, J. Looker 5, G. Gaylard 6, V. G. Roberts 7, J. W. Drew (cond.) 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Howe 1, J. Hosgood 2, C. F. Williams 3, C. Williams (Welshpool) 4, F. Wills 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, E. Bristow 8. Rung for evening service.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK. —On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pettit (age 17, first quarter) 1, P. R. J. Lester (13) 2, W. S. Girling (15) 3, E. R. Nice (16) 4, Miss A. E. J. Lester (17) 5, L. N. Melton (14, first as cond.) 6. Average age 15¼. A birthday compliment to P. R. J. Lester.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gilligan (first quarter) 1, Carol Hall 2, Marion S. Capey 3, W. Robson 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, G. S. Deas 6, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 7, R. E. Hall (first quarter) 8.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Aug. 12th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Dyment 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss M. Williams 3, G. Wiggins 4, H. T. E. Curtis 5, G. K. Dodd 6, R. Crook 7, F. E. Turner 8, H. P. Reed (cond.) 9, R. Rivers 10. First of Caters for 2, 3, 7 and 10.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Gammage 1, J. Vears 2, Miss J. Downing 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, G. F. Roome 5, W. R. Hammons 6, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 7, K. D. Perkins 8. First on eight bells for 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Pearce 1, J. H. Bowden 2, W. J. Nurcombe 3, H. Stacey 4, J. W. Sangwin (cond.) 5, H. Heard 6. Arranged for ringer of third, a visitor.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Aug. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Cooper (first in method) 1, H. Wilson 2, J. McTear (first in method) 3, J. R. Mossop 4, G. McKay 5, S. Richardson (cond.) 6. Rung as a parting gift to S. R. Mossop, who is leaving the district for Bletchley, Bucks.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St Martin's Church, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Romaine 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, L. Page 3, Miss A. Bacon 4, Miss M. Page 5, J. Maidment 6, R. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Maidment.

SHERBORNE, DORSET. — On Aug. 19th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. J. Gaylard 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, W. P. Lambert 3, J. T. Symonds 4, R. J. Fox 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wilf Seldon (first quarter) 1, D. Reeks 2, William Seldon 3, E. E. Retter 4, G. E. Retter 5, W. Eveleigh 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, E. Burnett 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK. — On Aug. 15th, 1,368 Minor (720 St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, 528 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Little Bob and Plain Bob): S. G. Elsey 1, R. Reed 2, J. E. Fox 3, W. W. Cousins 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memoriam the Right Rev. H. E. Wynn, Lord Bishop of Ely.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, J. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, D. W. Gray 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, F. Stonton 2, Miss M. Hawkins 3, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 4, P. J. Rye 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, H. H. Furminger 7, A. Furminger 8. Rung as a farewell to Sergt. H. Furminger, who is returning to Germany, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Monica Hawkins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, R. Lumsden 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong.

CANNON-SONE TOUR IN LEICESTERSHIRE

GOOD BELLS AND GOOD COMPANY

FOR the seventh successive year the 'Cannon-Sone' tour has livened up another county in their quest for peals and new towers. A thoroughly enjoyable and successful week was the result. Twelve peals were scored out of 13 attempts, and visits were paid to 68 towers in Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland. Many may think this is a stiff programme. It is—one has to be really fit to survive on a tour like this!

All arrangements were made by Mr. Brian G. Warwick, the energetic secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and the party would like to thank him once again for the really excellent job he made of both the ringing and catering fixtures.

Our party consisted of 22 ringers, and most of them arrived for the first touch of the tour on Saturday evening, August 11th, at Belgrave (8, 14 cwt.). London and Bristol opened the proceedings, and we continued to Birstall (8, 10 cwt.) for London and Cambridge.

On Sunday, August 12th, we arrived at 9.30 a.m. to ring for service at Brian Warwick's tower, South Wigston (8, 14¼ cwt.) and then over to Aylestone (8, 16 cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. F. E. Wilson and the ringing curate, the Rev. P. R. Blackman. As usual, we stayed for service and had a course of Yorkshire afterwards with Messrs. G. Francis and W. L. Weller, who were on their way home after a week's 'tower-grabbing.' Incidentally before service we rang three spliced (Rutland, New Cambridge and Yorkshire), the first time this had been rung on these bells for a service.

In the afternoon our first tower was Narborough (6, 21¼ cwt.), where we had been told told that the bells were rough! However, the local captain is to be congratulated on getting the bells ringing again after a long silence. Then on to Broughton Astley (6, 18 cwt.), where we were joined by Messrs. Ralph Edwards, Peter Border and Kilby Holtom. These are a fine Taylor ring, rung from the ground floor, and we rang a good course of London Minor.

Our next tower was Monk's Kirby (8, 24¼ cwt.). When we arrived here Mr. Pittam, the local captain, was mending a stay and warned us that the ropes were not too good. Sure enough, as Peter Border and the writer were raising the tenor the rope broke under the sally. Peter did a quick short splice and we rang a course of Bristol, with Ralph Edwards on the box, with a short rope.

Our last tower (or what we thought was our last tower) for the day was Hinckley (8, 22 cwt.), and on this really grand Taylor ring a good course of Yorkshire and some Stedman for the local captain was duly rung. The service at Hinckley begins at 6 p.m., so Brian suggested we call in at Sapcote (6, 9¼ cwt.), where Mr. Michael Brown was surprised and pleased to see us.

THREE PEALS ON MONDAY

Our first peal tower was Whitwick (8, 11¼ cwt.), a popular tower for peals, and with the assistance of Mr. Joseph Cotton, the genial secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, we scored a fast peal of Yorkshire, this being the writer's 425th tower for a peal. Those not ringing visited Melbourne (8, 15¼ cwt.) and Bredon (6, 9¼ cwt.).

After an excellent lunch at the King's Arms we had two splendid light rings for the afternoon. At Measham (8, 9¼ cwt.) a very good peal of Lincolnshire was scored, and at Overseale (8, 9¼ cwt.) the well-known Double Norwich was successful—as usual! Both these rings are in excellent order and a delight to ring on. Those not ringing visited Netherseale (8, 11¼ cwt.) and Swepstone (6, 10¼ cwt.). Many of the towers in this district are reminders of the generosity of the late Mr. W. W. Worthington, of brewery fame, and himself a practical peal ringer.

When we arrived at Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8, 17 cwt.) we found the bells 'up' and were told that Ralph Edwards had raised them, but, as we were late, could not wait to join us. Thanks, Ralph! There is a long draught here, but the bells sound reasonably well in the tower. Our last two towers for Monday were Hugglescote (8, 16 cwt.), where an excellent musical touch of Little Bob was conducted by G. Ronald Edwards, and Ibstock (6, 12 cwt.), where there was a welcome written on the board by Mr. Arthur E. Rowley, and where Fred Lambert met his son.

VISIT FROM THE B.B.C.

Tuesday, August 14th, was Loughborough and district day. A band of ten good men was picked for Loughborough All Saints' (10, 30¼ cwt.) and under the conductorship of Ralph Bird scored a very creditable peal of Kent Royal. Those not ringing visited the isolated church of Prestwold (8, 11 cwt.), Mountsorrel (8, 8 cwt.) where we were met by Mr. B. Stedman Payne, and Quorndon (8, 14¼ cwt.), where the Press caught up with us for a photograph.

During lunch at the Essoldo Cinema Cafe the B.B.C. (Midland Region) joined us and said they would like to broadcast some ringing from the famous Taylor Bell Foundry (10, 6¼ cwt.) and also have a short interview with the writer. This was duly broadcast on the 6.15 p.m. news that day.

These matters somewhat delayed our start for the peal on the light ten, and we had to record our only loss of the week—Bob Royal—after one hour's ringing. Someone remarked that if the conductor had kept to Tucker's four-part instead of a Tittums peal success would have followed. Best thanks to Messrs. J. P. Fidler and C. Harrison for kindly meeting us at both towers.

Another band had gone to Shepshed (8, 15 cwt.) and rung Cambridge on an excellent Taylor ring. The Foundry band rang at Woodhouse Eaves (6, 10 cwt.) and we all continued to Blakeshay Farm, Newton Linford, for a nice dinner. A rather late arrival at Anstey (8, 10¼ cwt.) found Mr. Alban Disney still waiting for us, and we enjoyed a very short ring on this handy octave.

TOWER HUNTING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Wednesday of our week is always reserved for tower hunting—no peals. The first tower was Long Clawson (5, 17¼ cwt.), where the bells are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the cruciform church. If they are rung slowly, good touches can be achieved. Some of the more venturesome members of our party climbed the unique iron ladder to the bells. This is let down from the ceiling and sways quite considerably.

Bottesford (8, 22 cwt.) has a really magnificent ring, in the writer's opinion probably the best eight in Leicestershire. Bristol and Double Norwich Court Bob were duly rung and we continued into Nottinghamshire at Bingham (8, 15¼ cwt.) This was the writer's 2,000th tower, and the party were welcomed by the Vicar, Bishop Gelsthorpe. Up in the tower someone shifted the tenor box to the treble position, with an amusing two or three rounds before a course of Yorkshire was started. (No prizes for guessing for whom this was fixed!!) Next on the list was Radcliffe-on-Trent (8, 15 cwt.), where we rang Cambridge and Double Norwich Court Bob. Lunch followed at the Chestnuts County Club.

Then a visit to one of the titbits of the week, the glorious modern Taylor ring at West Bridgford (8, 9¼ cwt.). We were welcomed by the ringing Rector, Canon R. F. Wilkinson. These bells are a real joy to ring, and we were told we were the first visitors to ring on them. Amongst other things we rang a good course of Superlative, with Reg Rex ringing the seventh. This was just like old times for Reg, who by the end of the week had completed 21 peals since losing his left arm in an accident in January, 1955. His striking is spotless and an example to anyone with two arms.

A short run over to Cotgrave (6, 17¼ cwt.) for a course of London an Cambridge on a fine six and then back to Nottingham, St. Mary's (10, 35¼ cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. Walter Nicholls. A good half-course of Cambridge Royal decided us that we had a good enough band to attempt a peal, and the omen was successful. Then over to Ruddington (8, 15 cwt.), where there is a glass roof in the ringing chamber, and the bells require quite a bit of ringing.

At Bunney (6, 13¾ cwt.) we found another excellent modern Taylor ring. Here Ron Edwards asked to ring the tenor to a perfect course of Cambridge, a bell which he helped to tune. The last tower was Syston (8, 15 cwt.), where Mr. E. F. Payne met us. The tenor is very slow at handstroke, but a course of Superlative proved that if one uses one's ears it can be struck perfectly.

ANOTHER DOUBLE

The programme for Thursday commenced with a ring at Knighton Church (5, 14 cwt.), which has a tall tower and spire. Then to Kibworth Beauchamp (8, 10¾ cwt.), where Mr. Fred Staniforth met us. A good peal of Rutland was scored under the conductorship of Malcolm Cloke, and Ann Cox rang the seventh well to score her 'first in the method.' Those not ringing visited Great Glen (6, 9 cwt.) and King's Norton (8, 21 cwt.). At the latter tower we found the bells in fair condition and seemingly pealable with a good band. A visit was paid to Gally, where we inspected the near derelict bells. They were not ringable and we persuaded the Vicar to have them attended to.

At Illston (6, 8¼ cwt.) the writer was told to ring the fifth to some spliced Minor. Something made him suspicious, and when 'Stand' was called, he kept his rope! The stay was missing, and the others were hoping the bell would have gone over! Bad luck, Brian!

After lunch we rang an excellent peal of Yorkshire at Market Harborough (8, 18¼ cwt.) on a first-class Taylor ring. Mr. Fred Wallington, the local captain, congratulated us on our striking. Those not ringing visited Desborough (8, 10¼ cwt.), Rothwell (8, 21 cwt.), a fine Taylor ring, and Great Bowden (6, 14 cwt.) with a recently-added treble. Mr. F. Kilburn, who rang peals with Mr. W. Willson, accompanied them.

Returning to Leicester, we visited Humberstone (6, 19¾ cwt.) a Gillett and Johnston ring, with a very low ceiling to the ringing chamber, and later joined the local ringers under Mr. Sydney Harrison for practice at Leicester, St. John-the-Divine (10, 21 cwt.) We rang half a course of Cambridge Royal on one of the finest tens in the country. Mr. Bowley, a local ringer with one arm, was very pleased to have a pull with Reg Rex.

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LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR—Cont.

MELTON MOWBRAY AND RUTLAND

The opportunity of a peal at the fine tower of Melton Mowbray (10, 25½ cwt.) on Friday was much appreciated. Mr. Philip A. Corby welcomed us and kindly raised the bells ready. A creditable peal of Cambridge Royal was scored on a ring which is not too easy to strike. The local Press took photographs afterwards and we enjoyed our lunch at the Anne of Cleves Cafe. Great Dalby (5, 11 cwt.), Ashby Folville (8, 12½ cwt.) and Asfordby (6, 13 cwt.) were visited by those not peal ringing.

It was a very big disappointment that owing to serious illness near the tower the chance of a peal at Oakham had to be cancelled. However, Somerby (6, 11½ cwt.) kindly stepped into the breach and a good peal of Minor in 13 methods was scored, with plenty of stars. Those not ringing visited three towers in Rutland—Whissendine (6, 12½ cwt.), with a long draught and most of the bells going up 'wrong,' Langham (6, 14 cwt.), where the local captain recalled ringing at Canterbury during the war, and Cottesmore (6, 14 cwt.), a fine Taylor six. We joined up with the peal band to ring Rutland at Uppingham (8, 14½ cwt.), and arrived back in Leicester in time to ring Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's (12, 32¾ cwt.) and to meet Mr. Ernest Morris.

THREE PEALS ON LAST DAY

For the last day, Saturday, August 18th, three first-class Taylor rings were at our disposal. At Claybrooke (8, 13¾ cwt.) the usual Double Norwich Court Bob was scored, this being the 20th county in which the writer had called this composition. The bells are a remarkably fine ring, with the tenor in E flat and sounding like 18 cwt. They do not want to be hurried too much. The remainder visited Bitteswell (6, 8¼ cwt.), Lutterworth (8, 14¼ cwt.), where they were welcomed by the well-known composer, Mr. Ernest W. Tipler, and Misterton (6, 7 cwt.).

After lunch at Hinckley we continued to Earl Shilton (8, 11¼ cwt.), where Ralph Edwards joined us for a good peal of three spliced. The remainder continued to Kirkby Mallory (6, 7¼ cwt.) before reaching Market Bosworth (8, 14¼ cwt.), a very fine modern ring, where the first peal of Surprise on the bells was duly completed, with Kilby Holtom on the treble.

The Earl Shilton band, with three others, called in at Thurlaston (6, 15 cwt.), an excellent ring, where Joan Beazley was able to score her first quarter peal (Bob Minor), conducted by Ron Edwards (see quarter peal columns). During dinner at Market Bosworth Brian Warwick was duly thanked for a most enjoyable and successful week. Unless one has had actual experience of organising a week like this, one does not realise the amount of hard work and writing necessary to achieve success.

Before leaving on Sunday morning we visited Leicester Cathedral (12, 25 cwt.) and rang two courses of Stedman Cinques and three leads of Treble Twelve. Mr. Herrick Bowley, captain, gave us a warm welcome and afterwards joined us for coffee before we caught our train for London. Monica Collins and Joan Brown were with us for the whole week, although they did not ring any peals.

Once again the writer would like to thank all Vicars and tower captains for allowing us to ring and giving us such a grand welcome. Also all members of the party who helped to create a jolly atmosphere, good striking and good fellowship. Next year we hope to tour East Lancashire.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent District at Walmer

Thanks to 'Jill and Geoff,' we arrived at Walmer, but where, oh where were the ladies? They were sadly lacking in support for this meeting: however, those of us who did attend received a very warm welcome from the 'locals.'

With the assistance of the gentlemen, ringing went well, from rounds to a course of Cambridge Minor. The Vicar conducted a short service and afterwards joined us for tea at Lee House.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the Vicar, the organist and last, but not least, Mr. Rye, who so kindly made the arrangements.

Except for selecting Sittingbourne for the next meeting on either November 3rd or 10th, no business was transacted as some of the ladies present had to catch trains. Will ladies please make a special effort to attend the Sittingbourne meeting. E. M. M.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

During the Leicestershire peal tour the B.B.C. (Midland Region) recorded some ringing from the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and also interviewed Mr. Pat Cannon. This was duly broadcast on the Midland Region news at 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14th.

Mr. A. P. Cannon regards 1956 as his lucky year. He has already rung 46 peals.

Among the promising young ringers in south Lincolnshire is 14-years-old Roland H. Cook. He has about 16 peals to his credit and has just scored his first peal 'inside.'

The bells of Preston Parish Church will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from there on Sunday, September 16th, at 9.30 a.m., in the North Home Service only.

We have received an encouraging response from annual subscribers to remit the extra postage. So far 901 subscribers have contributed a total of £76 17s. 11d.

Congratulations to Mr. R. Roger Savory and Mr. Ernest F. Payne, who have completed their first 100 peals. Mr. B. Stedman Payne has reached his 100 on tower bells.

St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, have another promising young Dorset ringer in their band in Mr. Michael Hallett, who has just rung his first quarter (one in seven methods) with the St. Andrew's company.

Mr. John T. Walmsley, of Oldham, desires to say a big 'thank you' through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to the ringers of Castle Cary, Somerset, who invited him and his wife to join them on their annual outing. Ringing took place at St. Mary's, Corscombe, Broadwindsor, Whitechurch Canonicorum and Wyke Regis. A few hours were spent at Weymouth in brilliant sunshine. The party included the tower's veteran, Mr. Milborne, who was celebrating his 84th birthday.

A member of the Exeter Cathedral ringers inquires what is the record number of ringers to attend a practice. At a local practice at the Cathedral recently no fewer than 64 ringers attended.

The Universities' Association is on tour this week with headquarters at Leiston Abbey, Suffolk.

The Kent tour, organised by Mr. David Hoare, and consisting of 13 ringers from Somerset, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Sussex, scored eight peals during their week. For story see next week's issue.

In a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on August 18th, there were no fewer than ten of the band ringing their first of Cambridge Surprise in Maximus.

When members of your tower leave for National Service see that 'The Ringing World' is posted to them. It is the best farewell presentation and it enables the ringer to see what is going on in his own locality.

Totternhoe, Beds, has lost a member of its band by the death of Mr. William Twidell, who was also a chorister. To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on August 19th with the bells half-muffled. The band consisted of Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. G. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, D. Knox 5, W. Sear 6.

The three Robert Norton bells from Holton Parish Church, Somerset, are now at a foundry being retuned. They were cast circa 1430. An appeal is made to bell lovers desirous of retaining such bells of archæological value to send donations to the hon. treasurer of Holton Parish Church, Mr. G. B. Wylam, Green Pastures, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset. All contributions will be acknowledged.

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Cumberland Ringers Fight Against Electronic Bells

Chancellor Allows With 'Great Reluctance'

THE Cumberland and Westmorland Association were unsuccessful at a Consistory Court at Carlisle on August 9th in their opposition to an application by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Nicholas', Whitehaven, to install a system of Constant Martin bells and carillon in their church. The Chancellor of the Carlisle Diocese (Mr. R. H. Mais) granted the application with very great reluctance. The scheme is estimated to cost £1,000 and the money has been subscribed.

Mr. W. C. Sumner, representing the applicants, said that in 1942 the idea was that St. Nicholas' should have a ring of bells instead of the present single bell. Money was raised and there was now about £1,000 in hand. At present the church was faced with a lot of urgent expenditure, and the Parochial Church Council decided that the system involved in the present application was preferable to the ring of eight bells as formerly suggested.

'We have received no objections to the application from any parishioner or anyone who has subscribed to the fund. There has been an objection filed by the Cumberland and Westmorland Association of Change Ringers,' said Mr. Sumner. The objectors favoured foundry bells, but, said Mr. Sumner, there was a difficulty in getting skilled bellringers at the present time.

Evidence in support of the application was given by the Rev. W. W. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Nicholas'. The Diocesan Advisory Committee at first disapproved of the application, but the Chancellor was informed that members of the Advisory Committee, who heard the apparatus demonstrated, were agreeably impressed.

Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, president of the Cumberland and Westmorland Association of Change Ringers, told the Chancellor that his Association was desirous that as many people as possible might be brought into church life of parishes by being attracted, through the art and skill of bellringing, to the service of the Church and the glory of God. It was always the desire of the Association to encourage young bellringers and to teach them. His Association would be quite willing to help the Vicar of St. Nicholas' to get ringers.

'NO' TO RECORDED BELLS

The Chancellor, in his judgment, said he proposed to grant the application, but he did so with very great reluctance. In 1954 the Church Assembly, by a large majority, passed a resolution deprecating recording bells in churches. If the application had been for a recorded peal of bells he should have refused it, and should have said, 'If the people want bells, they must put in a ring of bells.'

Each case must be judged on its merits, and in granting the faculty he desired to make some general observations. Bellringing was peculiarly English; part of their inheritance. For many generations church bells had rung out over the land. Nothing would persuade him that an apparatus such as they were considering—wonderful though it was—could possibly replace church bells rung by hand. He could not believe that bell ringers could not be found. If, in fact, there were bell ringers available and yet there were those who were not prepared to give of their time for that purpose, he thought it was the duty of the parish as a whole to alter their way of thinking.

He deplored hearing of church bells in this land not being rung because of a lack of volunteers or for any other reason. He thought the present case was a borderline case and that there were reasons why he should grant the faculty.

I have every sympathy with the Association of Bell Ringers, and so long as I hold the position I do, I shall do my best to support them in their endeavours to provide bell ringers, and to ensure that the bells are rung out by hand.'

CONDITIONS

Conditions imposed by the Chancellor for the granting of the faculty included the apparatus being kept under lock and key and being supervised by a responsible person. The apparatus must be only used (except for practice without amplifiers) before Matins and Evensong on Sundays and before and after weddings. It may also be used on Christmas Day, for midnight service on Christmas Eve, on Ascension Day and New Year's Eve. For any other occasion on which it was desired to use the apparatus application must be made to him.

The apparatus was not to be used for more than 30 minutes before any service, and for not more than ten minutes before or after any wedding. Reproduction shall not be so loud as to be audible outside an area in which a ring of bells rung by hand is audible. Nor shall the reproduction be a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours. He made that condition so that there could be some hold upon the volume of noise. The existing bell at the church must remain.

Is Bell-ringing a Dying Art?

In an interview with 'The Portsmouth Evening News,' Mr. George Chappell, of Wickham, now 91, expresses the view that bell-ringing is a dying art because modern people find it too difficult for them to learn. 'They think it is just a matter of pulling a rope like ringing a door-bell. When they try they find it so difficult that they give up.'

This view does not deter Mr. Chappell from his life-long love of bells and ringing, extending over 70 years. As captain of the ringers at St. Nicholas' Church, Wickham, he is training a team of six boys—average age about 15. They ring under his supervision for Sunday services and also for a practice on Wednesday evenings. 'By teaching the art to the youngsters I know it will be carried on for a few more generations,' he said.

'Bell-ringing needs great powers of concentration for long periods,' he explained. 'When you are ringing 30 changes a minute for several hours on end, as I have done, you must think all the time. That is what modern people lack—power of concentration. But I have great hopes for my present team of ringers, who are doing splendidly.'

In his younger days Mr. Chappell was a peal ringer and also performed on handbells. He retired in 1940 from his post as clerk in Wickham Foundry, and now spends six or seven hours a day in his spacious garden, tending his flowers and vegetables.

FIRST PEAL AND 700th



Taken after the first peal on the bells at Gwinear, Cornwall, August 13th, Miss G. Neal Smith (first peal) with Mr. Walter Ayre, who had just conducted his 700th.

FIRST PEAL AT GWINEAR, CORNWALL

Three members (resident) and three visitors to the Truro Diocesan Guild rang what is believed to be the first peal on the bells at Gwinear Church, Cornwall, on Monday, August 13th. The bells had been silent until early this year for over 50 years, and they were rededicated only a few months ago.

Ringing in the peal were Miss Gillian Neal Smith, who at 16 rang her first peal on an 'inside' bell, and Mr. Walter Ayre, who conducted the peal, who was ringing his 700th. The method decided on was Plain Bob Minor, after an attempt two days previously by the same band at Zennor for Cambridge Minor had been unsuccessful.

The bells are a tuneful ring and 'go' splendidly. They are a little noisy in the ringing room, but this is to be dealt with. The band would like to express their thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. R. Revill) for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and for his help and co-operation.

Mr. Revill has already a band of keen young ringers, who are working hard with two practice nights each week.

SMART WORK

In our issue of August 17th we published the composition of Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, of Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods, viz.: London, Bristol, Watford, Cambridge, Dorchester, Pudsey, Cassiobury, Superlative and Lincoln.

Six days afterwards the peal, 5,472 changes, was rung at Willesden for the Middlesex County Association. The conductor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, in announcing the success, writes: 'By a fortunate chance the band arranged for last Thursday at Willesden as almost identical to that which rang Pitman's eight spliced with all the work for all the bells earlier in the year. We were lucky and rang the new composition for nine methods at the first attempt. It is an excellent composition.'

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INTRODUCTION

This work has been compiled as the standard of reference of the COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY, and is subject to final review by the Governors of the College. It is prepared so as to be conveniently issuable in Parts, one for each of the relevant branches of ringing study.

Paragraphs or 'articles' are numbered for indexing and for cross reference, and to show clearly every statement that may form the subject matter of a question for examination; and the sign '(Q)' is inserted after each such item. The signs '(S)' and '(D)' preceding the paragraphs are intended to guide the Student-Tutor as to what is to be spoken or stated and what is to be demonstrated, as he instructs his pupils in accordance with the scheme, which is necessarily formal to maintain the requisite standards when in widespread use.

The text is detailed and explanatory to an unusual degree, perhaps, but necessarily, since the Manual is to serve also for self-study by students who are remote from continuous contact with a College Tutor.

PART I.

THE 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM OF TUITION

SECTION I.

SOME PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING

1. **Aim.**—The objective of the teacher is to show the pupil a way of learning something efficiently, and to achieve this the teacher must know:— (Q)

(a) Precisely what is to be taught, or the access to such knowledge. (Q)

(b) The methods by which the pupil is to gain that knowledge quickly, intelligently and retentively, and put it into practice with facility. (Q)

2. **Manual.**—As a guide to the teaching of ringing, this Manual aims to collate and set forth, in logical development, the requirements of 1 (a) above, as included in the syllabus of College courses; and to do so by showing, implicitly and explicitly, the methods required by 1 (b) above. (Q)

3. **Teaching systems.** — Teachers under training devote years to the study and practice of the art of teaching itself, for which many systems have been introduced from time to time: so that here it is possible only to mention some points briefly and indicate the main requirements. Professional teachers may recognise in the context of the Manual points of procedure from some of those systems, among which may be mentioned those of: Froebel, Montessori, Dewey and Dalton. But for the purpose in hand certain fundamental principles may be cited, mainly to give point to the scheme herein developed. (Q)

4. **Selection and arrangement.** — The first principle is the proper selection, assembly and arrangement of the subject matter for information and/or demonstration. (Q). In Part I. of the Manual this has been done with care and the knowledge derived from years of experience in teaching and in ringing, and it may be taken as the embodiment of practical results, and the minimum of its kind to reproduce them. With this established it is difficult to see how the average way of 'teaching' a beginner by putting him straight on to a bell, without any introductory explanations or graduated system of control practice, can ever succeed in producing a good striker, in whatever tower or company. Yet is this not common? An analogy may be taken from the case of a visit to a production factory where successive stages in manufacture occur in a series of buildings dotted about a large area, linked by a transportation system. While some idea of the manufacture may be got by looking at the finished product (the 'straight-off' bell-handling quoted above), a better idea is got by a tour of the buildings piece-meal (the usual introduction to bell-handling), but a still better idea can be got by, indeed the best appreciation of the complete process can be got only by, visiting the buildings in the order in which the stages of manufacture therein actually succeed one another. This last, of course, is the method of 'logical development' employed in a properly devised system, such as the 'Cathedral.' The College-trained tutor adheres to it in maintenance of set standards. (Q)

5. **Method employed.** — For the teaching of elementary practical ringing, the choice of teaching 'methods' or 'systems' as known in the teaching profession is rather limited. Pupils' attendance at classes is restricted, textbooks on the detail of the practice are not available, teachers are not, in the main, trained to the job; and the results of the teaching are more readily observable by the public than are those of most forms of instruction. Yet experience shows that the more desirable results are not unattainable. The method employed in the Cathedral system is that of 'physical acquaintance,' 'investigation,' 'demonstration,' 'explanation' and 'examination'; and this sequence is applied in a scheme arranged in logical order of development throughout. (Q)

6. **Presentation.**—In presenting the subject matter of a study such as ringing the tutor inevitably poses problems all the time to his pupils. How, then, does the thing appear to the pupil? It has been said that the secret of successful teaching has been won if and when the teacher has virtually entered into the mind of his pupil and viewed the instruction and the consequent problem from the pupil's angle. (Q) Experience shows this to be only too true. But to some extent, it presupposes that the teacher has also 'summed up' his pupil—assessed his 'type' in mind and character. This can't be done in five minutes, but the successful teacher acquires the knack and then formulates the problem as the pupil most readily perceives it: and while discouraging random guessing yet urges the pupil to deduce the answer—checked and corrected as necessary. The result is imprinted on the pupil's mind. (Q). Different mentalities require different treatments, of course, and these must be assessed and accommodated, often with patience and tact. (Q). Above all, never assume the pupil knows anything you have not checked. (Occasionally even the most experienced teacher finds he has slipped up on this!) (Q)

7. **Interest.**—This is the keynote of the piece. Interest must be evoked at the outset, and must be maintained. Without it real progress will not be made. Much depends upon the teacher's own personality and his manner of going about the job; but even if these be not strong points in any one case, there are still 'aids' to interest that can be employed. Much can be done by the way in which the points are 'put over'—the apt illustration, the occasional mental shock, the challenge to the pupils, the occasional sudden switch to the dramatic, variation in voice in pitch and tempo, and the careful choice of phrases and even words; these and other devices will aid, especially in the earlier stages, in focusing attention and interest to an effective degree. (Q)

8. **Aids.**—In practical matters the best initial aid is a fairly large-sized model of a bell hung for ringing: failing which the actual bells in the tower must be used for certain illustrative points. A blackboard in the ringing chamber is an essential, and substitutes are easily made or acquired. An octave of handbells is almost an essential, together with a rod such as a broom handle, which can be placed across the backs of two chairs, to support the bells in order of tones, and a tapper. Several 18in. lengths of old rope are also required for the 'rat-tails.' (Q)

9. **Continuity.**—In all the work there must be continuity, both of subject matter and of pupils' effort. Absence from a class and consequential 'missing' of instruction must therefore be discouraged at all costs; particularly if a class of pupils is being taken—as opposed to single pupils. The organising of the class in small groups or teams in competition is a good incentive to regular attendance; and the objective of the diploma at the end of the course is another. The tutor must be careful to 'dovetail' his successive lessons. (N.B.—Keep a register.) (Q)

10. **Questions.**—Encourage these from the pupils! Let nothing 'fluffy' get passed over. Endeavour to check that all is clearly understood. Tests are best for this, and questions of the pupils should be made at each class. Recapitulation of a series of points made is essential. The team competition is helpful in the tests. (Q)

11. **Obligations.** — The pupils should be shown clearly that they have obligations. Tutors give up their time gladly to teach the art of ringing, but only when they can rely on their pupils sticking to the job and making a success of it, as far as their abilities allow. Point out that ringing is a divine service and one that brings joy to the performer, mentally and physically: that it can be undertaken all one's life and by persons of both sexes and from all walks of life. Stress the need for constant attention to good performance and faultless striking, even if it be only in rounds or call changes. An indifferent striker is the finest advertisement for the abolition of ringing! (Q)

(To be continued)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE ANSWERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to two recent queries:—

(a) Mr. J. A. Trollope effectively demolished the story of the attempt for 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob at Dagenham in 1804 (Major, according to the 'Norwich Mercury,' not Royal, as in the Annual Register) by pointing out that the supposed victim, Malachi Cannon, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters six weeks after he was alleged to have been killed. (See 'The Ringing World' of February 27th, 1942.)

(b) Henry Bret joined the College Youths in 1687 and was Master in 1701. Mr. Trollope stated that he gave five, not three bells to Cowley Church, and on the question of his ruin being supposedly caused by ringing, commented 'How a man could have spent an excessive amount of money on country bellringing in the 17th and 18th centuries is not easy to see.' ('The Ringing World,' December 21st, 1945.)—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

SIXPENCE A ROPE

Dear Sir,—In connection with the front page article of 'The Ringing World' of August 17th regarding the 'precarious financial position,' I think one suggestion mentioned solves the whole problem in a quite fair and legitimate manner. I refer to the 'levy' on all peals published. I wouldn't have thought a 'levy' was necessary, just an 'invitation' to contribute 1s. a head and 6d. a head for a peal and quarter peal respectively.

I have served on a church council where hundreds of pounds have been spent on rehanging bells with a sixth added; I have also had experience of providing new bell stays when necessary, 'charged up to the C.C.' Can anyone find a cheaper interest, exercise, recreation, pleasure, call it what you will? Within my experience bells that are rarely rung for services are seldom refused by an incumbent for a peal.

According to the foregoing suggestion, last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' which is, I suppose, an average week, would benefit by a matter of £19 to £20, and, speaking personally, I cannot call to mind any one of my ringing acquaintances who, I think, would be averse to the idea, and I think they are typical of the whole body.—Yours faithfully,

N. ROBINSON.

Willingham, Cambs.

BRAVO, SUFFOLK!

Dear Sir,—It was very heartening to a 'Suffolker' to read the peal columns in 'The Ringing World' of August 17th, 1956.

In issues recent to that, Suffolk had not shown up very well considering its wealth of towers and bells (even though many of them need attention), but now, in the one issue, we see the following:—

(a) Only two 10-bell peals, and one of them in Suffolk.

(b) Twenty 8-bell peals, and three of them in Suffolk.

(c) Sixteen 6-bell peals, and three of them in Suffolk.

At the same time we must not overlook the fact that Norfolk ringers took part in all the Suffolk peals in (a) and (b) above, and that Essex ringers were in at least two of the Suffolk peals in (c).

Come on, Suffolk, swing 'em about, and also give Norfolk and Essex a hand!—Yours truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk

THE GODWARD ASPECT OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have been exceedingly interested in all the recent articles in 'The Ringing World' concerning ringing instruction and particularly those giving an account of the activities of the College of Campanology. This, to me, seems to be the most worthwhile venture I have seen reported in your pages since I started taking 'The Ringing World' (three years ago). However, there seems to me to be an omission which needs explaining. It is this.

The College of Campanology exists to ensure a regular supply of competent ringers and instructors and we have been given details at some length of the way this is to be accomplished and a comprehensive survey of the proposed Instruction Manual. Yet there seems no indication that anyone is to be taught anything but a secular hobby. Has the College rather forgotten the Godward aspect of ringing, or does it assume it to a degree that renders its mention unnecessary?

I have always been rather shy of all those ringers, competent and otherwise, who tend to forget that Church bells have been dedicated for use in a particular way and are not on the same plane as golf clubs and cricket bats. Such people inspire such little notices as the following, known to a few, no doubt:—

Do not ring and run away
Leaving other folk to pray.
When a ringer doeth so
Hand says 'come' and foot says 'go.'

Do we not find here the origin of much of the weakness of Sunday ringing in many places?. On one hand you have the person who (if he thinks of it at all) regards the relationship between ringing and Christianity as a vague union between two amorphous bodies he would call 'The Exercise' and 'The Church.' On the other you have Tom, Dick or Harry ringing a bad-going tenor and doing it well because he delights in 'making a joyful noise unto his Lord.' A ringer who is a truly active Christian likes service ringing. It can be understood if others regard it as a rather inconveniently timed extension of practice night.

Thus it is a prime duty of every praying ringer to leaven the lump a bit by sensible witness and continual intercession for all ringers. I have never seen this stated in 'The Ringing World,' but I may have missed it. Nevertheless, I am sure it is very necessary if we are to have a balanced outlook as far as our art is concerned. It we take Our Lord at His word we can rely on such intercession to work, provided we seek to see Him continually served and glorified in our ringing and do not use prayers as a means to attain our own ends as far as numbers are concerned.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Witney, Oxon.

Note.—Reader Smith's point has not been overlooked. Tutors are requested to point out that ringing is a divine service; that the belfry is part of the church and demands the same principles of conduct and conversation; that meetings in the belfry for the purpose of performing what is part of the service of the Church are aptly preceded by the Belfry Office. —Ed.

NORTHILL AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Dear Sir.—I should like to point out that the methods Northill and Northamptonshire were both given wrongly. They should read:—

Northill: 36-14-1258-36-14-58-14-38.

Northamptonshire: 36-14-1258-16-12-38-16-78.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

THE LATE MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

Dear Sir,—To the memorial notice in your columns of our late venerated friend, Mr. E. Alexander Young, two points may well be added. One is that he was a member of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, and it was by his generous arrangement that the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral have been rung for the Company's annual service on St. Cecilia's Day. Mr. Young confided to me that it was his intention to make permanent provision for the continuance of ringing at this celebration.

The other point is that Mr. Young organised the official talk on change ringing, which it was my privilege to give on behalf of the Central Council in 1928, and on that occasion he rang 7-8 to a course of Stedman Triples on handbells.

It is also worthy of mention that up to the age of 90 he wrote a most elegant hand; every letter was a work of art.

I last saw him when, in his 90th year, he visited me in hospital. We spent a long time recalling memories of the past, and I had the moving experience of joining with him at his request in a simple prayer for a blessing on our advancing years.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Clifton Hotel, Weymouth.

A JUDGMENT OF 1867

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of a cutting from 'The Times' of Nov., 1867, which may interest some of your readers. The cutting was pasted inside the front cover of a service book belonging to the Vicar of Willesborough at that date. —Yours faithfully,

W. P. GARNER.

Willesborough, Kent.

'THE RIGHT TO RING PARISH BELLS'

Rev. E. S. T. Daunt v. Crocher and Others

This case involved the question as to the ringing of bells of a parish church. The promoter of the office as judge is Incumbent of St. Stephen's, Launceston, Cornwall, and the suit was against ten persons, who, it was alleged, had broken into the belfry and rang the bells. There was a suit against the churchwardens as to the right to the keys. The case came before the court on the admission of the articles.

Dr. Swabey appeared for the ten defendants in opposition to the articles. They were, he said, men in humble rank, and he objected to the term used in the articles.

Dr. Spinks, Q.C., with whom was Dr. Tristram, appeared for the incumbent.

The learned counsel on both sides discussed the law on the subject of ringing the bells. It was admitted that the incumbent was entitled to the custody of the key of the church, and had a right to prohibit the bells being rung.

Sir Robert Phillimore, having directed the articles to be amended, threw out a suggestion which will probably end the case. He said, if the fact could not be denied that the bells were rung contrary to the wish of the incumbent, then an offence had been committed, and that the men, to save further expense, had better admit it, on which they would be admonished and ordered to pay the costs. It would be the far better course for them to pursue, seeing they were in humble station of life.

Dr. Swabey, on the part of the defendants, thanked his lordship and would convey his suggestion to the parties.

The articles were admitted.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD'S ANNUAL TOUR

CONVINCED for the third consecutive year that 13 is the lucky number for the annual tour, the Manchester University Guild members signed in at Shrewsbury Youth Hostel in the late afternoon of Sunday, July 8th. Three had cycled down the previous day; four had taken nine hours to cover the 60 miles from Manchester, including two stops for refreshment, one to retrieve a dropped handbell, and three for the Ringing Master to mend the same puncture (and he calls himself an engineer!); and one lady member gaily asserted that she had cycled the whole of the one mile from the railway station.

The official start of the tour was to have been that evening at St. Mary's, but unfortunately a large stone had crashed down in the tower the previous week. However, we were kindly directed to St. Chad's, where we joined the local ringers. The bells are, to quote one of our members, such as to 'make one's toe-nails curl' (with delight)—a phrase of which we were to become tired of hearing in the following ten days. We again rang here the next day—as per our time-table—on this grand 39½ cwt. twelve, before visiting the six-bell towers of Ruyton-of-the-Eleven-Towns, Montford (where we were told by the Vicar, 'You are welcome to ring, but don't pull too hard, the tower may fall down'! and where one of our ladies was offered the post of choirmistress) and Bicton, where we had our first puncture 'on tour.'

Back at the hostel we amused (and confused) fellow hostellers with 'lapping' on handbells to Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples; we, in turn, were intrigued by 'Fred'—a most peculiar character of very odd behaviour and habits.

OVER AND ROUND THE WREKIN

The old Church of St. Eta, Atcham, built of stone from the Roman town nearby and containing 15th and 16th century glass, was the first on our list for Tuesday. From this recently-rehung six we journeyed over and round the famous Wrekin to the very good ten at Coalbrookdale, where, possibly due to the after-lunch refreshment, we did not exactly cover ourselves with glory. The hot sun and the two-mile climb to Broseley also did not engender the best ringing on this good eight, although the sumptuous tea afterwards, kindly provided by a local lady, must be responsible for the good ringing on the augmented Rudhall bells at Much Wenlock, five miles away. Here our first attempt at Superlative was agreed to be excellent — we even received praise from the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, who was there at the time. Our swollen heads had assumed normal proportions by the time we had covered the seven miles along Wenlock Edge to Wilderhope Hostel.

Wednesday's ringing began at Hope Bowdler, where good London Surprise Minor was obtained but Treble Bob would just not come round! Nor would Cambridge on the well-toned eight at Church Stretton, but Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were successfully brought round. Seven miles further on, at Wistanstow, we encountered the bird and the bees; our ringing frightened a sparrow, trapped in the ringing room, and disturbed a swarm of bees, one of the ladies being stung. At Clunbury, even though it was early-closing day, the local store re-opened especially to serve our party with lemonade. After climbing a vertical ladder into the ringing room we were allowed to inspect the bells (one a mediæval bell) which were obviously well cared for and in beautiful condition. We rose to the occasion and struck some good London Surprise Minor.

At the hostel at Clun we had to provide our own food, even though we had previously requested the warden, a Mrs. Bright, to obtain supplies for us. Our London friend did sterling work by carrying eight gallons of milk in a pan from the farm a mile away. After supper we rang at the local church, where the ringing room is festooned with old wheels, clappers, pulleys, etc., from the old ring of bells. Back at the hostel, 11.30 p.m. found the Bishop's niece vigorously 'moth-hunting,' and two male members found that the quickest way from their dormitory to the washroom was via a large hole in the floor!

On Thursday we invaded Wales (Radnorshire) along the one in five switchback road to Knighton (8) and Presteigne, where we were joined by the Rector, a member of the Cambridge University Guild. Not surprisingly, Cambridge and Double Norwich were well rung, although a plain course of Bristol broke down two leads from home. We would have liked to stay longer but our time-table pulled us away back to England, Herefordshire and the sixes at Kington and Lyonshall, where a ladies' touch of Plain Bob and Double Court, Cambridge, London and Oswald Delight were rung. Then across the road and along the drive to the Youth Hostel, where, later in the evening, the learners were ringing handbells in the Common Room. When the 'experts' returned refreshed from the village, one lady ringer, whilst ringing 5-6, was seen to be gradually retreating towards the door, away from the spirited pair ringing 1-2 and 3-4.

THREAT OF DUCKING STOOL

The reputation of Eardisland for delightful ringing suffered somewhat by our visit on Friday the 13th, but we improved on the ten at Leominster Priory—possibly due to the threat to use the ducking stool from the north aisle on bad strikers. After our first indoor lunch, because of the dull weather, and the long climb to Bredenbury, we were rewarded by gallons of orange juice, kindly provided by the Vicar. The anti-clockwise 16-cwt. six at Bromyard proved a little rough, and the fact that the ringers on the third and fourth thought that they were ringing the fourth and third respectively did not help matters! It was here, too, that the lady mentioned above was photographed whilst riding her bicycle along the church path, using her umbrella as a parasol. The evening at Clifton-on-Teme hostel was spent by various members in various ways — enough said! The warden here admitted that she did not know much about ringing, although she recognised good ringing when she heard it; she thought the local ringers were horrible—'They never ring the same thing twice together' (!).

Presumably she would think the same about us the following morning when we rang on this good six. Two American girls from the University of Michigan were 'sure delighted' by the bells and our 'Scarlet Pimpernel' spent a quarter of an hour with them up among the bells. Three miles away at Shelsey Beauchamp we were met by the new Rector and his churchwarden (a ringer) and the former took copious notes for the parish magazine. On the only eight of the day, at Rock, even after paying the 10s. 'entrance fee,' we could not get Superlative round. After our customary tea, the ringing at the crookedly-spired church of Cleobury Mortimer was very good. On our six miles journey to Wheathill Youth Hostel heavy rain accompanied us all of the way and during the descent of one of the numerous short steep hills, one member tried the effect of riding along the top of the hedge! Luckily there was only superficial damage done to man and machine.

Sunday, after a damp morning, proved to be well named, and our 'free day' was spent in the quaint town of Ludlow (the nearest—a mere eight miles— to the hostel). Most of the party visited the castle, rowed(?) on the river, rambled in the woods and inspected the fine church. We were allowed to ring for Evensong on this grand eight, all cast by Rudhall in 1732 and rehung (with a recast treble) by Taylor's in 1890. Plain Bob, Stedman, Superlative and a good 'fall' sharpened our appetites for a good supper at the hostel. Afterwards, allowing for interruptions by several sheep and a goat, seven spliced Major methods 'in hand' were obtained by the 'fairies' at the bottom of the garden. It was here that one member's enthusiasm for 'Bob Caters in the tittums' was finally dampened, and later in the evening the following classic statement was heard from the women's dormitory: 'I always try to behave, but I just don't succeed' (!)

GAS MASKS

Torrential rain again accompanied us on Monday to Bewdley, where Bristol would just not come round! After lunch, the rain decided that it did not like our company and it was fine to Kidderminster. On this good-going and well-toned 12 we rang from Plain Bob Maximus and Stedman Caters to rounds and call changes. The rain again returned but obviously liked the long climb (Oh! Those wet cobbles!) to the six at Stone (Worcs) even less than we did, and left us; we did not need our rain capes for the rest of the tour. Whilst we were raising the bells the rope of the fourth broke at the garter-hole. Inspection upstairs showed that most of the ropes were in need of attention and that most of the pulley boxes were loose. We repaired the rope and left for the church and hostel at Chaddesley Corbett. The church, following a recent theft, was locked, and inquiry at the Vicarage showed that we were expected the next day! However, we were admitted to find ourselves confronted with a hearse, and a reminder not to forget our gas masks! Nothing daunted, we ascended the tower, and the Ringing Master ambitiously announced 'Superlative' for the opening touch. Not only did he break tradition by not starting with Plain Bob, but also broke the rope on his bell! Also worthy of mention is a 'true' peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples rung in 1829 without Singles!

On Tuesday we only visited three towers — all with eight bells—and cycled 27 miles. Lunch was partaken at Hartlebury, in the churchyard, with hot-from-the-oven bread in two-inch slices, after ringing on the good light ring at Stoke Prior. (In passing through Bromsgrove, the clapper of one of the handbells fell out and was run over by a lorry; the bearer of the handbell also later lost one of his pedals!) After being visited by ants during lunch, listening to the Test Match and hearing the clock strike 'one' at two o'clock we ascended the tower and succeeded in breaking the rope of the second when chiming in Queen's after ringing down. A leisurely ride brought us to Clent and a good ring of bells. The hostel, a 'self-cooker,' will always be remembered for the *very* large bowlful of lettuce consumed by one member.

Wednesday, the last day of the tour, began at Hagley, where the treble bell rope broke, being the fourth to break in six towers. But at Lye it was the stays which we were afraid of breaking, although when we had mastered this light ring (tenor 3½ cwt.) we really enjoyed our ringing — especially our first spliced Surprise. Our last picnic lunch followed at Wollaston before ringing on the six there. We then re-entered Stourbridge to ring at St. Mary's and then at St. Thomas', the last tower, where we rang some good Bristol, but our last 'band for drop-

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Manchester University—Cont.

ping' just failed to get the perfect 'fall'; nevertheless, a fine end to a fine tour.

The thunderstorm that night at Clent decided for us the method of getting home the next day—by cycle to the nearest main line railway station!

Methods rung were: Plain Bob Minor to Maximus; Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters; Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major (and the last three spliced); Cambridge and London Surprise; Double Court; St. Clement's; Oswald Delight; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor; and seven spliced 'in hand' (Plain, Reverse, Double, Little and Gainsborough Little Bob, Crayford and Wellington Little Court Major).

On behalf of the whole party, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all incumbents, local ringers and Y.H.A. wardens for ensuring the success of the tour; to the excellent organisers, the Misses Ruth M. Jackson and C. Anne Muirhead; the retiring Master, Brian A. Tomlinson; and our many guests and friends for their company and support.

BAT IN THE BELFRY.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

King's Bromley, an old-world village some seven miles north-west of Lichfield, was the venue for the Society's summer meeting on August 18th. The ancient Parish Church contains a pleasing ring of six bells rung from the ground floor of the tower. Mr. Edgington and members of the local band had gone to considerable trouble in making arrangements for this meeting, including a bountiful tea, and it was, therefore, regrettable that such arrangements were rewarded with a poor attendance, only 28, including 'locals,' sitting down to tea. This figure of 28 was the lowest on record for a meeting of the Society.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Vicar of King's Bromley, the Rev. R. J. B. Smith, with Mr. Gordon Rae kindly officiating at the organ.

Ringing was under the direction of Mr. George Hughes, Ringing Master, and one result of the small attendance was that there was plenty of opportunity on the bells for those present.

Thanks were duly expressed to the Vicar, organist, Mr. Edginton and the lady helpers.

The next meeting of the Society will take place at Tutbury on October 13th. F. B.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By S. J. IVIN

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32654	x			
36524			—	2
62345	x			
34625			—	—
23645	x			2

This composition has 6th the extent in 5–6, and full combinations, within the limits of the method. No 82's or 83's.

THE IDEAL OUTING

The ringers have agreed upon their route and destination;
The date is fixed, and without procrastination
The secretary writes a courteous little letter
To each Vicar—or telephones, which now and then is better;

Requesting, will he kindly grant permission—
Having heard his bells are in A1 condition—
For some touches on them, not of long duration;
Concluding with a 'Thank you in anticipation.'

Replies (prepaid) come in, strange as the fact is,
With speed (but that's of course the Clergy's usual practice!):
The programme then takes shape with expedition,
Mileage and times being worked out with precision.

Five towers—or six at most—will be the wise selection,
For haste at each does not lend to perfection;
An ample lunch and tea will need time for digestion,
While some may fancy 'fish and chips p.m', a good suggestion.

The day arrives; warm, sunny weather is predicted;
The coach starts sharp on time and speed is not restricted:
'Fresh fields and pastures new' are soon exciting comment,
And every tower is reached (and left) exactly to the moment.

No hitch at all throughout the day, and very pretty striking;
While all have had a rope in methods to their liking.
No one is overtired and no one is complaining,
Not even if the bus comedian tries some entertaining!

And ere 'Goodnights' are said with everyone contented,
The organiser must be thanked, the driver's tip presented;
And by an early post 'twill be a point of obligation
To send the kind incumbents letters of appreciation.

C. C. C.

WEDDINGS

AT ALDRINGTON

On August 18th Mr. Charles Douglas Linington and Miss Pamela Shearlock were married at St. Leonard's Church, Aldrington, Hove, Sussex.

The bridegroom learned to ring at Keymer before joining the Royal Navy, and his ringing tutor, Mr. Peter Romney, performed the duties of best man at the ceremony. The bride's sister, Jill, acted as bridesmaid. The pretty bride is learning to ring at Aldrington, and the joint captains, the Brown twins, were ushers in the church. Both bride and bridegroom are members of the church choir, and the arrival of a fully-trained ringer has been greatly appreciated by members of the local band, who presented the happy couple with a small wedding gift.

Before the marriage service the bridegroom, best man and the bridegroom's father (the latter two are both former secretaries of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association) assisted in ringing the bells. As the newly-wedded couple passed under the church porch, decorated with bell ropes, the bells rang out. Ringers from Wivelsfield, Shoreham, Keymer and Aldrington were there to demonstrate their good wishes by having a pull on this memorable occasion.

After a reception at the Rothbury Cafe a fine send-off was given at Brighton Railway Station, and the 'organiser' was still doing his best to discover the name of the London hotel, even after the train had moved from sight!

AT HORNCHURCH

The wedding was solemnised on August 18th of Mr. Andrew J. Salisbury and Miss Valerie Scott Maller at St. Andrew's Church, Hornchurch. The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev M. Sutton, M.A.

The bridegroom is a valued member of the local band and well known in the S.W. District of the Essex Association, and his bride is a prominent member of the young people's organisations at St. Andrew's.

Prior to the service a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, and the bride, a charming figure, entered the church as the bells ran into rounds.

The reception was held at the Railway Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in the Scilly Isles.

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OBITUARY

MR. HARRY CHINNERY

By the death of Mr. Harry Chinnery on July 27th the Essex Association has lost one of its oldest active members. Had he lived for another month Mr. Chinnery would have been 74 years of age.

Mr. Chinnery learned to ring on coming to live at Orsett, 54 years ago, and during the succeeding years taught many ringers there, including his own son and daughter. Until the bells became unringable he maintained a regular band at Orsett, and after that he chimed them for service every Sunday. Although no great peal ringer, Harry was, nevertheless, one of those who can be described as the backbone of the Exercise.

Until the time of his death he seldom missed an Association meeting, and was always present at the Essex Association's annual general meeting on Whit Monday at Chelmsford. He would often tell us how, when a younger man, he walked to Langdon Hills and Stanford to join in their practice nights, and until three years ago he rang regularly in quarter peals at the latter tower.

He was interred on August 1st within the shadow of Orsett Church, which he had served for many years as ringer, sidesman and verger. Messrs. Frank Gant and John Crampion represented the Association at the funeral, and a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a last tribute at Stanford-le-Hope the same day. May he rest in peace. J. E. H.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: June A. Grieveson 1, C. D. Linington 2, H. W. Brown 3, D. H. Paine (first in the method as cond.) 4, S. W. Brown 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung for Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Hutton (first quarter) 1, D. Hutton (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Hutton 3, L. Scoot 4, C. Harwood 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, P. Stacey 8. For Matins.—Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Hutton (first of Treble Bob) 1, P. Flack 2, E. Buck 3, Miss P. Hutton 4, L. Hughes 5, W. Collins 6, C. Harwood 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Both rung as farewells to Canon L. P. Smith and Mrs. Smith, this being their last Sunday before retiring after 17 years as Rector and friend.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ball 1, G. Privett 2, Renee Sturgess 3, Blanche Hunt 4, G. Miles 5, A. Sturgess 6, J. Hunt (cond.) 7, B. Bellamy 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. Alfred Dye, a ringer for more than 50 years.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, D. J. Taylor 3, H. G. Hart 4, C. E. Slade (first of Stedman 'inside') 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, P. D. Beedie 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Burchnall 1, K. Burchnall 2, G. Foster 3, M. Lewis 4, W. Midwinter 5, R. Milnes 6. Rung for the wedding of D. F. Ansell and J. M. Makins.

POUGHILL, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Twidale 1, Helen Brant 2, Sheila Cope 3, J. White 4, D. Cobb (first as cond.) 5, J. Coates 6. Rung on the occasion of the coming of age of the ringer of the third.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX. — On June 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. French 1, W. R. Manser 2, H. N. Vaughan 3, L. J. Honess 4, S. Jenner 5, K. S. Hohl 6, C. A. Tester (cond.) 7, R. E. Lambert 8. Rung to mark the engagement between Mr. K. S. Hohl and Miss J. French.

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MARRIAGE

LATCHFORD—MARTIN.—At St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, Herts, on Saturday, July 28th, 1956, Derek E. Latchford, of Hemel Hempstead, and Pamela A. Martin, of Berkhamsted. 8840

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. ALFRED BALLARD is now 128, Leicester Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire. 8856

Mr. A. R. (Tony) PRICE now resides at 30, Pinewood, Sunbury-on-Thames; also, when home, Dr. Richard E. Price. Telephone later. Connections with St. Catherine's, Feltham, remain as before. 8846

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Milverton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8787

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The meeting will be at Kempston on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8832

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8812

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Tollesbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8724

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Bobbingworth, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Speed, 6, Council Cottages, Bobbingworth. 8769

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, September 1st, Abbott's Leigh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 8819

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8852

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Longcot, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8803

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth at 3 p.m. on Sept. 1st.—J. Seager, Sec. 8775

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Rusper, Sept. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8795

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. Next meeting on Saturday, Sept. 8th, at Cross Stone (8) (near Todmorden). Bells from 2 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 8827

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Minehead (10), September 8th, 7 p.m. Visitors welcomed. 8845

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Woburn, September 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Town Hall, for those who send names. Short service 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—K. G. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn. 8833

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Astbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (price 2s. 6d.) by Thursday, 6th, please, to B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec., 9, Meadow Way, Macclesfield. 8848

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Staveley, September 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley, by September 6th.—A. B. Cooper. 8837

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 8th, Thorverton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by September 5th to H. W. Butt, Berry Cottage, Thorverton.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 8822

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Coffinswell, Newton Abbot, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Names for tea, please.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8825

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Loseley (8) on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business following. Your attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Loseley. 8851

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Littlington (6) after tea. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Sept. 8th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 5th. — H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 8798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —N.E. District. — Meeting at Tendring, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, Sept. 5th.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8808

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Purton (heavy six), Sept. 8th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 8821

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Much Wenlock (8), Sept. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, Sept. 5th, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 8823

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Langleybury (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3.15 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 8828

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Please note change of date.** Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, near Rochester, Kent. —Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8751

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 3s. per head. Those who require tea must inform Mr. G. T. Emptage, Orpen, Downbarton Road, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 8800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Lewisham District. — Practice meeting at Beckenham, Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Service 5.30. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Tuesday, 4th, to Miss M. Andrews, 43, Wantsunt Road, Bexley.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8805

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8801

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham (8) on Sept. 8th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. S. R. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 8826

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Chapel Allerton (6) Sept. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. No tea provided. No. 1 tram from Briggate, Leeds, to Moortown. All welcome.—E. Bate, Hon. Sec. 8820

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly ringing meeting and committee meeting, Liverpool, on Sept. 8th. Please note ringing times are now as follows: Our Lady and St. Nicholas, 1 to 5.30 p.m., 6 to 9 p.m.; Emmanuel, Everton, 6 to 9 p.m. 8824

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 8th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' from 1 p.m., Emmanuel from 6 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday to G. Howlett, 10, Green Lane, Seaforth, Liverpool 21. 8830

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly, Spalding, Sept. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., at Greyhound Hotel for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 8786

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Colliers Wood (6), Saturday, Sept. 8th, 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea, own arrangements. Evening tower, see next week's 'R. W.'—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8855

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—T. J. Lock. 8834

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting at St. David's, Bangor, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8858

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Waddesdon, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 8835

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Naseby, Saturday, September 8th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 8836

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Special invitation meeting at Gayton on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 8818

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, Enford (6), Sept. 8th, 2.15. Tea, Marchant's Cafe, Netheravon. Netheravon (6) and Fittleton (6) after tea. Names for tea by Sept. 5th to W. J. T. Phillimore, Swan Inn, Enford, Pewsey. 8553

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, September 8th, at South Benfleet. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and more ringing. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8841

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Laxton (6), Saturday, Sept. 8th. Important—names for tea by 4th to Mr. G. Dolby, High Street, Laxton, Newark.—H. Denman. 8838

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Monk's Eleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. —R. J. Seabrook. 8806

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. Practice meeting, Sept. 8th, Wisborough Green, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Kirdford 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 8843

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET. — Annual ringers' service, St. Bartholomew's Church, Sunday, Sept. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. (eight bells, tenor 22 cwt.). Address by Canon Carew Cox. Ringing from 5 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. 8816

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Royston, Sept. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Important business. Cups of tea—bring own food.—H. Chant, Hon. Treasurer. 8847

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Meeting at Luppitt, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea before Sept. 12th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 8829

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 15th, at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 11th, please, to Mr. C. G. Pitcher, 5, Yew Walk, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Bakerloo or Met. to Harrow-on-the-Hill or Piccadilly Line to South Harrow, thence by bus. Good attendance, please; all very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8785

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Griffin's Head. All names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. D. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 8849

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Limpsfield Chart and Limpsfield, Sept. 15th. Limpsfield Chart bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Carpenters Arms. Limpsfield Parish Church bells after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. L. A. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, Oxted. 8780

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Sept. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Sept. 12th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8839

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (10) available 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. at Y.M.C.A., Skelly-gate. General meeting same premises at 5.45 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. at Unicorn Hotel, Market Place. Names by Sept. 13th to Mr. E. Hudson, Lister Cottages, Sharow, near Ripon. Members invited to Evensong in Cathedral at 5 p.m. It is hoped to run a coach from Leeds at 1.45 p.m., fare 6s. 6d. return. Full details from Mr. A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, near Leeds. Please apply early.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 8850

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Ripponden, Sept. 22nd. For teas, notify, by Thursday, Sept. 20th, F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8793

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, still available from Hon. Secretary, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

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HOLYWELL, HUNTS. — On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Papworth (first quarter) 1, R. King (first 'inside') 2, L. Fisher 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Ransome 6. For morning service.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Ridgway 1, L. Smith 2, F. C. Case 3, Miss B. Mansfield (first quarter of Major) 4, W. A. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts 6, Major D. Satow 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

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HERE LIES THE BELL FOUNDER

ALMOST all England was once an Industrial Area — it sounds nonsense, but it isn't. In the days before the machine took the upper hand over the man, an industry was more likely to employ a handful than a multitude. Our cloth was woven, our furniture and our tools made, as much in villages as in towns, and the country factory could compete on equal terms with the town.

I suppose the Bonds of Burford were the last of our country bell founders, but they were the last of a great company. Every part of England has its remote villages and small towns which once rivalled Whitechapel and Cripplegate and Gloucester, just as in the West Country we have our Yetminster, Blackawton, Aldbourne, Chewstoke, Chulmleigh, Wellington and Cullompton.

Over the hill behind where I'm staying, the local children would see, on a day, the smoke belch up from the furnace-chimney below Closworth Church, and say, 'Master Purdue's casting to-day'; and in due time they would gather in the gateway of the foundry yard to watch the glowing metal run down its trough into the moulds in the casting pit. There are not many children in Closworth parish now, and their lot will be either to find their work on the land or else in Yeovil; it wasn't always so. In this, as in many country places, industry has not encroached on the villages but abandoned them; they are the poorer for their abandonment, and not only in money.

Two and a half centuries have changed Closworth's appearance less than its life. The foundry is gone without trace, but along this lane the founder and his man must have ridden towards Sutton Bingham, beginning their long journey to recast 'Stafford' (surely Purdue's masterpiece), 'Peter,' the Doom Bell and the bell which now bears the founder's name, in Mr. Dean's yard at Exeter. In the churchyard there are a few new tombs, including Thomas Purdue's own, but the church with its lovely golden-lichen-splashed tower is unchanged outside. Within, not much remains from Closworth's great days, but the pulpit was there, gleaming new oak, when Churchwarden Purdue sat in his pew, and I celebrated the Eucharist last Sunday with a chalice and paten which were given to the church in his time.

And up in the tower the five bells hang in a frame which he may well have seen built. A tremendous frame it is, nearly six feet high from the floor, and though the gear is all comparatively new you can still see the big rollers on the floor, a relic of the days of dead-rope ringing. The ropes came down rather awkwardly then, the front four very close along the south wall and the tenor right up in the north-west corner. I suppose it must have been in an attempt to equalise the swinging periods of the bells for this type of ringing that Purdue cast the treble with that tremendous high crown. His 4th has been recast, but his initials are on it yet to show that he was a churchwarden at the time; and the 2nd was older when Thomas Purdue lived than his bells are now, for she must have celebrated her 300th birthday some time during his life. A beautiful bell, this, dedicated to St. Catherine with these words:—

'Hac Campanella Colitur Katerina Puella.'

She was cast in Salisbury somewhere about 1380.

The 3rd is by the last of the Closworth founders, James Smith, who decorated it with a delightful collection of crowns, stars and cherubs, with a line from Psalm 150, 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals.'

The tenor is a splendid bell of 14 or 15 cwt.; not big by Somerset standards, but she must have been a constant challenge to Thomas Purdue, for she was cast by his grandfather William. She bears the alphabet in big curious capitals, and on the waist a string of letters which look as though they might be the initials of the donors. Her place, with one side of the tower all to herself, lit by the window on the north side, gives her a dominating position, but was it that which made my eyes stray so often towards her as I made my way about the others, and made me tap her soundbow so often with my fist as I copied her inscription, to hear her sonorous 'F' set the tower humming? Not altogether, I think. Was it entirely her fine shape and clean workmanship, memorable as those are? That certainly, but somehow there is more yet.

Above the strong, firm line of her shoulders, beyond the louvres, I saw the old Rectory garden, from which she and so many of her splendid sisters came; I saw the cottages where once proud craftsmen lived, and the churchyard below where lie Thomas Purdue and many another 'bell founder, honest and true'; I saw the days of Closworth's fame, vanished these two centuries almost, and yet . . . I believe that if you go up Closworth tower, very quietly, and stood in the doorway and listened, you'll hear, now and then, that grand tenor hum softly to herself, as though she'd picked up some spiritual vibration from the air. And then you'll know that somewhere, in one of a couple of hundred towers, some proud ringer is telling a visitor, 'Ah, she's a Purdue bell.'

J. G. M. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	*ERNEST TREAGUS	6
ALBERT W. BOND	2	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	†RAYMOND OVERY	8
KENNETH SNELLING	4	†WILLIAM ROGERS	9
LEONARD STILWELL	5	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 200th peal. 50th peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Vivienne Margaret, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hicks, born Tuesday, August 21st, 1956.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*ALAN SYKES	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	6
†‡MARGARET E. WILKINSON	2	†DOUGLAS ELWICK	7
†HAROLD PARKER	3	HARRY SHORT	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4	SIDNEY R. ELWICK	9
†PETER J. WINDLEY	5	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by SIDNEY R. ELWICK.
* First peal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 TOTTERNHOE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*FRANK J. COOK	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	MALCOLM G. HOOTON	6
JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	JAMES G. NEWMAN	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal. First peal in the method.
The method: 58-4-12-16-14-3-12-1.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

MISS A. S. NOBLE	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	WALTER G. SOAR	6
JACK BAILEY	3	ALFRED MOULD	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Donald Campbell, R.N., and Miss Sheilagh Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	BERT GOGLE	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
DOREEN DUTTON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 67 lb. in F.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	ROBERT GUY	5
JOHN LUNHAM	2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ROBERT LARKEY	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	*JOHN M. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	ALBERT J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* 50th peal this year. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part Composition. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES N. LEA	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
KENNETH LAWSON	4	ROBERT TELFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
First peal of Triples in the method by all, and for this Association.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MARY LAWRENCE	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	5
*†JOHN R. MAYNE	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
*STEPHEN J. IVIN	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
‡ALICK CUTLER	4	‡RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of nine spliced. † 50th peal on the bells. ‡ 150th peal together.
This composition, in which all the bells do all the work of nine methods, is now rung for the first time.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

DIANA M. PIPE	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	†ALAN CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.
* 500th peal. † First peal.

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DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 124 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

John Thorley	*Treble*	Alexander E. Marsh	5
Milton C. Fowler	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Howard Scott	3	Gordon Benfield	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

John Hill	*Treble*	*Ralph C. Spittle	5
Kathleen E. Weller	2	*Derek G. Spittle	6
Raymond I. F. Parsons	3	Albert J. Adams	7
*John E. Beams	4	Charles W. Munday	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Adams.
* First peal in the method.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Mary Elkington	*Treble*	†Roland Holloway	5
Brian E. Freeman	2	†Mrs. R. Holloway	6
John Greenwood	3	Geoffrey B. Coulter	7
Percival C. A. Ashton	4	Cyril Manders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey B. Coulter.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

*Richard E. Prime	*Treble*	Stanley W. Copling	5
Reginald J. Darch	2	E. Jack Thurlow	6
C. Jack Gibson	3	John W. Blythe	7
Richard S. Payne	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. G. A. Sutherland and Miss J. D. Keeble, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Marion J. Parker	*Treble*	Adrian J. Tumber	5
S. Kathleen M. Knight	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Frederick W. Burnett	3	Roger Baldwin	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
The conductor's 75th peal. First peal of Aldenham on the bells, by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Dodd on the birth of a daughter, Wendy Ann, on the previous Tuesday.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

*Samuel Wilkins	*Treble*	Henry E. Middleton	5
*Betty Mayes	2	Albert Raynor	6
Herbert R. Farmer	3	Cecil Bannister	7
Roy Court	4	Claude H. Foxwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Court.
* First peal in the method.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Charles Coles	*Treble*	Clive Holloway	5
*Stella E. Miles	2	†Laurence H. W. Busby	6
Alan R. Pink	3	William A. T. Carter	7
Peter Anger	4	Eric Sutton	*Tenor*

Adapted from J. Reeves. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHPORT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Doreen Dutton	5
Alex G. Dimmock	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Ronald Kenrick	3	Jack Ashcroft	7
Nolan Golden	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Burton. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
First peal ifi the method.
The method is Mr. S. Burton's 2246, 34, 1458, 1256, 16, 14, 1458, 16, 58.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ronald Kenrick.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Norah M. Bibby	5
*Gwen I. Rusby	2	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
Geoffrey Paul	3	George H. Randles	7
Louis Willders	4	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 50th peal together. The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Jane Thorpe	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
Eustace W. Bullman	2	F. Brian Cookson	5
John G. Gibson	3	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Maddocks to the parish of Trumpington. Rung at the neighbouring parish of Harston, as the Trumpington bells are temporarily out of order.

GREAT BIRCHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES
Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire and one 240, and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

Samuel H. Waterfield	*Treble*	Harold Huxley	3
Cecil V. Ebberson	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	4
Tony Owen	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Tony Owen.
First peal on the bells since restoration.
A farewell peal for the Rev. E. M. J. Cornish, Rector of Great Bircham.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Alfred E. Hinman	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	J. Harry Cook	5
*Roland H. Cook	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
FRANK A. BARRATT	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
*†JOSEPHINE GREEN	3	†REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal together.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	*Treble*	ALAN A. COOKE	4
GEORGE GREEVES	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
GEORGE A. COOKE	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
A 16th birthday compliment to Janet Greeves, daughter of the second ringer, who is also a ringer at this church.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

WILLIAM M. MANN	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	2	JOHN S. BARNES	5
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 74, 73, 65, 65, 65, 59, 58).
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in A flat.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	‡BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
††‡JOAN K. BROWN	2	‡ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	‡JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 200th peal of Surprise (conducted 75). † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM M. MANN	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	3	*CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
* 50th peal on the bells.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MISS B. SPICER	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
GILES C. GALLEY	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.
Rung with fully-muffled clappers in memory of the Lord Bishop of Ely (Dr. H. E. Wynn), Bishop of Ely 1941–1956. R.I.P.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Norwich and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WENBAN	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	D. KAY ADKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 250th peal.

SOUTH HARTING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	W. LESLIE WELLER	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	RALPH BIRD	5
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal on these bells since 1903. The conductor's 125th tower for a peal of Minor.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. WICKENS	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
CHARLES E. BROWN	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ASH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A.

*AUDREY E. GOODCHILD	*Treble*	†CHARLES W. DENYER	4
†STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	2	PETER G. SHERWOOD	5
†SYLVIA C. SHERWOOD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 50th peal in seven or more methods, conducted 31.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON	5
RONALD C. NOON	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
A birthday compliment to Horace Bennett.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, London Singles, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE BATTISON	*Treble*	JACK KIGHTLEY	3
*MICHAEL BLASON	2	GEORGE ROOME	4
ANTHONY FORD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LESLIE BATTISON.
* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Battison on the occasion of their fifth wedding anniversary.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES	*Treble*	*PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
*JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	†CHARLES G. JONES	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

ERNEST S. BAILEY	*Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25¼ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*A. WILLIAM KING	*Treble*	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	4
†A. JAMES EDE	2	ERIC H. KNAPP	5
‡BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor in three methods. ‡ First 'inside' and of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Vivienne Margaret Hicks, daughter of the conductor and Mrs. Evelyn M. Hicks, born August 21st.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 36, WINTON AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

HARRY POYNER	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
		*JOHN A. SMITH	9—10

Composed by GEOFFREY DODDS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Royal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 17, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4
		JOYCE DODDS	5—6

Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

THE KENT TOUR, 1956

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
On Mon., July 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	*Treble*	*GEORGE FRANCIS	6
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	RONALD G. BECK	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	*ERIC NAYLOR	8
*EDWARD J. CHIVERS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	9
*W. LESLIE WELLER	5	*DAVID HOARE	*Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. The conductor has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

WALMER, KENT.
On Tues., July 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

A. GEORGE CLARE	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
DAVID HOARE	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
GEORGE KENWARD	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

WYE, KENT.
On Wed., Aug. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,880 changes of Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 135 changes of method. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*W. LESLIE WELLER	*Treble*	*GEORGE FRANCIS	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	*ERIC NAYLOR	6
*DAVID HOARE	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON (adapted).
Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

ASHFORD, KENT.
On Wed., Aug. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	5
A. GEORGE CLARE	2	†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
RONALD N. MARLOW	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* 350th peal. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

APPLEDORE, KENT.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	W. LESLIE WELLER	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
*A. GEORGE CLARE	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	5
ERIC NAYLOR	2	*JOHN R. COOPER	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
RONALD G. BECK	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS (C.C.C. No. 8).
Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* 50th peal together.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
On Fri., Aug. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

*A. GEORGE CLARE	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
RONALD G. BECK	2	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	*Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' † 100th peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

A. GEORGE CLARE	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
ERIC NAYLOR	3	*RONALD G. BECK	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* 350th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On August 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. R. Collins 1, Dr. G. Roworth 2, H. W. Bishop 3, E. Sutton (cond.) 4, W. A. T. Carter 5, T. Townsend 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, J. Durham 8. Rung for Bishopstone Feast Sunday and a birthday compliment to J. Durham.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, W. H. Poole 2, Mrs. P. Poole 3, R. P. Selway 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, H. G. Keeley 7, P. J. Staniforth 8. First of Cambridge Surprise Major for 4 and 5.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Shipp 1, J. E. Fox 2, R. F. Baker 3, H. S. Peacock 4, T. R. Dennis 5, J. E. Gipson 6, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 7, M. R. Reed 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Lord Bishop of Ely by officers of the Diocesan Association of Ringers.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, W. S. Langdon 3, J. S. Smallwood 4, H. Belcher 5, B. K. Lunn 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

GLOUCESTER, GLOS.—On Aug. 23rd, at the Church of St. Mary de Lode, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 All Saints', 240 Reverse Canterbury, 120 April Day, 240 Plain Bob. 300 Grandsire): R. Price (first quarter) 1, R. G. Corby 2, M. D. Ling (first quarter as cond.) 3, T. Hurcombe 4, G. P. Green 5, C. Wixey 6.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 in seven methods, 240 each of Grandsire. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 180 Plain Bob, 120 each April Day, Southrepps, Clifton Pleasure: D. Simms 1, J. Cruickshank 2, J. Hadfield 3, M. Hallett 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. First in seven methods for 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Molly Smith, following her marriage to Mr. J. Bowley on Aug. 18th.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Gargrave (first of Major) 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8.—Also on Aug. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Chaplin 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, D. W. Beard 6, L. S. Woods 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes of members of the local band and friends for the wedding of Mr. A. J. Salisbury and Miss V. S. Maller.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 26th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2. E. Bishop 3, L. Milton 4, K. G. Brown 5 L. Sharpe (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For morning service. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 4.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. — On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gordon Thwaites 1, Lawrence D. Clement (first as cond.) 2, Beryl Mayer 3, Keith Clement 4, Norman T. Nightingale 5, Brian Gass 6, Joseph Wilson 7, Stanley Edmondson 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, E. Ford 3, C. E. Taylor 4. R. J. Hicks 5, G. Vinnicombe 6.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Osbourne 1, Chris. Hawkins 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, I. Jenkins 5, G. Thomas 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, E. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Bishop of St. David's (Dr. W. T. Havard).

NEWINGTON (FOLKESTONE), KENT. — On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Gray 1, M. J. Martin 2, Mrs. G. F. Gray (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Walker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, H. C. L. Devonshire 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Peacock 1, D. Riley 2, H. King (cond.) 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, J. Lodge 6. For evening prayer.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Poole 1, R. Selway 2, J. Looker 3, T. Look 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, J. C. Taylor 7, J. W. Drew 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Cobb 1, Miss L. Roberts 2, J. A. Cobb 3, F. G. Henbest 4, A. K. Street (cond.) 5, F. B. A. Bonsey 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wenban 1, Miss D. Ward 2, Miss M. Mesley 3, Miss J. Wilcockson 4, Roy Stoddard 5, W. Wenban (cond.) 6, Len North 7, A. C. Wenban 8. Rung for Evensong.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Richardson 1, M. Lindsey (first quarter) 2, G. Ball 3, M. Vernon 4, C. R. Hayward 5, J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service on the back six.

STREATHAM, LONDON. — On Aug. 26th at St. Leonard's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Bowers 1, J. Tomsett 2, T. W. Welbourne 3 J. W. Chapman 4, A. R. Lewry 5, J. W. Euston (cond.) 6, F. E. Corfield 7, E. G. Talbot 8. A birthday compliment to 3 and 4, the latter being 75.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Allan Shepherd 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Kitty Willers 3, Jane Thorpe 4, Eustace Bullman (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong and for the engagement of Joan Martin and Michael Cleaves.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. W. Hughes 1, Stella Hughes 2, E. Stitch 3, P. G. Golder 4, W. R. Hughes 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, G. W. Hughes 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hughes.

WANLIP, LEICS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Northwood 1, D. H. Baker 2, R. Bowles 3, G. C. J. Wakefield 4, T. A. Yates 5, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Gresswell, verger at Wanlip for the past 17 years, who died on Aug. 9th.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. —Also 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong.—Also on Aug. 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, C. T. Hillis 5, L. C. Smith 6. For Matins.—Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Philpot 1, C. T. Hillis 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, A. J. Lancefield 6. For Evensong.—Also on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Double Oxford: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gower (first in the method) 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, C. T. Hillis 6.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK. — On August 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Kerrison 1, Mrs. J. W. Blythe 2, C. J. Gibson 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, R. J. Darch 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

WHAT AN OUTING!

On August 18th a small group of ringers from the South Gloucestershire area set out in cars for an afternoon tour. The first of the two rings was to be on the lightest six in the world, at Home Farm, Balscote.

Although no intention was expressed of claiming a record for the largest party to be carried in the heaviest vehicle for the longest trip, to ring on the lightest bells, etc., two of the party, whose exploits on a motor scooter aroused some comment in a recent 'Belfry Gossip' column, had accepted the loan of a very large car for the afternoon.

After exhausting the stocks of several local filling stations in order to obtain sufficient fuel for the trip, the expedition commenced in fine style. The tribulations of the outward journey defy description. Passengers who endeavoured to drink tea while passing over hump-backed bridges, total strangers who accused us of causing their cars to break down, and poltergeists which hurled thermos flasks on to the highway, created some of the relatively minor incidents. Suffice it to say that we arrived at our destination about an hour late, with only four of our six cylinders fully operational.

The welcome we received and the ringing we enjoyed made the next hour or so into the one bright spot of an otherwise gloomy day, and all too soon the three cars were on their way to the next tower.

The two serviceable vehicles soon left us behind, and we made a stop at a large service station for a check on the engine. We left half-an-hour later with clean sparking plugs, a slightly more feeble engine performance, and doubt in our hearts about the reconnection of the sparking plug leads.

When we arrived at the next tower, only to find it deserted, one of our number decided to 'change the plug leads over to see if it makes any difference.' In the ensuing chaos we began to realise, as all good ringers should, that there are 720 different ways of connecting six wires into six sparking plugs. In pitch darkness and driving rain we started to try them all.

Just after the halfway single a fairly effective combination was arrived at, and we headed for home, cold and wet, to complete what must be one of the most dismal outings on record.

T. T. W.

MR. A. PATRICK CANNON'S 500 PEALS

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who rang his 500th peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on July 28th, has conducted 267 of them, and 1,027 ringers have taken part. All have been rung on tower bells. They have been rung in 421 different towers, in 39 counties, for 38 Societies, and include 331 different tenors 'turned-in.' The list is appended:—

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 2 (conducted 1).

Cinques.—Stedman 2 (1), Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 7 (1), Yorkshire Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 10 (5), Plain Bob 10 (3).

Caters.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 2.

Major.—London Surprise 4, Yorkshire Surprise 34 (9), Superlative Surprise 16 (3), Cambridge Surprise 34 (12), New Cambridge Surprise 2 (1), Southwell Surprise 1 (1), Lincolnshire Surprise 3 (1), Braunstone 1 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 72 (52), Kent Treble Bob 49 (28), Oxford Treble Bob 7 (4), Double Oxford 4 (2), Winchester Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Bishopdale Bob 1, Plain Bob 49 (28).

Triples.—Stedman 5, Grandsire 21 (10), Plain Bob 1.

Minor.—One to 13 methods 134 (93), Cambridge Surprise 4 (1).

Doubles.—One to 24 methods 15 (10).

A LEICESTERSHIRE WEDDING

On Saturday, August 18th, St. Luke's Church, Thurnby, was the scene of great activity when the wedding took place between Mr. John Julian Pawley, one of the local ringers and younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pawley, of Bushby, and Miss Margaret Anne Starbuck, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Starbuck, of Leicester.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length brocade dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids, and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Peter F. Pawley, was best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Meers, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells were fired, and then from the tower issued forth the enchanting music of 'Shepherd's Hey,' rung with a certain lack of confidence by the Leicester 'Hey' band who, apart from the tenor man's failure to set his bell in the middle, are making good progress with this difficult 'method.' To conclude the after-service ringing an excellent course of Cambridge Minor was rung.

The reception was held in the Village Hall and the honeymoon was spent in the Lake District.

Later in the evening a peal of Plain Bob Minor was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after an hour's good ringing.

C. P. W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The Ashford District met at Burmarsh on August 25th, and despite the squally weather there was a very good attendance, 12 towers besides the local one being represented.

This was the first meeting that the Association has held at Burmarsh, and it was arranged to meet the wishes of the local ringers. Mrs. R. Wratten had been in charge of the necessary preparations, and she was assisted by Mrs. Watts, Miss Rayner, Miss Rye, Christine Key and Mrs. Mercer and Gillian, in providing a sumptuous tea in the Village Hall, at which we were the guests.

The meeting followed the usual lines. Bells were available from 3 o'clock and were rung in methods which catered for those in all stages of experience until 4.30, when the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Edinger) conducted the service. He gave us a warm welcome to his church. Mr. C. T. Hillis read the lesson.

Then came the tea and a short business meeting, at which one new member from Cheriton was elected, and seven members from Burmarsh, bringing that tower in union with the Association.

The secretary called attention to the arrangements for the annual dinner at Rochester on October 27th, and Mr. J. Cooper said he was arranging transport from Ashford. Mr. S. Cullingworth then thanked all concerned for their hospitality, and a return was made to the tower.

Altogether this was a most satisfactory meeting, made very pleasant by what we felt to be the genuine friendliness of our hosts and hostesses.

W. P. G.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Otley, an old market town nestling beneath the great hill ridge known as the Chevin, was the place chosen for the Society's meeting on August 25th. Unfortunately the (summer) weather did not add to the charm of the setting! However, a good attendance representing 16 towers, together with visitors from as far afield as Stockton and Ripon, helped to make this a good meeting.

Ringing commenced just before half-past three and continued until about half-past eight. Methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative were rung during this time, catering for the widely differing abilities of those present.

At 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned to the schools nearby, where tea had been provided by the local company. This was very much enjoyed by some 30 members and friends. The business meeting was held immediately afterwards in an adjoining room, the president taking the chair.

During the course of the meeting two new members were elected, both from the local company, also the customary but nevertheless sincere vote of thanks to all concerned with the local arrangements was carried.

The next meeting will be held at Idle on September 29th.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: G. Fernehough 1, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 2, R. C. Kippin 3, Jessie M. Kippin 4, Joan Gray 5, I. H. Trueman 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, J. H. Gilbert 8. First in the method for 1, 6 and 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George A. Fleming, of Witnesham, Suffolk, rang his 500th peal at Debenham by calling Carter's 12-part. He could, had he wished, got a band for London Major or Cambridge Maximus, but he preferred his old love, Grandsire Triples, in which, he says, there is not one single change of bad music.

Mr. Frank J. Cook, who rang his first peal at Totternhoe, from the treble, taught the conductor, Mr. Dennis Knox, the rudiments of change ringing. It is unusual, if not unique, for a pupil to call his instructor's first peal.

Among the many congratulatory telegrams received by Mr. A. J. Salisbury on the occasion of his recent marriage was one from Dr. C. E. Wright, now on National Service in Hong Kong. His many friends will be interested to know that the Doctor is in good health and looking forward to his return in February.

In memory of Dr. Harvey Spencer (1897–1956), former carillonneur of Wellesley College, Massachusetts, and a past president of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America, a carillon recital was played at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel by James R. Lawson, chapel carillonneur, and Ralph C. Ehlert, university carillonneur, University of Wisconsin.

Worsley, Lancs, ringers bade farewell to Miss Barbara Smedley on August 26th, as she has accepted a new teaching appointment at Gorleston-on-Sea. Taught by the Worsley veteran, Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Barbara has been ringing since the end of the war, and she will be much missed. Owing to the holidays and sickness, a farewell quarter on August 26th had to be confined to Grandsire Doubles. This was rung by Gillian Bridgeford (first quarter) 1, R. Allred 2, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 3, M. Barbara Smedley 4, I. Bentley (first 'inside') 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6.

Miss Sylvia Sherwood, of Ash, Surrey, whose name appears in our peal columns this week, has left Ash to begin training at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. A farewell presentation was made to her with the best wishes of her many friends in the Farnham district.

Those taking part in the congratulatory quarter peal to Messrs. F. Buckle and A. H. Doel at the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds, on August 19th, would like to associate the name of Mr. A. E. Moore, who has been ringing at the tower for 55 years, and with a practised ear listened to the ringing.

The well-known Watford ringer, Mr. Geoffrey W. Seaman, was married last Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Watford, to Miss Shirley K. Ambler. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was afterwards rung on the bells in honour of the happy occasion.

Readers of the 'Manchester Guardian' will have noticed that the issue of Wednesday, August 29th, contained a half-page advertisement by Fisons in their attractive 'Town Mouse' series, which included a drawing of part of the belfry. The drawing is from photographs taken in the belfry of West Wickham, Kent, Parish Church. This advertisement will appear shortly in other of our national newspapers.

Mr. Raymond Overy, of Haywards Heath, and Mr. William Rogers, of Rotherfield, have planned for the last six months to ring their 200th peal together. It began to look doubtful if they would manage this as Mr. Rogers was going on a peal ringing tour in Derbyshire on September 1st, but everything turned out as planned by ringing Cambridge Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, on August 25th, which was also W. Rogers' 50th peal as conductor.

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FUTURE OF CAMBRIDGE CITY CHURCHES

Dear Sir, — I read with great interest the article above the initials 'J. D. P.' on page 518 of 'The Ringing World' of August 17th, and I am able to sympathise fully with the desire of the church authorities and of the Cambridge University Guild to have the bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, recast and rehung. I was myself ringing in that church one day about ten years ago, when one of the bells jumped out of its bearings. Fortunately for the ringers below it got stuck in the frame and did not come down through the ceiling.

The purpose of this letter is to utter one word of warning. Some months before the Bishop of Ely died, he appointed a committee, who were to report to himself, and whose terms of reference were 'to inquire into the provision for public worship in the city of Cambridge, with reference to the question of whether any of the parish churches should be closed or parish boundaries altered or parishes amalgamated, with particular regard to the need for the provision of further churches to serve areas insufficiently supplied, and to report thereon to the Bishop of Ely with recommendations.'

The Bishop died last week, but it is known that the committee sent their report to him a few weeks before he died. The report has not been published, and I have no knowledge of what it contains or recommends. But the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great may well be one of the churches whose future has been considered by the committee. The Cambridge University Guild and those who subscribe to the appeal for funds for the recasting and rehanging of the bells ought certainly to know that the future of this church, and of all the other churches in the city of Cambridge, has been the subject of this report to the Bishop. It would be a tragedy if, after the work had been completed and paid for by the gifts of ringers and others all over the country, it were found that the church was no longer needed for public worship.

I sincerely hope that this will not be the case, but at least the possibility ought to be faced and potential donors to the fund should know of it.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. PELLOE,
Archdeacon of Wisbech.

Where Do Ships' Bells Go?

'I should like to add to Ernest Morris's article on the above subject. In the tower of St. Paul's Church, Langleybury, Herts, is an old brass bell presented by General Lord Rokeby, given to him by Admiral Seymour, who took it from a convent in the White Sea when his own ship's bell was broken. The bell is now sadly cracked, but is used occasionally for calling parishioners to worship for Holy Communion.'—Kenneth R. Dunstan.

Wedding at All Saints', Edmonton

The wedding took place on August 25th of Mr. Jimmy Weeks and Miss Beryl Williamson. The usual summer weather did not dampen their spirits and a very attractive couple they made. The bridegroom managed to assist with the ringing before the ceremony.

The bride and bridegroom are leaving the district to live at Cheshunt. Jimmy will be a great loss, but all wish him well in his new tower.

A quarter peal of Bob Major was rung in the evening. One member of the band, Mr. A. J. Wallman, was ringing his first quarter for eight years.

THOMAS PURDUE'S TOMB AT CLOSWORTH

For more than 250 years Thomas Purdue's tombstone has stood in the churchyard of Closworth, Somerset. The story of a visit to this church by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott is the theme of this week's front page article in 'The Ringing World.'

The inscription on the tomb is as follows:—

'Here lieth the body of Thomas Purdue, who died the 1st day of September since the year of our Lord 1711, aged 90 years.

Here lies the bellfounder; honest and true
Till the Resurrection, named Purdue.'

On the left hand end is carved a bell.





CLOSWORTH TREBLE
cast by Thomas Purdue, 1655
Note the high crown of this bell, which Mr. Scott suggests was introduced to equalise the swing of the bells.

BANK HOLIDAY MEETING AT ROTHERHAM

A joint meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield District Society at Rotherham Parish Church on August Bank Holiday Monday was a great success. Members attended from Bawtry, Doncaster, Eastrington, Felkirk, Handsworth, Harthill, Liversedge, Sandal, Sheffield Cathedral, Thorne, Thrybergh, Todmorden, Wakefield Cathedral, Whiston and the local company. Outside visitors came from as far afield as Walsall, Bristol, Rochdale and Repton.

The local company had the meeting off to a good start by having the bells going to Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal as the visitors started to arrive. During the afternoon and evening this fine ring of ten (tenor 34¼ cwt.) were put to good use and a good standard of striking was maintained in methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge Royal, not forgetting rounds for those not yet ringing changes. The latter category included a party from Harthill where, it is pleasing to know, a great effort is being made to ring the bells properly instead of by chiming apparatus.

Before the company sat down to a grand tea provided by the local company and their ladies in the Church Hall, a welcome on behalf of Bishop Gerard, Vicar of Rotherham, and his assistants, who were unable to be present, was extended by a churchwarden, Mr. Mitchell, who also mentioned the good work put in by Mr. Ryder, Mr. Chaddock and the rest of the local company in keeping the Parish Church bells going so regularly.

A meeting at Rotherham would not be the same without a performance by Mr. N. Chaddock and his team of handbell ringers, and before the business meeting commenced a delightful exhibition of tune ringing was enjoyed by all and warmly applauded, those taking part being Messrs. N. Chaddock, P. Coote, Misses M. Mills, S. Chaddock, E. Wardill, C. Rogers and M. Atkinson.

To allow for more ringing time later, the Sheffield District Society decided to forgo their business meeting, and at the meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association Mr. T. C. Ryder was unanimously voted to the chair. Six new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. D. Baines, L. Leach (St. Marie's R.C., Sheffield), B. Heppenstall (Wath-on-Dearne) and Misses E. B. Marchant and J. Oakley (Thrybergh). Just over £1 was contributed when a collection for the Bell Repair Fund was made.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, November 17th.

Frustrated By Muffles

In the evening, after the funeral service of the Lord Bishop of Ely, officers of the Diocesan Association met at Ely to ring a fully-muffled peal. Not many changes had been rung when one muffle came adrift resulting in a stop, and some adjusting had to be done. This happened twice more and the peal attempt had to be forgotten owing to time. After more tying up, etc., a quarter peal was commenced. After about a quarter-of-an-hour again the muffles give trouble. Stopping once more, it was decided to try again half-muffled. This resulted in success, a good 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples being rung, it being the first quarter of Stedman Triples for four members of the band. The members ringing would like to state that the muffles were not of a bell founder's patent!

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

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(Continued from page 554)

(PART I.)
SECTION II.
COURSE ORGANISATION

(The matter is included at this stage as part of the syllabus for the examination for the diploma of 'Tutor I.')

12. **The Course.**—A course in Part I. will normally occupy about ten sessions of about one and a half hours each. The selection and arrangement of material in this Part I., and the method of its exposition are, as already indicated, identified as the Cathedral system of ringing tuitnon. The principles noted in the preceding Section I. will be found embodied. Since circumstances will vary considerably as between one course and another, and since the subject matter is herein divided off into 'Lessons'; tutors may exercise discretion for careful apportionment of the work as between the sessions, preserving continuity, as stressed in paragraph 9 above. The practical steps are numbered serially as exercises—e.g., 'Ex. 7'; but tutors are expected to work **from the book,** article by article, as they teach the subject matter. (Q T)

Note.—Since in the remaining Sections there is matter on which both student-ringers and student-tutors may be tested, those questions for student-tutors only are distinguished as '(Q T).'

13. **Class arrangements.**—In practice a tutor may (depending upon the circumstances) satisfactorily instruct up to five pupils simultaneously. Indeed, it has been found practicable to deal with classes of up to 20 students, providing reliable assistants (good basic ringers) can be employed as student-tutors, at the rate of not less than one for (up to) every five, over and above the first five for which the tutor-in-charge is directly responsible. The groups will retain their identity throughout the course, and the competitive team spirit should be introduced. (Q T)

14. **Recruiting.**—Much can be done in this direction, but this is not considered the place to discuss the various ways and means of filling up classes. It is assumed that this problem has been studied and solved, for example by talks in schools to senior classes, by co-operation with clergy in inviting members of young people's guilds and similar organisations to come into the belfry and see ringing in progress. (Such should be accompanied by a word from someone who can briefly explain interestingly what is happening.) Point out that classes can only be joined at their initiation and that only those who intend to 'stick' are welcomed.

15. **Register.** — For every course the College issues a Register (Form 3), and this is compiled by the Registrar and issued to the appointed tutor for the course. The compilation is effected from the application forms (Form 2) which have been completed (by the applicants who have positively decided to join the course) and sent in to the Registrar, either direct or through a local member of the College. (Q T)

16. **Tutor in charge.**—For 'local' courses a qualified tutor resident in the locality is appointed by the College. For courses in districts where no qualified tutor resides a capable ringer, willing and able to follow the requirements of the Manual, Part I., is appointed by the College as Hon. Ringer I. (unless he is already 'R. C. of C., I.'—see 22 below) and registers as a 'Student-Tutor' in charge of the course. A College examiner or tutor then visits the initial meeting of the course and shows how the Manual is to be followed and how the work should be 'handled.' About halfway through the course a second visit is paid, to check progress and give a 'dummy' test. Finally the appointed examiner for the course attends and conducts the examination. (Q T)

17. **Examination I.** — Only student-ringers considered by the tutor-in-charge as fit to take the oral and practical tests prescribed by the College may take the examination for the diploma of 'Ringer I.' Each candidate is asked ten questions selected by the examiner from those indicated in Part I. of the Manual, two points being awarded for each satisfactory answer, and one point for a partly satisfactory answer. A minimum of 75 per cent., i.e., 15 points, is required for a pass in this oral section. For the practical each candidate is put through ringing tests in the three elements of method ringing (see articles 93, 98 and 99) and must satisfy the examiner that he can perform **all** three properly to pass this test. Also the candidate must ring not less than six whole pulls, in which he must not make more than three out of the 30 listed faults (see Appendix II.) in order to pass this test. (As seen, the tests are fairly rigorous, but the College is determined to maintain high standards.) (Forms 2 are used for certification.) (Q T)

18. **The Grades and Parts.**—Examinations are conducted in the work of each of the seven 'Parts' of the Manual of Training as follows: Part I.—The Cathedral System—Some Principles of Teaching—Course Organisation—Bell Handling and Control — The Elements of Method Ringing. Part II.—Method Structure and Theory. Part III.—Practical Method Ringing — Simple to Advanced. Part IV.—Handbell Ringing. Part V.—Composition and Proof. Part VI.—Calling and Conducting. Part VII.—Historical, Towers and Bells. (Q T)

The Grades include 'Student,' 'Ringer,' 'Tutor,' 'Examiner' and 'Fellow'; and all these except 'Fellow' are identified with a 'Part' number also. Appropriate diplomas are awarded, as, for example, 'Ringer I.' —'Tutor III.' Candidates must be registered with the College, in the appropriate Grade and Part next below that entered for. For example, a candidate for 'Ringer I.' must be registered as a 'Student'; a candidate for 'Tutor I.' must be registered as 'Ringer': a candidate for 'Ringer III.' must be registered as 'Ringer I.'—being the next appropriate grade below. (Q T)

19. **Honorary Grades.**—The Governors of the College may elect ringers (and others) of standing and repute to honorary grades, and in some cases such elections would qualify for admission to course and examination of the next higher grade. (Q T)

20. **Examination for Higher Grades.**—The scope of the examination for the grade of 'Ringer I.' has been detailed (Article 17) and that for 'Tutor I.' is given below, as the two grades are closely linked in the objectives of Part I. of the Manual of Training. The conditions of examination for the remaining higher grades are detailed elsewhere in College publications, obtainable from the Registrar. (Q T)

21. **Diploma of 'Tutor I.'**—This is open to candidates registered as 'Ringer,' and the examination is both practical and oral. For the practical tests the candidate must demonstrate to the examiner his ability to demonstrate, to check faults, and to maintain control and interest in the work of teaching the elements of practical method ringing. Alternatively, the candidate must have acted as a student-tutor in charge of a group of student-ringers, and have been certified by the visiting tutor-in-charge as fit to take the examination, i.e., to have shown his capabilities throughout the course, or he must be a trained professional teacher. For the oral test the questions are selected as for 'Ringer I.,' also from Section I., but the pass standard required is 90 per cent. (Q T)

22. **Diplomas and Designations.** — A small fee is payable by the successful candidate for the registration and issue of the diploma: the recipient of which is entitled, in connection with any ringing matter, to use the relevant designation after his name (and to be known) as in the following examples:—

Ringer of the College of Campanology, Part I.—R.C. of C. (I.).

Tutor of the College of Campanology, Part III.—T.C. of C. (III.).

Examiner of the College of Campanology, Part VI.—Ex. C. of C. (VI.).

Fellow of the College of Campanology — F.C. of C.

23. **Fellowship.**—Candidates for election to Fellowship must have obtained diplomas, examination or honorary, in all seven PARTS of the work of the Manual.

Honorary Fellowships are awarded by the Governors of the College to ringers who have given meritorious service to the Exercise in one or more specific ways allied to the aims and objects of the College. (Q T)

Walberton Ringers' Outing

The annual outing of Walberton (West Sussex) band on August 18th came up to the usual high standard of organisation associated with Mr. Ernie Treagus, and a most enjoyable day was spent, in spite of drizzle, in the Sevenoaks region of Kent. Good bells, good friends and good ringing (with one or two exceptions in the later stages) was the tempo of the day.

A special word of thanks to Miss Colgate for devoting a whole afternoon as guide and also for all her help in selecting towers and places for refreshments.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANSWER TO A POSER

Dear Sir,—The two 720's given by Mr. William Butler (page 540) are of course (1) Oxford Bob, with standard calling (5th observation), and (2) Spliced Double Oxford and Thelwall, with 5th observation.

Perhaps Mr. Butler would like to have a bit more fun in (1) by substituting Original for Reverse College and Court, and calling bobs in the appropriate places!

I think that it is tacitly agreed among arrangers (composers) that where two methods (like London Bob and Double Oxford) have a bob that is common to both, then the lead immediately preceding the bob takes the name of the method of which there is a *plain lead* in the extent. If both the methods included have a plain lead then it matters not which of the two names are used for this particular lead.

Care must be taken, however, if a *single* is used instead of a bob, for obvious reasons.

Concerning his last point (*c*) that the ringer of the fifth rings only Double Oxford, it frequently happens in spliced ringing that certain bells perform the same work in different methods, indeed this fact is often the basis of the 'splice.'

It seems trite to observe that if each bell was called upon to do all the work in each method the maximum methods possible in Minor would be 12 for plain and six for treble bob methods!

Consequently in learning to ring multi-method peals (both Minor and Major) ringers often learn that part of the method with which they are individually concerned.

In fact, multi-method ringing, difficult though it is, is *not quite* so difficult as it appears to the uninitiated.—Yours sincerely, H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

IS RINGING A DYING ART?

Dear Sir,—'Is Bellringing a Dying Art'? (See 'The Ringing World' dated August 31st, 1956.) There is no doubt to me that it is.

Take, for instance the Leeds-Bradford area dealing with some 24 towers:—

Unringable: Bradford St. John's, Bolton, Low Moor, Shipley, Saltaire.

Unrung: Armley, Bramley, Burley, Holbeck (St. Matthew's), Holbeck (R.C.), Hunslet, Lightcliffe, Tong, Silsden, Idle.

Rung regularly: Leeds, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Headingley (St. Michael's), Pudsey, Chapel Allerton.

The summary of this is: 24 towers; 15 unrung: 9 rung.

This state of affairs is repeated many times throughout the country.

It will persist, and the decline continue until the belfry ceases to be regarded as a place apart from the church.

The 'pleasure-seeking ringer' soon tires of regular Sunday attendance at one tower; it is the ringer-cum-churchwarden-sidesman, etc., who can always be relied upon.—Yours faithfully. PETER M. DAWSON.

Calverley, Yorks.

FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Cubitt for his letter. If I had added Major to my statement it would have been correct. As to the second part, it was more or less conjecture on my part, and I did not know about Cambridge Royal at Wakefield. I remember the correspondence many years ago about Superlative Royal and a peal being rung in the 1820's. It is remarkable that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies does not mention these peals in his 'Surprise Methods.' If ever the book is reprinted this should be rectified.—Yours, etc., R. MARTIN.

Preston.

'OVERHEAD OR OVERBOARD'

Dear Sir,—Your Leader of August 17th, 'Overhead or Overboard,' is a bold and imaginative idea to restore the fortunes of 'The Ringing World.' But though the plan is theoretically good it is quite impracticable, and were it persisted in could sound the death-knell of the Central Council.

The plan would fail because of human frailty. Association officials know from first-hand experience the intense opposition to the increase of annual subscriptions by only sixpence, and yet it is suggested that Associations be asked to subsidise 'The Ringing World' by 3s. per head. To attempt to increase Association subscriptions by this amount would result in failure. The proposition would be voted out in no uncertain manner. Were the Central Council to accept the plan and pass the necessary measure, the result would be that harassed Associations would not be able to meet the levy and would cease to be affiliated.

If the proposal to subsidise 'The Ringing World' through Association funds were in fact voted upon and passed how would further increases in the cost of production be absorbed—by an increase in the levy?

Economies could be effected by 'The Ringing World' itself. Peal reports may be news, but need they be set out in the needlessly extravagant tombstone manner? Could not all the peals in one issue be sorted under the various Guilds and printed in a similar manner to quarter peals? As it is, the name of one Association may be repeated a dozen times in one issue. The present mode of presentation has little in common with the harsh economic conditions of today, and 'The Ringing World' should not hesitate to make changes which would result in a saving, however small.

The only answer to the present financial trouble would seem to be an increase in the cost of the paper. Experience of the past few years has shown that any increase in the number of new subscribers or in the change over from newsagent to postal subscriptions is remote.—Yours faithfully, J. W. RAITHBY.

Newark, Notts.

NOTE.—The opinion expressed by D. N. L. is personal. The best way of meeting the problem is increased circulation, and there is still plenty of scope. No ringer should ring his first peal or quarter without being presented with a copy of the journal. The cost of setting a page of peals in the traditional style is less than a page of letterpress.—Ed.

FIRST PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to correct a slip in Brian G. Warwick's letter published in your issue of August 24th. The first peal of Ashtead Surprise Major was conducted by Albert Harman and not by—Yours truly,

Oxford. A. R. PINK.

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AN INVITATION TO NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir,—On October 31st the Christchurch (N.Z.) Cathedral Society of Bellringers will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the opening of the bells. To mark the occasion the bells will be rung at periods during the day and evening. On November 1st a reunion social will be held.

Could I, through your columns, extend an invitation to any English ringer who would attend?

The bells were blessed on All Saints' Eve, October 31st, 1881. It was a day of Church pomp and pride. The Society has not had a smooth passage, and at times has been in danger of fading out because of lack of interest, but it has been fortunate in having ringers of the calibre of the late T. W. Biddle, who conducted the first three peals for the Society, Mr. G. H. Claydon who, throughout his 45 years' membership, has maintained interest in change-ringing and taught many of the ringers who will attend the celebrations.

The late Mr. J. S. Wilde, who lived at Dunedin, visited the tower when in Christchurch, and the benefit of his experience was greatly appreciated.

Since the war years the Society has had the assistance of several English ringers. Mr. A. J. Lancefield conducted the first peal for many years, since which several have been rung, and led the Society at the opening of the bells at Hamilton Cathedral. Mr. F. Savage organised the ringing at the time of the Royal Visit and Mr. V. J. C. Wood conducted the first handbell peal to be rung for the Society. Mr. R. H. Idle, of Oamaru, has for the past six years spent his annual holidays in Christchurch, and his assistance has been most valuable.—Yours sincerely.

G. N. SLOAN, Secretary,
Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers' Society.

Christchurch, N.Z.

SINGLE HUNT TRIPLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the list of single hunt Triples methods, in 'The Ringing World' of August 17th, Grandsire Double III should read 3, 1, 7, 1, 7, 5; 7; 1, where I have inserted the numeral III to distinguish the 'three lead' pure triples from the twin hunt 'five lead' methods.

Thus we have College Single III and its reverse, College Single Reverse III or Reading III, and also College Single as rung at Appleton, which is of course the same as Darlaston Bob and its reverse, College Triples.

I have heard Mr. Butler's rather weak red herring in conversation, but did not expect it in print. Most ringers nowadays agree that a bob lead of a method does not constitute a new method (except in the case of Doubles, and then only if the two are of entirely different classes), thus Reverse College is a bobbed lead of Court or Single Oxford. Other Minor and Doubles ringers nearly all agree to the standard that an extent must contain at least one plain lead of each method in the extent. (I personally think this is a standard that should be adopted by ringers on higher numbers as well, especially spliced Surprise Major.)

Thus his extent No. 1 is obviously only in one method, Single Oxford, and No. 2 is in two methods. It does not matter what each individual bell does, so long as leads are rung in each method. It is, of course, possible in spliced Minor for the sixth to ring plain courses only of seven different irregular methods and for the peal actually to contain about 25 different regular methods.—Yours sincerely.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

A SUCCESSFUL PEAL TOUR IN KENT

ON Saturday, July 28th, 13 ringers from Somerset, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Sussex met at Holy Trinity, Guildford, en route to a week's peal ringing in Kent. The bells were raised in peal, which it is understood is a rare event, and which was followed by courses of Yorkshire and Bristol, the band settling down to a fairly good beat. After lunch the party called in at Cudham, and over a sea of heads managed to assist in half a course of Cambridge Royal.

A late start was made at Rochester Cathedral in the evening, owing to a U.S.A.A.F. band which was taking part in celebrations in the Castle Grounds, in close proximity to the church. These bells, however, were well worth waiting for, and methods ranging to Cambridge Royal were soon being rung on these stately ten. At about 9.30 that evening the party arrived at the Abbots Barton Hotel, Canterbury, which was to be the headquarters for the first part of the week.

On Sunday morning the party rang for and attended Mattins at Faversham. In the afternoon eight of the party started for a peal of Cambridge on the good eight at Sittingbourne, but after five courses the conductor, who thought that he was having his Sunday afternoon siesta, missed a bob. The rest of the party, being joined by George Naylor and George Kenward, visited the heavy six at Milton Regis, and the interesting five at Stockbury, where Stockbury Little Bob and spliced Doubles were rung. In the evening the party joined the local band for Evensong at Borden.

FINDING QUEX TOWER

A problem was presented to the band on Monday morning in finding the tower in Quex Park. The cars went round in circles and fallen branches had to be moved. Eventually the tower was located and the band soon settled down to a fairly good beat, and a peal of Cambridge Royal was brought round in 3 hours 35 minutes, six of the band ringing their first peal in the method. The three good rings at Margate, St. Laurence Thanet and Wingham were visited in the afternoon and evening.

On Tuesday the weather was really hot, which was rather trying to the peal band at Walmer where there is virtually no air in the belfry. However, a good peal of Cambridge Major was rung in 2 hours 54 minutes, being the fastest peal on the bells. In the evening we joined the Cathedral band at Canterbury for practice, and methods including Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques were rung. At this point we would like to extend our very grateful thanks to Mr. B. J. Luck for the assistance that he gave us on this tour.

The party made their way to Wye on Wednesday morning where, on these glorious bells, spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge was rung in 3 hours 17 minutes. The ringing in this peal probably reached the highest standard of the week. In the afternoon two peal attempts were scheduled: at Chilham four Kent ringers kindly augmented the band for Bristol, which unfortunately came to grief after 2¼ hours' good ringing. At Ashford the band was more successful, a peal of Double Norwich being rung in 3 hours 9 minutes.

A PLASTIC MUG

During the free evenings of the tour some of the party had hunted out a very pleasant local hostelry, complete with landlord's attractive daughter. On the first two evenings at this establishment Mr. Ronald, in telling his usual tales, accompanied by much gesticulating, managed to remove two pints from the counter, breaking the glasses and losing the contents. It was therefore not surprising that on the next evening, when Ron presented himself blatant as ever, he was given his pint in a plastic mug.

Thursday morning's programme included visits to the two good eights at Hythe and New Romney. After lunch came the unusual tower of Brookland where, when one of the party stood in the doorway, complete darkness descended upon the interior. In the afternoon two peals were again planned. On the light eight at Appledore, New Cambridge was rung in 2 hours 57 minutes, and at Tenterden, Yorkshire in 3 hours 27 minutes. At the latter tower it was noticed that the tenor ringer, although he had looked upon this as a major job, had not got a blister on his hands. Following this successful afternoon's ringing the party made for their new headquarters at Tunbridge Wells, and after going round in circles in this town for a while found the Castle Hotel.

On Friday the day started well with a fast, well-struck peal of Stedman at Hawkhurst, in 2 hours 44 minutes. The striking in this peal was thought by outside critics to be on a par with the peal earlier in the week at Wye. A handbell peal attempt came to grief after a short while, on this morning being rung under rather cramped conditions in one of the cars. In the afternoon Headcorn and Lenham were visited, and in the evening the handy eight at West Malling.

TWO FAILURES

The good eight at Tonbridge and the fine ring at Wrotham were visited on Saturday morning, and methods ranged to Bristol and London. In the afternoon two peals broke down: Southwell at Gillingham, after a few courses, and Rutland at Rainham, after 2½ hours. At the latter tower we had the great pleasure of ringing with Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas. At the hotel in the evening David Hoare was presented with a small gift from the party as a token of thanks and appreciation for the organising of the tour.

On Sunday the local ringers were joined at Tunbridge Wells for Mattins and at Sevenoaks for Evensong. During a pleasant afternoon taken rather lazily, the band rang at Penshurst.

On Monday, the last day of the tour, a peal of Southwell was rung at Edenbridge in 2 hours 50 minutes.

The emphasis of the week's tour had been on the quality of the ringing and good striking rather than the quantity of peals rung, and this the band agreed had been very largely achieved.

In conclusion, the party would once again like to thank David Hoare very sincerely for all the work that he put into the organisation of this very enjoyable and highly successful tour, and we all look forward to next year's tour, which it is hoped will be in Derbyshire. W. L. W.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Pirton

A successful meeting was held on August 25th at Pirton. In spite of violent storms early in the afternoon there was a good attendance and ringing was enjoyed on this anti-clockwise five in many methods, including Winchendon Place Bob, the special method.

In his sermon, the Rev. G. B. Ince welcomed the ringers, especially because there will be little ringing after this meeting as extensive repairs must be made both inside and outside the tower. Mrs. Brewster played the organ for the service.

An excellent ringers' tea was given by the ladies of the village, so that the money should be added to the Restoration Fund.

Mr. F. Chalkley, of Hitchin, was re-elected during the business meeting. The next meeting will be at Barkway on September 22nd, the special method being Yorkshire Surprise.

J. S.

OUTINGS

MEREWORTH, KENT

On August 18th Mereworth bellringers and friends went on their annual outing, this year to Romney Marshes. It was a dull, windy day, with scattered showers, but nevertheless everyone had an enjoyable time.

The first tower was Pluckley, a ring of six bells in a church lost in country lanes. Because of a hold-up at the beginning of the journey, we were half an hour late, but had begun to catch up with time when we arrived at Willesborough, another ring of six. Easy bells in one of the most pleasant belfries made this a favourite tower. Both at Pluckley and Willesborough the bells are hung anti-clockwise, which caused some confusion at first.

At Aldington we had the best ring of the day, a really well-struck touch of Plain Bob Minor, in which a local ringer took part. Having had our lunch of sandwiches at Aldington, we made our way to Burmarsh, the last six-bell tower we were to visit. After a difficult journey through a narrow, winding lane for several miles we eventually found the church. By this time the wind had risen to a howling gale, which threatened to overturn the coach at every bend in the road.

We stopped at Dymchurch for tea, where a few of us ventured on to the sea wall to watch the sand drifting along the beach. The sea looked like a ploughed field and we had to cling to each other or be blown away.

We arrived at New Romney on time. Here the ring of eight bells nearly deafened us; it was almost impossible to hear the calls made, for the sonorous roar of those bells, in the ringing chamber. The next tower was Appledore, another eight.

Nothing more adventurous than Kent Treble Bob was attempted, but everyone had a ring of either Grandsire or Plain Bob. Others methods rung were Double Court and Oxford Bob. P. J. B.

PINCHBECK, LINCS

This year the Pinchbeck ringers, together with a few friends, chose the Midlands for their annual outing, ringing taking place in four counties, viz., Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Leaving Pinchbeck at 7 a.m., the first call was made at Market Harborough, where we made good use of the eight bells; the tea shop opposite also came in for some good custom. Our next call was at Rugby, and although there are two rings of bells at this church, we only rang on the eight in the north-east tower. Our journey to Stratford-on-Avon took rather longer than the timetable allowed, as traffic was rather heavy, but on arrival we soon had the ten bells going to Caters and Royal.

Lunch came next, some picnicking and some hunting the town for cafes, and with all but one member fully refreshed we set off to find Balscott, where, by kind permission of Mr. C. Jarvis, we were allowed to ring on his unique ring of six in the 'wash-house.' We managed them quite well after a little practice. Another short journey found us at Banbury, where, after ringing on the delightful ten, we set off for a fill of Banbury cakes. We also found the Cross, but alas, no lady or white horse!

The church at Brackley was not easy to find, being in a hollow, but we enjoyed the six bells, although ropesight is awkward, there being four falling along one wall and two on the opposite one. The last tower of the day was St. Giles', Northampton, the ten bells being made good use of till 9 p.m.

The homeward journey was broken for refreshments at Kettering, and home reached at 11.30 p.m., everyone agreeing it was a good day out.

THE BEAUTY OF THE BELLS

(CHURCH BELLS — THEIR USES AND ABUSES)

By The Rev. C. C. J. BUTLIN

We are informed by etymologists that the English word 'bell' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'bellan,' to bellow. The Oxford English Dictionary states that 'bell' is Old English from 'bellan,' to bellow or roar; kindred words being the Icelandic 'belja' and the German 'bellan,' to bark.

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In ancient days bells were by no means confined to religious purposes. They were used by the Romans, for example, to signify the times of bathing. The Greeks, too, were early users of bells for secular purposes.

It is true to say that church bells were not in use in the first years of the Christian era. The custom then was to call together for worship by means of a messenger. Later, when Christians had gained some measure of official recognition, use was made of a sounding plank hanging by a chain and struck with a hammer. It is said that Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, notified remote believers of the times of prayer by hitting repeatedly a large hanging brass vessel. Some people thus explain the origin of the word Campanology (or the art of bell-ringing).

The generally accepted view is that bells—certainly large ones—were not in general use in Western Europe until the 7th century. It was not until three centuries later, however, that the art of bell-founding made rapid progress. This popularity of church bells was possibly encouraged by the fact that a Saxon churl could obtain the status of a Thane by erecting on an estate of 500 acres or more a church and a bell-tower.

DEFENCE AGAINST TEMPEST

Possibly, too, superstition played some part in the increasing use of church bells. In A.D. 900 Pope Pius IX, for example, ordered church bells to be rung as a defence against thunder and lightning. It is recorded that Old St. Paul's had a special endowment 'for ringing the hallowed belle in great tempestes and lighteninges.' In this connection the churchwarden's accounts for 1519 at Spalding, Lincs, include the following: 'Item: Paid for rynging when the Tempest was . . . 3d.' One man thus explains the practice: 'For this reason, the Church, when a tempest is seen to arise, rings the bells that the fiends, hearing the trumpets of the Eternal King, may flee away, and cease from raising the storm.'

Apparently the superstition of ringing church bells to disperse storms has lasted in England until this century. The Torquay Directory for 1915 stated: 'It transpires that in conformity with an old usage, the bells of Dawlish Parish Church were rung during the recent thunderstorms, m the belief that the spirit of the bells would overcome the spirit of the lightning.' Unfortunately for those who might be prepared to grasp at this seeming remedy, it is said that during a violent storm in Brittany in 1718, when the bells of 24 churches were rung, all the 24 churches were struck by lightning. It must have been especially bitter for those who suffered injury or loss to learn that all the non-ringing churches were unscathed.

Bells have been rung also for other superstitious reasons. In 1456 all the bells of Europe were ordered by Pope Calixtus III to be rung, to scare away Halley's comet, thought then to be linked with Mohammed II, Conqueror of Constantinople. It must have been discouraging to find that, although the comet went, Mohammed stayed!

Some have imagined the ringing of bells to be of assistance in times of plague and pestilence. In 1625, for example, a doctor caused directions to be published as follows: 'Let the bells in cities and townes be rung often, and the great ordnance [cannon] discharged; thereby the air is purified.' In addition, the inscription on a bell at Guilsborough, Northants, reads: '*Pestem Fugo*' (='I drive away pestilence').

Other harmful things, also, were thought to be banished by the aid of bell-ringing. Horace Walpole is said to have obtained and prized 'the silver bell with which the Pope used to curse the caterpillars.'

IN DISREPUTE

It would seem that other reasons also helped to increase the popularity of church bells. Some of these incentives were no more creditable than those that have been mentioned. Gilbert White, in his book, *The History of Selborne*, relates how in 1725, when a new 'ring' of bells was hung in the parish church, the treble bell was filled with strong liquor to celebrate the occasion. Some men, at Walsgrave, Warwicks, went so far as to commemorate their thirst on one of the bells, as follows: 'Hearken! Do ye hear? Our Clapers [tongues] want beere.' It is evident that bell-ringing at one time developed into the pastime of persons of low repute—Teddy-boys of a bygone age.

Ellacombe, writing of the ringers at a cathedral, stated: 'A more drunken set of fellows could not be found' (*Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers*). At one time in order to keep the peace it became necessary to use disciplinary measures, including the placing of rules and lists of fines in belfries. One church in Leicestershire had the following placard:

'If you get drunk and hither reel
Or with your brawl disturb the peal;
Or with munlungeous horrid smoak
You cloud the room, and ringer choak
Or if you dare profane this place
By oath or curse, or language base
For each offence shall two pence pay.'

We learn that it became something of a proverb to say: 'Singers and ringers are little home bringers' (i.e., improvident men).

The inscription on the ringers' large beer jug at Beccles, Suffolk, recalls perhaps later and more decorous bell-ringing. It begins:

'When I am filled with liquor strong
Each man drink once and then ding-dong.'

It is interesting to note, though no doubt entirely without significance, that that jug is now safely kept under lock and key!

The Canons of 1604 (of the Church of England) supply additional evidence of needed disciplinary measures. Canon III, for example, directs that churchwardens shall present to the Bishop the names of those who have behaved rudely and disorderly in the church, and *those who by untimely ringing of bells*, by walking, talking or other noise shall hinder the Minister or Preacher. Another Canon (LXXXVIII) mentions the ringing of bells in a similar kind of context; feastings, banquets, church-ales-drinkings and profane usages being mentioned in the same sentence as the ringing of bells.

Ringing, however, apparently found no lack of devotees, for it was often a lucrative hobby. Even as far back as 1254 the members of a Westminster Guild of Ringers received one hundred shillings per annum, together with other benefits. Parish registers and account books supply, of course, many records of payments for ringing, some for other than ecclesiastical purposes. An item in the accounts of St. Edmund's, Salisbury, for 1646 is as follows:

'Ringing the Race day, that the Earl of Pembroke's horse won the cup . . . 5/-.'

PRIZE MONEY

In some parts contests for money prizes are still held for ringers. It is possibly true to say that more harm than good has been done by these financial inducements. Not only is there what some regard as a sordid incentive, but there is the danger, through excessive ringing, of ringers making themselves a public nuisance. In this latter connection we recall the lines ascribed to the Parish Clerk of St. Peter's, Norwich. After being repeatedly disturbed in his early morning sleep, he thus gave vent to his feelings:

'Ye rascally ringers, inveterate foes,
Disturbers of those who are fond of repose,
I wish for the peace and quiet of these [lands,
That ye had round your necks what ye pull [with your hands!'

Present-day bell-ringing contests were described in a Church newspaper a few years ago. The writer stated: 'Competition matches . . . take place between neighbouring village towers, when buses of ringers will arrive anxious to earn the money prizes; for money brightens any competition, or so bell-ringers think.'

The article explained, incidentally, the late starting of some church services. It said: 'Bell-ringing is more easily begun than concluded. Sometimes a service is held up, when through error bell-ringing is prolonged. One must not enter a belfry during the team's ringing, as such may cause discord in the peal through the disturbance of rhythm.' The writer then remarked on the uneasiness of ringers in church. 'Some belfries [he said] are entered by the church, others from the outside, and these are preferred by the ringers. Ringers are rarely church-minded. Should any attend a service, it will be from the back row, packed close together as if for warmth or safety.' (This is emphatically denied.—Ed.)

Whether this report be generally true is debatable. Many ringers are regular, conscientious church-goers, and often hold high office in the Church. There is no doubt, however, about the physical endurance needed to excel at ringing. This is required because of the weight of some bells and also because of the length of time taken in ringing various peals. Some bells are so large that many persons are needed to ring them. It is said that five early bells given to Canterbury Cathedral were rung then only by the united efforts of 63 men. Sometimes attempts to ring bells for long periods of time test almost to breaking-point powers of human endurance.

The story was told in *The Times* for December 6th, 1954, of an attempt by eight men at Loughborough to ring for 20 hours; to make all the combinations and permutations possible on eight bells. The report stated: 'All morning [from 4.15 a.m.] they rang through thousands of permutations, enough indeed to stagger the most ardent football pools fan . . . . Gradually they crept towards the present record of 21,600 changes, and then, only a few hundreds short, they stumbled. It was the case of the missing bob. Distracted by the growing whiteness of one of the team . . . the conductor . . . forgot to order "bob," and the rigid progression was broken.' (For the correct report of this attempt see 'Ringing World,' December 10th, 1954.—Ed.) The need of physical endurance would seem to be emphasised by the following epitaph:

'Near to this place John Webster fell
Beloved by all who knew him well;
He closed the peal, struck well his bell
Ceasing the same, down dead he fell!'

(To be continued)

THURLASTON, LEICS. — On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan K. Beagley (first quarter) 1, G. Kenward 2, J. Taylor 3, F. J. Lambert 4, E. J. Jelley 5, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 6.

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MARRIAGE

ARTHUR—GIBSON. — At S. James and Basil's Church, Fenham Newcastle, on August 29th, 1956, by Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, Kenneth, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Arthur, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibson. 8874

SITUATION VACANT

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Evening practice meeting, Wells, St. Cuthbert's (8), Saturday, Sept. 8th, 7-9 p.m.—W. Marsh. 8890

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Woburn, September 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Town Hall, for those who send names. Short service 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—K. G. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn. 8833

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Pocklington, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 8896

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Astbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec., 9, Meadow Way, Macclesfield. 8848

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Staveley, September 8th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 8837

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 8th, Thorverton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 8822

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Loseley (8) on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business following. Your attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Loseley. 8851

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Littlington (6) after tea. —H. L. Martin, Dis Sec. 8842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Sept. 8th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30.—H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 8798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —N.E. District. — Meeting at Tendring, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Thee Cottages, Great Bromley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Langleybury (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3.15 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Please note change of date.**—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8751

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 3s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 8800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8801

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Chapel Allerton (6) Sept. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. No tea provided. No. 1 tram from Briggate, Leeds, to Moortown. All welcome.—E. Bate, Hon. Sec. 8820

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 8th, Colliers Wood (6) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea, own arrangements. Business 6 in vestry at Clapham Park. Ringing at Clapham Park after business until 8 p.m. — Hutchings. TUL 0800. 8898

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—T. J. Lock. 8834

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, Enford (6), Sept. 8th, 2.15. Tea, Marchant's Cafe, Netheravon. Netheravon (6) and Fittleton (6) after tea. Names for tea to W. J. T. Phillimore, Swan Inn, Enford, Pewsey. 8553

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, September 8th, at South Benfleet. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and more ringing. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Monk's Eleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. —R. J. Seabrook. 8806

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. Practice meeting, Sept. 8th, Kirdford 2.30. Tea, Half Moon, Kirdford, 5 p.m. 8843

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET. — Annual ringers' service, St. Bartholomew's Church, Sunday, Sept. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. (eight bells, tenor 22 cwt.). Address by Canon Carew Cox. Ringing from 5 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers. 8816

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Backwell, Sept. 15th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8877

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Royston, Sept. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Important business. Cups of tea—bring own food.—H. Chant, Hon. Treasurer. 8847

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Silsoe, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 8892

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, free, for those notifying by Wednesday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8893

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Mancetter. Sept. 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—D. Carpenter, Branch Sec. 8868

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Bells—Cathedral all day; St. Stephen's to 3; Brampton 12–3, 7–9; Crosthwaite to 2 p.m., 7–9; Appleby to 2 p.m.

Service, Cathedral, 4.30. Tea, Fratry, 5.15. Numbers by 12th to J. Boustead, 23, Burgh Road, Carlisle. 8814

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Shirland, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 13th, to Miss M. Blount, 19, New Higham, Shirland, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8873

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Hunts District) and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Oundle Branch).—Joint meeting at Elton (5) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. E. Clarke and H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 8878

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.— J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8879

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Meeting at Luppitt, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea before Sept. 12th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 8829

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey district. — Meeting, East Molesey, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Royal Cafe, Bridge Road, 5.15 p.m. Names, by Sept. 12th, to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 8863

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District. — Quarterly meeting. Bishop Castle, Saturday, Sept. 15th, 3 p.m. Please inform numbers for tea.—Thomas Davies, Sec., 20, Newport Street, Clun, Salop, 8867

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, September 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea provided.—F. Pritchard. 8887

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 8876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Twyford, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Schools 5 o'clock. Names **must be sent,** by the 13th, to Mrs. Peter Dalton, Twyford, Melton Mowbray. —J. H. Cook. 8888

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Barkby, Sept. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, at 5 p.m., by the 12th, to R. Flowers, The Drive, Barkby. 8891

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, Diseworth, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 12th, to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, 28, Hall Gate Lane, Diseworth. 8872

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8900

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15th, Shepperton (5), 3 p.m. to 4.30. Sunbury 6 p.m. to 8. Cafe available at Sunbury for tea.—F. A. Finch. 8901

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS — Annual meeting, Sept. 15th, Manchester, Cathedral (10) 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Town Hall 10.45 a.m. Ringing: St. John's Church (8), Miles Platting, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Mark's Church (10), Worsley, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sacred Trinity Church (8), 12 noon to 4 p.m.; The Cathedral (10) 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Town Hall (12) 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Business meeting, No. 4 Committee Room, Town Hall, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Dinner at the Waldorf Hotel, Cooper Street, 6 p.m. Social evening to follow. Tickets for dinner 12s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets, with remittance, by Sept. 6th, to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on September 15th at 6 p.m. —B. C. Castle. 8885

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Market Overton, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Names for tea by Sept. 11th.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec.. 8864

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sept. 15th, Fontmell Magna. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 8866

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Broadwindsor on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 8861

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill (6), Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential to Rev. Bradbury, Vicarage, Bremhill, Calne. — W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 8889

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements. Names, by Sept. 12th, please, to Mr. R. H. Duke, Morland, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 8882

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 15th, at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 11th, please, to Mr. C. G. Pitcher, 5, Yew Walk, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Bakerloo or Met. to Harrow-on-the-Hill or Piccadilly Line to South Harrow, thence by bus. Good attendance, please; all very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8785

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Griffin's Head. All names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. D. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 8849

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Limpsfield Chart and Limpsfield, Sept. 15th. Limpsfield Chart bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Carpenters Arms. Limpsfield Parish Church bells after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. L. A. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, Oxted. 8780

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham (8), Sept. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. only for those who notify by Wednesday, Sept. 12th, Miss J. Pike, Friars Court. Tarmount Lane, Shoreham. — K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8886

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Romsey on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells from 2.45. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea, by Sept. 12th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 8881

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting Madresfield (6), Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, Sept. 11th, to E. F. Cubberley, Kempsey, near Worcester. 8895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Sept. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Sept. 12th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8839

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (10) available 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. at Y.M.C.A., Skellygate. General meeting same premises at 5.45 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. at Unicorn Hotel, Market Place. Names by Sept. 13th to Mr. E. Hudson, Lister Cottages, Sharow, near Ripon. Members invited to Evensong in Cathedral at 5 p.m. It is hoped to run a coach from Leeds at 1.45 p.m., fare 6s. 6d. return. Full details from Mr. A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, near Leeds. Please apply early.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 8850

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — 270th Anniversary. — Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (12) 2 p.m. Unveiling and dedication of Coronation tablet by the Archdeacon of Gloucester 3 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 5. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Sept. 17th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast Sunday, Sept. 23rd. Ringing at 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 8871

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea, by Sept. 17th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 8854

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Ripponden, Sept. 22nd. For teas, notify, by Thursday, Sept. 20th, F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8793

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Angel Inn at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Monday, Sept. 17th. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8883

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Grimsby District) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District).—Joint meeting, Bigby (6), Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Sept. 19th, to Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 8884

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Caldicot, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—Jacqueline Evans. 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 8862

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Wantage, Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 18th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 8860

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner at Bollands, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 6.30 p.m. (13s. 6d., juniors 11s. 6d.). Names by Sept. 22nd, please.—J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 8859

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, still available from Hon. Secretary, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner, Oct. 20th, at The Wine Lodge, Coventry. Tickets 10s. (available shortly) from J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8869

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Dinner, York, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tickets (12s.) from Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. Accommodation limited. 8875

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Details later. 8865

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on March 16th, 1957, and the Guild Festival at Oxford on July 20th, 1957.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec., The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 8767

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DISTINCTIVE ENVIRONMENTS

OURS is no ordinary belfry. What, you say, is an 'ordinary' belfry? I must confess I do not know. Of the ones I have seen, few have conformed to any particular shape or size.

There are those black holes of Calcutta, which almost concertina to accommodate eight ringers, where the slit windows afford no light and little air. There are church junk-rooms, which the incumbent uses to preserve chipped statuettes, bent candlesticks, cracked vases, fragments of stained glass, a tattered flag and shabby dog-eared hymn books; and it is here, he explains, that the bell-ropes are pulled. Sometimes in an open gallery, an alarmingly low balcony shields you from descending on the heads of the congregation many feet below. Circumstances, in this situation, can be especially nerve-racking if there is an excessive distance between floor and ceiling and new springy ropes! Some seemingly blissful belfries are marred, one finds, by a complicated network of chiming wires in the ceiling, which interrupt the passage of the ropes and result in a vulgar, clattering accompaniment to the music of the bells. Another menace is the clock cabinet which protrudes between the seventh and tenor ropes, and forces both ringers to perform strange antics to avoid calamity.

There are ground-floor ringing rooms, separated from the nave of the church by a curtain, where the ropes are threaded through a wobbly guide-frame. Remote in a lofty tower, you may come upon a spacious chamber arrayed with boxes in progressive heights for the heavier bells.

There is also the belfry where access is gained head first, through a trapdoor in the floor! It is always in these districts that ringers seem to assemble in dribs and drabs: between touches the timid novice gingerly ascends a creaking ladder and taps apologetically on the hatch; half the floor is heaved up laboriously, and an assortment of curious faces gazes from above into the abyss.

In case you think I am picking on *your* belfry, I must assure you that *ours* has its drawbacks, too.

It used to be approached by way of a narrow spiral stairway, whose varying sizes of steps resembled the silhouette of a dromedary: that is, there was a deep hollow in the centre of each step in which you placed your foot. After a non-ringing visitor had proved practically that the tower was a potential helter-skelter, a considerable sum of money was spent in having the holes filled up; so now, the steps are merely narrow and of unpredictable size—which caters for all sizes of feet!

A labyrinth of lanes confronts you when you reach the summit and, having chosen the right one, you eventually discover the entrance to the ringing chamber. At this point, everyone's first reaction is the same: as the newcomer beholds the green distempered walls and lino-covered floor, he gasps a surprised 'Oh!' at the comparative comfort.

Eight slender archways have been hewn in the four walls by our forebears. These rise from the floor of the passages, which mount to the bell chamber. Besides precipitating a somewhat undignified entry into the ringing room if you fail to select the correct archway, these apertures make splendid draught channels.

Consequently, we pay for antiquity and novelty. Every week or so when we are winding up the practice night 'post mortem,' one of our gentleman ringers runs his finger ostentatiously over the table, examines the blackened result and suggests that it's-about-time-someone-did-some-cleaning. This is the cue for all other gentlemen to look at their watches, recall some fearfully important appointment, and whisk hurriedly down the staircase.

To a fleeting visitor, the appearance of the ringing chamber is a sure clue to the character of the ringers. Some belfries are festooned with newspaper cuttings and cartoons, some display a score of lordly peal boards, some are sadly bare with maybe a faded card declaring the bells' weights; some boast heavy tables with a model bell or some such work of art in the centre, some have splintering benches, and some sturdy polished chairs; some are hung with rows of yellowed photographs of portly gentlemen in bowler hats, some flaunt permutations of Double Norwich, some have neatly printed admonitions concerning the perils of the chiming apparatus; most have bell fund boxes!

Variety is the spice of life, and touring other towers convinces one that although the same methods can be produced in each, the conditions under which they are rung may be vastly different. This is another characteristic of the Exercise. Unlike the modern row of prototype houses, there is no risk of duplicating someone else's belfry. Initiative and individuality combine with perseverance and fellowship to achieve a lasting service. 'K.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

*DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	*F. BRIAN COOKSON	7
STELLA HUGHES	2	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	8
EVELYN M. FLETCHER ..	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
BRIAN BLADON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	11
MICHAEL G. MORTON ..	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 100th peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

GEOFFREY PARKER	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS ..	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	8
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	WALTER TOMLINSON	9
GWEN I. RUSBY	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	5	JOHN WALDEN	11
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	6	HERBERT LOWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First 12-bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956. *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt.

*JOHN DEAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. WATKIN	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.. ..	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	7
HENRY O. BAKER	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD..	8
GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	9
*PHILIP J. EVANS	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on ten bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ..	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. ..	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.. ..	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	9
CECIL W. PIPE	5	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5
JOHN D. ROCK	2	REGINALD T. JONES	6
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	3	GEORGE DAVIS	7
*PHILIP G. MORGAN.. ..	4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER ..	3	*PAUL J. RIGBY	7
STELLA HUGHES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
JOHN D. ROCK	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.. ..	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
PHILIP G. MORGAN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal on the octave.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	NORMAN MALLETT	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	2	CUTHBERT W. POWELL ..	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS.. ..	3	*HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
HENRY G. KEELEY	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*MARGERY A. BIRCH.. ..	*Treble*	ALAN CARVETH	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ..	2	HARRY HARPER	6
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
DAVID N. PENROSE	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. DEBBS. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal in the method.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	PETER J. BARKER..	6
WILLIAM DAVIES	3	STELLA HUGHES	7
*JOHN H. ALLEN	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. S. B. Ashley.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

GORDON GAYLARD	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD	5
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	2	WALTER H. POOLE	6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE ..	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	7
CUTHBERT W. POWELL ..	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Major in the method.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
HARRY POYNER	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WENBAN	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	DAVID J. TAYLOR	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	PETER D. BEEDIE	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the treble ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal of New Cambridge.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of H. Wardle, a respected ringer at Markfield Parish Church, who was fatally injured in a road accident on Monday, August 27th, 1956.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	5
*GEORGE S. DEAS	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY	6
†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
ENID SOFTLEY	4	†DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First in the method. † 50th peal together.
Rung for the wedding of Kenneth Arthur and Margaret Gibson, which was solemnised in this city the previous day.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*KATHLEEN BEASLEY	*Treble*	†W. PARROTT	5
ALFRED J. WINCH	2	‡PETER J. JACKSON	6
FRANK OAKSHOTT	3	§DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	7
*J. T. SYMONDS	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal. § First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal as conductor.
Rung on St. Giles' Day.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
BERNARD G. MOORE	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
*GERALD M. ROUSE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	*Treble*	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	*EDWARD M. BRADLEY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ANN SHIELS	*Treble*	MRS. WM. BUTLER	5
MRS. A. E. COX	2	JANET ADAMSON	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	7
MRS. A. D. BARKER	4	*MABEL WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. A. E. COX.
* First attempt for a peal. All are members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild. Believed to be the first ladies' peal for the Guild.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALLEN SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	HAROLD HAMER	6
SIDNEY LEATHERBARROW	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	7
STEPHEN L. PARRY	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the town of Rochdale.

ST. GLUVIAS (PENRYN), CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GLUVIAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*P. RUTH HOSKEN	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL J. THOMAS	5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	2	DAVID N. PENROSE	6
†MARJORIE A. BIRCH	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	ANTHONY LOCKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.
* First peal on eight. † First on eight 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire. First in the method on the bells.
A birthday compliment to R. A. Southwood.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	RICHARD W. STEPHENS	5
MARY FULLER	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
The first peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5 on their engagement.

FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR.
-38-14-58-16-14-58 12 36 12 78.
2nds place lead-end 5738264. F.c.e. 24365.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.
On Sat., April 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*M. HASTEWELL .. .. .. *Treble*	*V. HASTEWELL 4
*J. HODGSON 2	E. PROCTOR 5
B. SHAW 3	A. STOREY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. PROCTOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to the Vicar. Rev. M. Kirkpatrick, Rural Dean of South Westmorland, and to mark Mr. B. Shaw's 25th year as verger.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*CLIVE GOODIN .. .. .. *Treble*	HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 4
†CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY .. 2	HENRY C. FOSTER 5
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 3	STANLEY SHIPP .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

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

Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. H. E. Wynn, late Bishop of Ely.

SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun. Aug. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*JOHN HUMPHREYS .. .. *Treble*	STANLEY SHIPP 4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 2	CLAUD GIMBERT 5
GEORGE A. WALKER 3	ARTHUR YARROW .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

Rung fully-muffled in memory of Dr. H. E. Wynn. late Bishop of Ely.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT, SMITHFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent Stedman, three extents Winchendon, four extents St. Martin's, four extents St. Simon's, four extents St. Nicholas', four extents Reverse Canterbury, three extents Clifford, three extents Reverse St. Bartholomew, three extents Northrepps, four extents Plain Bob, three extents April Day, three extents Kennington and three extents Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST J. ROWE .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS 3
BRIAN BLADON 2	RALPH BIRD 4
ERIC NOBLES .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

First peal on the bells since 1922.

Arranged to commemorate the Feast of St. Bartholomew, and rung within the octave of the Festival

SADDINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, consisting of eight extents of Stedman, nine of April Day, five of St. Simon's Bob, four of St. Nicholas' Bob, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, two of St. Martin's Bob, two of Winchendon Place Bob, three of Plain Bob and three of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. *Treble*	†JOHN A. ACRES 3
*BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal together. † First peal in nine methods.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*JAMES BENNETT .. .. *Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 5
MARIAN H. MILLS 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* Has now 'completed the circle' in this tower to peals in seven methods.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RONALD CHAFER .. .. *Treble*	JACK BRAY 4
MICHAEL CROWDER 2	HARRY HALL 5
JOHN HALL 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

CWMCARVAN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
Dedication of Church unknown.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Plain Bob (three callings), six extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew (two callings), six extents of April Day (three callings), rung alternately with four six extents of Grandsire (ten callings and two 240's Morris's arrangement). Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

*PATRICIA H. JONES .. .. *Treble*	DAVID J. KING 4
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	*GEORGE WARD 5
*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 3	†JOHN E. MORGAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WARD.

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

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, and with the good wishes of the band to the Rector's wife for a speedy recovery from her serious illness.

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956 *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A

*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. *Treble*	*A. HARRY SALISBURY 3
*RONALD DAWSON 2	†WILLIAM A. SMITH 4
†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal together. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 5—6
HARRY POYNER .. .. .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 7—8
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 9—10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 24, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

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

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 26, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
At 67, Oriel Road, North End,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, College Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. Kathleen M. Knight.. 1—2 | Robin G. Leale .. .. 3—4
Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

A farewell to Robin G. Leale on his departure for Surbiton, Surrey, where he is shortly taking up residence.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Aug. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At 67, Oriel Road, North End,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. Kathleen M. Knight 1—2 | *Robin G. Leale .. .. 3—4
Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 25th peal together.

First peal of Surprise 'in hand,' by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. Also first peal of Minor in the method by all the band.

A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for the Yorkshire Association.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 20, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

J. Martin Thorley .. .. 1—2 | Edward M. Bradley .. 3—4
D. Margaret Hawley .. 5—6

Conducted by D. Margaret Hawley.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Sidney Keighley ..	*Treble*	Alan E. Hartley	5
Sheila M. Schofield ..	2	Gordon Benfield	6
John Thorley	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
D. Margaret Hawley ..	4	Edward M. Bradley ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Gordon Benfield.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

D. Margaret Hawley ..	*Treble*	Alan E. Hartley	4
Sheila M. Schofield ..	2	J. Martin Thorley.. ..	5
John Thorley	3	*Edward M. Bradley ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 100th peal.

HUNTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Sheila M. Schofield ..	*Treble*	Alan E. Hartley	4
John Thorley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
D. Margaret Hawley ..	3	Edward M. Bradley ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

First peal on the bells for over 30 years.

YORK.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen, Acomb,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

John Thorley	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
Margaret Barker	2	Alan E. Hartley	5
D. Margaret Hawley ..	3	Edward M. Bradley.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward M. Bradley.

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Ascension,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

John Thorley	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
Sheila M. Schofield ..	2	D. Margaret Hawley ..	5
Alan E. Hartley	3	Edward M. Bradley ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

First peal on the recast bells, and believed to be the first peal in the tower.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 24, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 St. Simon's, 2,160 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.

J. Martin Thorley .. .. 1—2 | Edward M. Bradley .. 3—4
D. Margaret Hawley .. 5—6

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Sheila M. Schofield ..	*Treble*	Edward M. Bradley ..	5
*John Thorley	2	W. Eric Critchley ..	6
*Alan E. Hartley	3	†Gordon Benfield	7
D. Margaret Hawley ..	4	J. Martin Thorley.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on a working bell.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

All peals rung for CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

R. Leigh (St. Cath.'s) ..	*Treble*	*J. M. Clark-Maxwell (Sel.)	5
E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.'s)	2	F. B. Cookson (St. John's)	6
A. J. Howard (Trinity) ..	3	A. G. G. Thurlow (Sel.)	7
P. F. Windley (Jesus) ..	4	B. D. Price (Emmanuel)..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

* First peal of Major, and in the method.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Susan Jackson (Girton)..	*Treble*	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	5
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')..	2	G. C. Galley (Queens') ..	6
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	3	C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)..	7
J. D. Painter (Caius) ..	4	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5081 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	*Treble*	†‡G. C. Galley (Queens')	6
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	2	E. G. Benson (St. Cath.'s)	7
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	3	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	8
*Susan Jackson (Girton)..	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	9
†J. D. Painter (Caius) ..	5	A. G. G. Thurlow (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by F. E. Haynes.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Caters. ‡ 25th peal.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10¾ cwt.

C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	*Treble*	B. D. Price (Emmanuel)..	5
*A. J. Howard (Trinity)..	2	P. K. Williamson (Trinity)	6
G. A. Williamson (Newn.)	3	W. T. Cook (Jesus).. ..	7
*P. F. Windley (Jesus) ..	4	J. D. Painter (Caius) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. Cook.

* First peal in the method.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

Annual Summer Tour

DEVON is a glorious county, isn't it? Not only are there many fine towers with equally fine rings of bells, but also the connections with cream and cider immediately spring to mind.

The S.F.E. were off to Devon again in 1956 and had hoped to be staying in central or westerly parts of the third largest English county. However, circumstances did not permit this and, as usual, the tolerant village of East Budleigh had to put up with us yet again. In consequence of being so far away from the towers which our organiser was anxious for us to visit, the week developed into a minor Monte Carlo. Never before had the narrow country lanes radiating from East Budleigh seen such a rush of vehicles bursting forth at about 8.30 each morning. Other traffic was forced into the hedge (for the lanes weren't designed for anything wider than a dog-cart). We hasten to add that our transport consisted of two cars and a motor-cycle.

The company, 'from all parts of England and Wales,' began to assemble on Saturday, August 18th. On their journey down some members paused awhile for the practice at Exeter Cathedral, where, it is said, 64 ringers were present. During the course of the evening everybody gravitated to the Kings Arms to sample the local brew and to renew old friendships.

On Sunday morning six braver souls made their way to ring at All Saints', East Budleigh, for the 8.45 Holy Communion service. The six light bells have been quoted by someone a little misguidedly as the finest six in Devon. We again helped out the local ringers later in the morning.

THE TOUR PROPER

After lunch, things really began to move and we noticed that our tower lists were headed importantly 'All 8-Bell Tour.' We proceeded to Torquay, where we visited St. Mary's, Upton, and All Saints', Babbacombe. For the evening service we rang at the Parish Church, Paignton, and saw three new choirboys being ceremoniously introduced to the church by taking vows.

North Tawton, with its unusual spire bearing on one side a small bell hung outside, was the first tower on Monday morning. Here we were impressed by the number of ringing certificates on the walls and a large, coloured peal card recording a long peal, rung in more than four hours, of over 2,000 call changes. One of the local men present, Mr. Alfred Lias, took part in this, and he is the only survivor of the band. Next came Hatherleigh, with a good eight. At Great Torrington we were allowed 'two smart peals only,' and we did not do these grand Taylor bells justice, especially with the ringing shield hanging on a pillar not far away. Bideford is a busy port and has a fine church with another deep-toned Taylor ring. After tea in an hotel lounge we moved on to Northam, where a good course of Oxford was tapped round. In spite of warnings, the Warner bells at Appledore turned out to be quite good. We had a quick look at Westward Ho! and then made the long trek back to base.

TEA AT THE VICARAGE

Tuesday was the day when we to be pleasantly surprised and also disillusioned. We made a good start at Witheridge, where John Taylor and Co. have just done an excellent job of rehanging the bells. The tenors are by Bilbie (1754) and have extremely good tone. We met another good eight at South Molton, and at Chittlehampton the rich tower dominates the church. We reached High Bickington by way of a narrow and steeply rising lane and were pleased with the light eight here. In spite of an 87 feet draught of rope the bells handle well and the locals considered that we rang much too fast!

Beaford came next, and here was the disillusionment—only six bells. However, we did our best, and rang at a pace that we thought much too fast. The locals, of course, decided that our ringing was poor because the bells were too high! Our pleasant surprise came here, too, because we had not booked tea anywhere, and we were some distance from any place where we were likely to get any refreshment. The Vicar, who is a keen ringer and learned to ring in Bristol under Mr. A. Bennett not many years ago, very kindly offered to entertain us at his new Vicarage. This offer was promptly accepted and we had a sumptuous feast for which we were extremely grateful.

After tea we were shown the rainfall gauge, had our photographs taken and then went off to Winkleigh. The bells here need pushing along, and some people had trouble with blistered hands, the thin, single-ended ropes not helping matters a great deal. Here the local ringers gave us a breather when they showed us how they rang call changes. Almost on the doorstep of the church is an attractive pub, the Ring of Bells, displaying a sign with seven bells scattered over it. This is the inn made famous in a recent national newspaper competition titled 'Win a Pub.' Naturally this free house was visited by all.

NORTH DEVON

It was not very early by the time we had reached Barnstaple on Wednesday morning, and one of the cars was discovered to have a couple of nails in a tyre, and was thus banished to a garage for a while. The spire at the Parish Church was reminiscent of North Tawton, but went two better. Here three small bells were hanging outside the lead-covered twisted spire. Apparently the frame inside the tower is also twisting, and the bells, especially the little ones, are somewhat temperamental in their 'go.'

A local reporter made rapid notes on our visit before we hastened off in relays to nearby Pilton. There are some excellent bells here but we had some disgracefully poor ringing on them. We noted in the church a carved font cover, the pulpit hour-glass and memorials to members of the Chichester family. At Braunton we had an excellent lunch and found a good ring at St. Brannock's. We climbed over the hill towards Georgeham, enjoying the panoramic view on our way. When we arrived the village fete was in full swing under the shadow of the tower, and here again we limited our ringing to two short 'peals.' Onwards to Ilfracombe, thus enabling one section of the party to have a quick dip in the briny at Woolacombe en route. Now we were back in change ringing territory, and at Holy Trinity we noted a Gloucester and Bristol peal board bearing such names as F. E. Robinson and W. Cave. At SS. Philip and James' we were delayed in finding the key to the tower, which a man in the churchyard had in his pocket. This is a call change tower, and we wondered about possible rivalry with the other Ilfracombe tower. Our longest run then followed back to the opposite corner of Devon.

OVER THE BORDER

On Thursday the large car, so lately punctured, decided to give more trouble just as it rolled up to the first tower, belching forth oily fumes. We enjoyed the musical bells of Okehampton and returned to the car to find our organiser had mended the water pump and was refilling the radiator with bucketfuls of cold green water from a pond. Next came Holsworthy, which again provided an excellent eight. Here the bells and chiming apparatus were installed in 1949, and we were very pleased to see and hear the Holsworthy chime being played especially for us. Bridgerule was the next tower with a light ring quickly raised and off in changes. As we were setting our bells in rushed someone to say that there was no stay on the third—and just in time. During the next touch, however, the rope was missed, and over she went!

Before we knew it we had rushed over the border into that foreign land, Cornwall. Kilkhampton has a fine church and it was full of visitors when we arrived. Some of them looked on interestedly as we rang at the back of the church under the tower. The final ring of the day we had at Stratton, and these fine Taylor bells were thought to be the best of the tour.

Friday was not a very successful day. We had some rain, some poor striking, and we were behind schedule for much of the time. We arrived at Ashburton at the appointed hour and had to wait some 15 minutes for the weekly bread service to be completed. The bells, high in a fine tower, were good. Ugborough is a prosperous village with a huge church and massive tower. The booming bells, by Bilbie, Pannell, and one by Taylor, go well and musically and are the front eight of a ring of twelve. We had an admirable lunch prepared at very short notice in a local hostelry. This was followed by some really devious routes to Revelstoke, where the leading car cleverly located the ruined Church of St. Peter the Fisherman. However, we found the church we wanted at Noss Mayo and had a quick ring. This tower enabled Cyril to complete his list of eights in his home county, a noble effort.

Then off to Kingsbridge in great haste. It is a very unusual approach to the ringing chamber here, which we located after a lengthy search. This handy little ring in our only central tower of the tour had to be left soon, and we went on to Totnes. Of course the church here is a beautiful one with a particularly fine tower. The bells, having a 28 cwt. Warner tenor, are of good tone and go well. Here the local man crossed the belfry during a touch of Major, in which admittedly the striking was 'patchy,' and anxiously looked out of the window. On being asked if he did not like the tenor being turned in, it appeared that was not the trouble at all. As he put it, 'I don't know what the people outside will think with three bells striking together.' Some of us had our cream tea here, and made short work of the splits appropriately covered. We were at Berry Pomeroy once more on time. The bells were oiled for us, and although they are a good ring, we did not manage to attain accurate striking on them.

GIANTS OF CORNWALL

The final day, to begin with, was very wet. The approach to Buckland-in-the-Moor is pretty, with the village tucked into wooded hillsides. Here we met an excellent light eight in an attractively small church. Now we climbed up to Dartmoor, to be clearly seen after the rain had dispersed, looking its best with distant purple heather and the over-friendly ponies. We found a Gillett and Johnston restoration at Buckland-Monachorum, and these bells encouraged us to good striking.

Over the English border, the other side of the River Tamar, we were soon in Launceston and to the old church at St. Stephen's by Launceston. The excellent ancient bells go well.

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Society of Friends of the Exercise — Continued

Briefly, back to Devon we came to Werrington. The Vicar, although surprised, because we appeared to be an hour early, was happy to welcome us, and his very good Taylor octave soon rang out. Back in Launceston we rang at St. Mary's, with a tower which was once a watch tower and a slaughterhouse. The final tower of the tour was at Lifton, Devon. The bells here are by W. & J. Taylor, of Oxford, cast in 1827, and they are quite good. We retired to the local inn and whilst quenching our thirsts began to think about the next tour, due in October, and then the Whitsun affair for next year.

It was a memorable week, full of fun, with lots of fine bells and magnificent scenery. We rang at 37 towers during the week and we believe that the identities of the folk taking part, and the few methods rung, are better left to the imagination.

Our thanks are due to all the incumbents for their kind permission to ring, and to the many tower captains and local ringers who turned out to give us a friendly greeting. Last, but not least, we need to remember the kind people of East Budleigh with whom we stayed, and our slave, the organiser. Thank you, Cyril. TUNING FORK.

Oldest member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association is Mr. J. E. R. Kean, who has completed 64 years' membership. His 79th birthday was honoured by a quarter on Newcastle Cathedral bells. Mr. Kean still occasionally joins in the service ringing and conducts his favourite method (Stedman) in his extremely loud voice.

FORTY-FOUR YEARS AFTER

Additional memories of the longest peal on handbells, 19,738 of Stedman Caters, rung at Guildford 44 years ago and featured in our issue of August 31st, are provided by the conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling. He writes:

'The five chairs are still somewhere in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, with a piece cut off the back legs to allow the ringers to lie back. Mr. Alfred Winch, after the peal, walked back to Leatherhead (12 miles) and returned to Guildford next morning to ring for service, and for a photograph of the ringers and umpires to be taken.

'Arthur Shepherd rang for five and a half hours without a misblow. Frank Blondell maintained a wonderful beat on 9-10 throughout the peal.

'The only trip in the peal occurred 12 courses from home, and after a word or two the band soon settled down.

'The next morning the late Mr. Goldsmith asked Mrs. Pulling if the conductor could sleep after the peal. She replied that it would take more than a peal to upset his sleep. He was snoring as soon as he got into bed. With such a lovely set of bells one could listen all day and never get tired.

'Of the ringers and umpires only five are living to-day.'

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On August 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Creed 1, G. Creed 2, D. A. Osborne 3, F. Andrews 4, H. C. Lintern 5, D. Tiley 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, A. Rapson 8. Rung in honour of the 84th birthday of Henry Milborne, a member of the local company.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Great Cheverell on September 1st, some 34 ringers attending, including visitors from Frome and Chippenham. The Guild service was taken by Canon Sexby, of West Lavington, who welcomed the ringers to Cheverill. The lesson was read by Sir C. C. Chitham.

Tea was served in the Parish Room and votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Canon Sexby for taking the service, to the lady organist and the young lady who worked the bellows.

Sir C. C. Chitham, in reply, said he hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves, including the tea, and he would be glad to see any ringers at Great Cheverell.

In the evening Erlestoke bells were available. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. S. C.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Dyffryn Church was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild on September 1st, and in spite of the small attendance it was a very good meeting—thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and those responsible for the excellent tea provided.

The church is high up on the side of the hill and the ring of six is always well worth a visit, and those who attended made good use of them before and after the meeting.

At the business meeting three new members and one honorary member were elected. It was proposed to hold the joint meeting at Aberavon, and this matter is to be discussed at the next Llandaff meeting, the date, etc., to be left for both secretaries to decide.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Behind the peal at Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, reported this week, there is the story of a great achievement. It was rung by the Sunday service band after much hard practice. Ten different 720's had been rung individually for services in preceding weeks, and in the end they achieved what for Mr. Proctor and Mr. Shaw has been almost a lifelong ambition.

Fifteen-year-old Terence L. Pendred, of Weston Favell, Northants, who recently rang his first quarter peal, has been bereaved by the sudden death of his father while on holiday. On the day of the funeral, August 31st, a quarter peal was rung at Weston Favell as an expression of sympathy of the ringers and many friends.

The 350th anniversary of the founding of the Paston School—Nelson's School— occurs on October 1st. It is proposed to attempt a peal in celebration of the event, and Old Pastonians who wish to be included should get in touch with Mr. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

There was one slip-up in the marriage of Mr. Kenneth Arthur and Miss M. Gibson—the 'Just Married' notice was deposited on the wrong car! Some people say that all modern cars look alike, but mistaking a blue Standard for a black Morris Minor seems hardly excusable!

In sending 10s. as a personal donation in respect of wedding fees, a Tonbridge ringer, who recently rang his first peal, writes: 'I cannot help feeling that the solution to the problem of finance can only be found on the lines of the article published in your issue of August 17th. We must face it, but most of us are not paying nearly enough for the privileges we enjoy.'

We regret to learn that Mr. Harry Wardle, a ringer and chorister of Markfield Church, Leicestershire, was fatally injured on a choir outing. To his memory a quarter peal of Treble Bob Minor was rung on the half-muffled bells on September 4th

On the 66th anniversary of his first peal at Erith, on August 30th, 1890, Mr. Isaac Emery, now 85, conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Eltham.

Our reference to 14-year-old Roland H. Cook, in this column on August 13th, was not correct. Of his 16 peals 12 have been rung 'inside.' The peal in question was his first in three methods of Minor 'inside.'

Mr. W. T. Cook, of 3, College Road, West Ealing, W.13, has been elected 'Ringing World' representative for the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Alan J. Butler, S.S.M., of Bournemouth, who was one of the founder members of the Society of Roving Ringers, will be ordained a deacon by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Newark, on September 23rd. He is a member of the House of the Sacred Mission, Kelham, and is to work in South Africa.

Fifty years after the belfry of All Saints' Church, Stanton, tumbled down in a night storm it is being rebuilt. The original stones and flints, which have been piled in the Rectory garden since 1906, are being used. Unfortunately insufficient money is forthcoming to rehang the four bells. For years parishioners have been summoned to church by the chiming of a bell hung in the cleft of a tree, and more recently from a steel tripod in the churchyard.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Enjoyable Meeting at Ealing

A very enjoyable meeting was held on August 18th at St. Mary's, Ealing, some 30 members and friends attending. Ringing under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. C. Price), assisted by the Deputy Master (Mr. R. F. B. Speed), ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major, a notable feature being the excellent example of striking by Mr. A. Richardson, a blind ringer from Finchley, and many were the ringers who offered him congratulations.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a most interesting address which was much enjoyed.

At the business meeting a helpful discussion took place on 'The Ringing World.' The importance of every district having its own representative was stressed, and the meeting was unanimous that a representative should be elected for them, the South and West District, without delay. The District was most fortunate in having once again as a resident that enthusiastic young ringer and organiser, Mr. W. T. Cook, who most willingly accepted this important post, to the great satisfaction of all concerned, including the convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee, to whom the meeting accorded a very hearty welcome.

Among the visitors were Mr. M. J. Barker, of Derby, and Mr. Chandler, of Cheriton, Folkestone. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and that Middlesex veteran, Mr. A. Harding, for their efforts towards a very successful meeting. F. A. F.

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL

The ninth annual gathering of members of the neighbouring districts of the Guildford, Winchester and Portsmouth and Oxford Diocesan Guilds, together with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, was held on September 1st at Wokingham.

It was pleasing to see a rather greater number of Basingstoke District ringers than usual, while, as is now usual, the Guildford Guild provided the largest contingent. Visitors were present from Oxford, Ealing, Hughendon, Shiplake, etc., etc., making a grand total of 135.

Ringing commenced at Sandhurst and Finchampstead at 2.30, and the Wokingham towers at 3.30.

The service was conducted in St. Paul's Church by the Rector, the Ven. Thorndike Shaw, chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Britnell, of St. Sebastian's, Wokingham, himself a ringer. Tea followed at the Waterloo Restaurant in the market place, and before the company dispersed, the chairman passed the usual votes of thanks, and welcomed everyone once again to the Sonning Deanery. Mr. Chesterman and Mr. Denyer replied.

In the evening the towers of Arborfield, Binfield, Hurst, Sandhurst and Wokingham were open, and good use was made of all these bells until nearly 9 p.m.

Three coachloads of Guildford Guild members then departed, while others travelled by car and cycle. And so ended, despite unsettled weather, another meeting of old friends and many new ones.

It was nice that Michael Thomas was home from Southampton to take part in a peal which had been arranged at his home tower, St. Gluvias, Cornwall. He was an able substitute for Douglas Burnett, who was busy harvesting, and shows he has learned much ringing since he has been away. Yet another Cornish native returned to ring his first peal of Grandsire.

WEDDING

MR. KENNETH ARTHUR — MISS MARGARET GIBSON

The wedding of two well-known members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. Kenneth Arthur and Miss Margaret Gibson, was solemnised at the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, on August 29th. The service was choral.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of stiff white brocade with short veil and a headdress of lace and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white stephanotis. She was attended by Miss Olwyn Smith and Miss Mary Charters as bridesmaids, who wore off-the-shoulder dresses of mauve nylon organza. The best man was Mr. J. C. Hampton, and Mr. G. S. Deas was groomsman.

The large congregation included many ringers, especially those of the Fenham and South Shields belfries, to which the bride and bridegroom belonged. The bells rang out as the happy couple left the church, while other ringers formed a guard of honour.

The reception was held at the Gordon Hotel, and while the cake, surmounted by Cupid and bells, was cut, four of the ringers rang a course of Stedman Triples on handbells.

The honeymoon was spent motoring. The bride travelled in a grey suit with a green and white straw hat.

Unfortunately no peal could be attempted on Fenham or South Shields bells on this occasion but a peal of Double Norwich was rung at St. John's, Newcastle, on the following evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, which attracted an attendance of 40, was held at Cudham, by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. E. Burgess, despite very short notice and his own enforced absence from Cudham on the selected day.

Ringing during the afternoon, directed by Miss M. Andrews (Bexley), preceded the service in church, conducted by the Rev. E. W. E. Fraser, Vicar of the neighbouring village of Downe. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford), and Mr. G. Hurrell, a ringer at St. John's, Eltham, was the organist.

After tea the business meeting was held, with Mr. E. A. Barnett as a very able chairman. Two ringers were elected members of the Association, and the election of one practising member was ratified

Bromley was chosen as the place of the annual District meeting to be held on Saturday, November 3rd. It was decided to hold a practice meeting at Beckenham on September 8th.

Mr. J. Dafters, Lewisham, informed the meeting of the passing of Mr. H. Brasher, of Lee, a member of 40 years' standing, and paid a sincere tribute to his memory, recalling his many years' faithful service at St. Margaret's Church.

The chairman and Mr. I. Emery referred to the passing of Mr. E. Alexander Young. The members remembered both these gentlemen in the traditional manner.

Mention was then made of the Bow Bells Fund Appeal and it was resolved to invite all towers in the District to contribute before the date of the annual District meeting.

Cordial votes of thanks to the Vicar of Cudham, the Vicar of Downe and Mr. Hurrell concluded the business session. Further ringing followed to end an enjoyable occasion.

TIME HEALS ALL WOUNDS

Every king has his fool, and that is, no doubt, why I was invited to go on a week's ringing tour in the Midlands. Certainly only a fool would have cycled 260 miles in a week of this rain-drenched August. Like the mediæval fool, I contributed greatly to the morale of the party for, whenever anyone made some *faux pas*, a glance at my appalling mishaps would be enough to remind him (for no woman would make a *faux pas*) how much worse a mistake he could have made. But it is possibly true that my bicycle was yet more important. Most cycles have two wheels, both circular and neither wobbling. My cycle has two wheels, the rear one only wobbles half an inch and is almost circular; the front wheel moves (I think it was run over by a bus) about two inches from side to side and I need a large basket in front to prevent me seeing it, lest I fall off in fright.

Actually I only fell off twice; once when I cycled into the kerb amid riotous applause, the other time when we were taking a 'short cut' which saved 800 yards and added ten minutes. (Apart from delays when we got lost and lifted our cycles over enormous gates only to find we had to lift them back again.) There was a ford, I remember, and a stony track which I alone took in my stride (I'm used to bumpy progress)—or did I? I fell off!

But John cycled into a ditch. How seldom is this cliché accurate. But it was on our trip. He was cycling on an overgrown verge when the ground gave way before him and he found his cycle in the ditch.

STAY BREAKER

Our ringing, too, was well down to the worst standards. Our Stedman Triples had the tenor usually between 7½th place and 8½th place and never below sixth place. And at one six, misspelt as Sleepy, there was the despairing cry in Grandsire Doubles, 'Cut at hand under the tenor and lead.' And our best ringer (who conducted about 20 peals last year) broke a stay. 'All your own work,' we graciously said; but a modest man, he insisted on crediting us with giving a lot of help. But apart from these efforts to emulate leading ringers, there was that poor six where we had been adjured to remember that we were 'Guild members and to behave with suitable decorum.' As we rang down the conductor called: 'Get this right or we'll ring them up again; catch in Tittums.' The treble sounded; the fourth sounded: I was on the second and gave a mighty heave and ended flat on my face while everyone else roared with laughter. It was fortunate that the vicar was not present to comment on our decorum. And by the time we'd spliced the rope together there wasn't time to repeat the raise and fall—or wasn't there sufficient faith in the splice?

We usually have a tower-grabber (see 'R.W.', 10th August, 1956) but he was unable to come. So we felt a glow of pride when after a fruitless search for entry to an abominable five, one of us picked the lock. It was a great disappointment when he admitted that he had merely found the key.

On the strength of an erroneous article in the local press, which suggested that we had an octogenarian cycling round with us, we were invited to several cups of tea. Alas, he went by bus, and had to miss half the towers and all the ones that gave us tea.

But if we didn't deserve the kindness shown to us, we are still profoundly grateful. I dare not mention names as I do not suppose that many of those we met would care to be coupled with us in print. Still, time heals all wounds.

OXON.

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

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PART I. — 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION III (First Session)

INTRODUCTION TO THE BELFRY

24. **Preparation.** — The tutor-in-charge will have the ringing chamber tidied up, and if it is spacious, will have chairs or other seating adequate for the number of pupils expected. A blackboard and chalk and duster are necessary, also an octave of handbells, or some means of sounding notes, such as even a toy 'dulcimer,' with a 'tapper.' For use of handbells a broom handle across two chairbacks forms a support on which to hang them in order of the notes of the scale. Up to four pieces of old bell-rope are required, each about 18 inches in length, colloquially known as 'rat-tails,' and used as dummy ropes' ends. Bells will be silenced for the second and some subsequent sessions up to the number of groups of five pupils (or part of five). E.g., for 12 pupils three bells would be silenced, and they would work in three teams or groups of four each. A competent ringer is required as assistant, even for a single working group, though a capable tutor can manage without such help. Where the class is larger than five a student-tutor (or other tutor) is essential, to prevent the work becoming too arduous. A model bell, mounted for 'ringing,' is invaluable, though not essential. (Q T)

25. **Papers.**—The tutor-in-charge will require copies of Forms 1 and 2 (information and enrolment) to the number of students joining, and a copy of Form 3, also one of the Manual of Training, Part I. The Form 3—Course Register—will have been headed up and partly completed with names and sent out by the Registrar when the Course was arranged; but the tutor will complete the names of any not entered, at the close of the first session, when students make their final decision to join. The course register will be marked at the close of each session. (Q T)

26. **Opening.**—(S) In welcoming those present to the opening of this College course, explain that as the belfry is part of the church it demands the same principles of conduct and conversation as anywhere within a church; and that meetings in the belfry for the purpose of performing what is part of the service of the church are aptly preceded by the Belfry Office—a short prayer offered by one of the clergy, if present, otherwise by the leader or senior ringer present.

27. **The two 'Chambers.'**—(S) Explain that the belfry proper comprises two chambers—the one in which the course is met, known as 'the ringing chamber,' and one above, in which the bells are installed, known as 'the bell chamber.' Direct attention to the number of ropes seen hanging through the ceiling, indicating the number of bells installed, and refer to varying numbers of rings of bells, and typical weights. (Q)

28. **The Art of Change Ringing.**—(S) Refer to the previous 'viewing.' by the class, of change ringing in progress. (It is assumed that in most cases there will have been such a preview; but if not, state that the action is about to be demonstrated.) State that change ringing, or the sounding of the bells in different orders, according to various methods,' by swinging them over and over, is a peculiarly British art, dating from the early part of the 17th century (Q). It is enjoyed by persons of both sexes, of all ages, from all walks of life, and provides stimulating mental and physical recreation. (Q)

29. **Time to learn.**—(S) One of the joys of ringing is that there is always something more to be learnt about it. But with reasonable attention to good instruction, bell control and the elements of change ringing can be acquired in about eight to ten sessions. (Q)

30. **Three ways of sounding bells.** — (S) Write on blackboard: 1—Clocking. 2—Chiming. 3—Ringing. Proceed to distinguish between them. In clocking a hammer is pulled by a rope or cable to hit against the 'lip' of the bell; for example, as in the clock-chimes. (D) Point out the cable on the wall and the stud over which the end loop is pulled when the chimes are put out of action. The carillon is similar in action; so is the 'chiming apparatus.' (If one is installed, show it.) (N.B.—Now pull off the clock hammers.) (Q) (D) In chiming, the bell is pulled gently so as to swing through a narrow arc, with its clapper bouncing against the inside of the lip. Demonstrate with a tower bell (not silenced) for two or three blows: also with model bell, if one available. (Q) (If not, swing handbell slightly to show.)

31. **The action of ringing.**—(S) (D) Do not explain more at this stage than the action as being one of continuously exaggerating the motion of chiming, until the bell is eventually swinging through the maximum arc of 360 degrees, and vibrating with a fiercer blow at each stroke, producing greater resonance and volume of sound. Raise (open bell, if permissible), ring a few strokes, then set. (Q)

32. **Bells 'raised' or 'up.'**—(S) State that bell is now resting mouth upwards in the inverted position, against a 'stay' provided for the purpose. That it could now be 'rung' continuously by a nicely-judged pull, which brings it off its balance and sends it up to balance the other 'way.' If a model bell is at hand, use it to demonstrate this. (D) If not, use a handbell to show the general idea, and state that the real thing will be seen soon, in the bell chamber above. Point out the danger of pulling on a rope if unaware that the bell is 'up' or 'raised' in this way. (Q)

33. **Rope motion in 'ringing.'** — (S and D) Refer to the peculiar rope motion and explain that a large wheel attached to the bell to provide leverage for 'ringing,' winds the rope round it, thus drawing the rope right up. Illustrate on the model bell if present. State that the peculiar dancing motion will be explained later. (Q)

34. **Visit to the bell chamber.** — (S) Interest can now be further stimulated, in towers where the bell chamber can be visited, by announcing that the bells are now to be seen in their setting, with one in action. Warn students to move and stand only precisely as directed, to hold on securely to hand-rails or hand-ropes in going up and down the stepways; not to attempt or touch the bells or ropes, or put hands through the framework, and to 'mind the head' as they go. (Q T) Arrange for the assistant to ring the one bell that is now 'up' by the following signs on the rope of an adjacent bell: (A) Rope raised and lowered a few feet two or three times—assistant to ease bell on to point of balance and hold it for a few seconds, then pull off and hold it on point of balance for a few seconds the other way; then repeat both strokes as before for about three whole pulls, then stand. (B) Adjacent rope raised and lowered in short, quick jerks—assistant to lower the bell. (No other bells to be up.) Now **lead** the way up to the bell chamber, students following. (Q T)

35. **Observation positions.** — (S) Some bell chambers, having an observation platform, render the visit easy and safe. But in those without a platform, the tutor must exercise his judgment as to the wisdom of a visit at all. This should only be held, of course, if it is reasonably easy to reach standing positions at frame level without risk of injury by slipping or falling. Unless the way is well lighted throughout, a torch or torches must be carried. Ensure that all students are in position for observing and settled before starting the demonstration. The raised bell should be 'remote.' (Q T)

36. **Bell hanging.**—(D) Direct attention to the way the bells are 'hung' from 'stocks,' fitted with 'gudgeons' at the ends, in 'pits' in the frame. Note the large wheel, supplying the leverage for the pulling. Observe the fillet-hole through which passes the rope tied to the spokes. Note the pulley below the sheave of the wheel, round which the rope passes when the large wheen turns and brings the fillet-hole past the pulley. Try to elicit by questions that this is the cause of the 'dancing' of the rope, as recently observed in the ringing chamber below. Point out the 'stay' and explain its engagement under the bell-position, when the bell is inverted, with 'slider' or 'stop,' enabling the bell to be 'set.' (Q)

37. **Raised bell at the 'set.'**—(D) Now direct attention to the bell that is actually set, and explain its position by reference to top-dead-centre position showing that it is 'just over' the balance. Elicit by questions that the comparatively slender stay could hardly withstand the force of the bell's momentum as it came up to that position unless the momentum had already been 'killed' by braking action on the rope. (Q)

38. **Danger of Breaking Stay.**—(S) In other words explain that just sufficient pull is required as will bring the bell up to, or almost up to, the point of balance only, so that the degree of energy expended on the braking action is a minimum. (Q) Otherwise, either the stay will be broken off (with dire results unless the rope is at once released!) or else the ringer will tire out with with needless strong effort in braking. (Q)

39. **Clapper 'Wrong.'** — (D) Take opportunity at this juncture to observe position of clapper lying (if right!) on the 'over' or 'lead-

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ing' side of the lip of the bell at rest. Explain that if the bell has been properly 'raised' the clapper 'runs ahead of' the motion of the bell as it comes up to the point of balance, and strikes it on the leading side, coming to rest as seen. If improperly raised the clapper rests on the 'trailing' or 'after' side of the bell in this position; and not only makes the bell 'strike false.' i.e., out of correct time, but may render it difficult to set in some cases. (Remedy against this to be demonstrated later.) (Q)

40. **Observing a bell rung.**—(S) Explain that signals are now to be given to assistant in ringing chamber to ring several strokes and then set the bell again. Give the prearranged signal—'A.' (D) Direct attention to the slow movement as the bell comes off the stay on to the point of balance, before swinging off and round up to the balance point on the other side. Notice how the ringer is holding it on the point of balance. now, and not setting it on the stay. (Q)

41. **Arrangement of bells.** — (S) When bell comes to rest, explain that on the given signal the assistant will 'lower' it. (D) But first point out the arrangement of all the bells in the frame. Some hung to swing in one direction and others in a direction at right-angles to it. Explain that this is to aim at cancelling out the thrust forces, to some extent, on the tower walls, which forces are considerable. Recall the weights given when in the ringing chamber; and point out the tenor or heaviest bell, and give its weight, also the treble or lightest bell, with its weight. Hence deduce why, when a stay breaks, a ringer can be hurtled upwards unless he releases the rope. (Give signal—'B.') (Q)

42. **Observing bell lowered.** — Direct attention to the gradually reduced arc of swing. (D) Note the way in which the direction of rope movement is reversed as the fillet hole in the wheel passes the pulley below it, thus making the rope 'dance' to an observer in the ringing chamber. Note how the volume of sound falls off as the bell comes to the chiming only action, and finally stops, hanging in its normal 'mouth downward' position. (Q)

43. **Silencing a bell.**—(S) Finally explain that for their early tuition the students will have their bells 'silenced'; in other words the clappers will be tied or stayed so that they cannot strike the bells. thus avoiding disturbance. Recall that chiming hammers were 'pulled off' before the ringing and elicit the reason for that other kind of 'silencing'; i.e., to prevent danger to the hammer and the bell that would otherwise ensue. (Q)

44. **Return to the Ringing Chamber.** — (S) Instruct the party to observe the same care in returning to the ringing chamber that was taken in coming up to the bells. Depute a responsible member of the party to lead the way down and remain until last to replace traps, put out lights, etc. (Q T)

45. **Alternatives.**—(D) In towers where it is not possible to take a party to view the bells, make use of the model bell for the detail of Articles 36 to 43 inclusive. But if no model bell is available, the best use possible must be made of pictures of how a bell is hung (e.g., as in Snowdon's 'Ropesight.' chapter I), and of sketches on the blackboard, and of a handbell held in various positions of the ringing motion. (Q T)

46. **Bell ropes and arrangement.**—(S) Having now some idea of how a bell is mounted and functions, and of what 'ringing' means, the student must examine arrangements at the rope of the bell. (D) Observe the ropes coming through the fillet holes in the ceiling, and, if the ceiling be a high one with rope-guides present, note the purpose of such guides, i.e., to steady the rising and falling of the ropes. Note the arrangement of ropes in a 'circle,' so that normally the ringers may stand facing inwards and see all ropes uninterruptedly. (Precise way of standing to be detailed later.) Note that if each rope be regarded as over a spot on the floor, those spots, from the rope of the highest note-bell (Treble) to the lowest note-bell (Tenor) run round clockwise. In some towers the arrangement is anti-clockwise, though this is rare. (Q)

47. **Sally and Rope's end.**—(S) Note that the end of the rope is either hooked up (on wall or on central pulley block), or else it is tied up on the rope itself. (D) From this, point out that the rope's end should never be allowed to drop on to the floor, where dust will soil the rope and the hands, and make ringing less pleasant thereby. (Urge students not to follow examples of ringers who drop ropes, either when untying or when finishing 'lowering,' as this is, strictly, bad practice.) Ropes' ends can be 'untwisted' without dropping! Note the coloured, tufted length at head height and above, called the 'sally.' Remark that in some few districts a similar, shorter tufting may be found at the rope's end; though generally this is not considered practicable owing to the varying heights of ringers and their reaches. (Q)

48. **Rope-tie.** — (S) Draw attention to the 'tuck-back' at the rope's end, and show that by altering the tuck the length of the rope can be varied to suit the reach of the ringer. (D) Then demonstrate the rope-tie, slowly and deliberately, two or three times. (Ex. 1.) Now create fresh interest by having pupils out, four at a time, one to each rope, standing as to ring, and trying to make the rope-tie. Check each in turn. (Q)

49. **Feel of the bell.** — (S) When the first group of four have finished attempts at rope-tying, explain that each student will now have the opportunity to 'feel' the bell, by *chiming* it. (The clock hammers are still 'off.') (D) Demonstrate the grip on the sally and the slight swing and check. Strike the bell not more than three times and instruct the students to follow suit. (Ex. 2.) If more than four in the class, the next group of four (or less) follow on. Those waiting, watch. (Q)

50. **Striking and Listening.**—(S) Direct attention to the sounding or 'striking' of the bells, as heard in Ex. 2, when no care was being taken to sound them in any order. Stress that from the start the would-be ringer must concentrate on listening carefully to the sound of his bell and then manipulate it so that it sounds precisely in its allotted place among the other bells. That this applies in chiming, of course, but more especially in ringing proper; where the time interval between the sound of one bell and the bell next-but-one away from it may be so short that the ringer must strike his own to within one-quarter of a second's precision! Only the co-ordination of ear and muscle can achieve this. So that one of the early essentials is tone recognition—or recognising the sound of one's own bell amongst the others. Exercises in this will follow. (Q)

(Note.—Clock chimes should now be put on again.)

51. **Questions.** — (S) In closing this section dealing with the Introduction to the Belfry, it should be noted that this is virtually the first session or lesson of the Course. The matter and arrangement in this, as in the succeeding sections, of this Course in Part I of the Manual is to be followed as entered, for experience has shown that such is productive of better results in the long run. The assumption here is that the class comprises from, say, 8 to 20 students, and the time the included matter will occupy is about 70 to 90 minutes for such numbers. The item of questions is routine for the closing of each session. If questions are slow in coming from the students, ask them questions to stimulate thought on what has been happening. (Q T)

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52. **Exhortation.**—(S) At the end of this first session, the decision must be reached by each student as to whether he wishes to go through with the course. (Refer to Article 11.) If any wish to withdraw, and their names are already on the Register (Form 3) issued by the Registrar, such names should be struck off. Any students not already entered should have their names put in, and the register marked for the session. Remind students of the time of the next session, and state briefly what the subject matter will be. (Q T)

[Note: 'Q.' 'S.' and 'D.' were explained in Introduction.]

(To be continued)

LETTERS

HANDBELL RINGING AT SIX YEARS OF AGE

Dear Sir,—Whilst attending a meeting of the South Eastern Division of the Essex Association at Tollesbury, Essex, I couldn't help but think it a meeting more full of surprises than usual. First a peal board was dedicated, the treble ringer, R. Leavett, being the first Tollesbury ringer to ring a peal in his own tower. His son, aged six years, handles the second bell at tail stroke by standing on a pew, and, after the business meeting, he rang 1-2 'in hand' and his father 3-4-5-6 to three plain leads of Plain Bob Minor.

Neither I nor anyone else present at the meeting has seen a lad of six years old ringing handbells before, and when he had finished he looked round as if it was just a normal occurrence.

Also, this was the Association's first meeting at Tollesbury, with its ring of six bells (tenor 8 cwt.). As if this wasn't enough, it appears that funds being insufficient to purchase more handbells, R. Leavett has collected various-tuned shop doorbells and made some **very nice-toned handbells** from them.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon. Essex.

EXETER CATHEDRAL PRACTICE

Dear Sir,—I am unable to answer the Exeter Cathedral ringer's query ('Belfry Gossip,' August 31st) regarding the number present at a practice, but merely wish to endorse the fact he states.

I, as a visitor, was present at the practice he refers to, and I made the number present 65. I have never seen so many people at an ordinary local practice—indeed it was an encouraging and heart-warming sight for any ringer to see so many of his friends gathered from far and wide, quite by accident. I knew about 35 of those present.

Who said bellringing was a dying art? —Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Sonning Common, Berks.

THE BRIGHTON BROADCAST

Readers who were tele-viewing the B.B.C. transmission of the Trades Union Congress service at Brighton on September 2nd may have wondered why they heard only rounds during the six or seven minutes the bells were on the air. Fifty-six minutes were allowed for the quarter peal in the hope that listeners would hear the bells coming home. However, the bells came round in 52 minutes, and as the B.B.C. were running about three minutes behind schedule, listeners were robbed of this opportunity. Mr. A. W. Bond, hon. secretary of St. Peter's Bellringers, Brighton, assures us that it was a well-struck quarter peal.

THE BEAUTY OF THE BELLS

(CHURCH BELLS — THEIR USES AND ABUSES)

By The Rev. C. C. J. BUTLIN

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Campanologists sometimes measure achievements by the amount of metal swung during bell-ringing contests. In other words, weight of metal counts as well as length of time and number of changes. Thus it has been estimated that in the case of one peal of 21,363 changes 65,000 tons of metal were displaced. The previous record-holders, however, with 18,027 changes, displaced no less than 135,000 tons of metal, *twice* the weight of the other peal.

It may be realised, therefore, that a bell-tower is subject to strain, owing to the variant forces brought into play by the swinging mass of metal. A mathematician has calculated that a bell weighing 1,378 lb. and having a total revolving weight of 1,652 lb. acquires a maximum horizontal power of 2,875 lb. and a maximum vertical power of 5,424 lb.

It has been computed that bell-frames should be so constructed so as to support four times the weight of the bells. Architects have been advised that they should make certain that church towers can withstand twice the weight of all the bells taken as an horizontal thrust, and that unless these directions are carefully observed the resulting forces 'might prove destructive of any but the most massive tower.' This fact may have influenced some people to build detached bell-towers.

Sometimes disaster comes with terrible suddenness. Of such an occasion *The Manchester Guardian* reported as follows: 'On Sunday [February 11th, 1810] while the ringers were ringing for morning service [at St. Nicholas', Liverpool] a stone fell upon the fifth bell and stopped it in its course. The ringing chamber being on the ground floor, the ringers took heed of the warning and escaped. The next moment the whole of the spire and part of the tower fell with a crash, 22 persons being killed instantly.'

Sometimes it is the ringers or some standing near them who suffer injury. A bell may be pulled too vigorously and then possibly a broken stay is the result, together with the hauling up of the ringer to the ceiling. In Doncaster, for example, a man was killed in that way. Another fatality occurred when a boy was entwined and caught up by the moving bell-rope. There are several other recorded accidents of a similar nature, proving the truth of the old adage:

'All you that do intend to ring
You undertake a dangerous thing.'

CHIMES

It seems feasible that it was to save manpower that church bells were first chimed by machinery. It is not possible to state when chimes first came into use. It seems clear, however, that some form of chiming apparatus, perhaps used for marking the hours, has been used for hundreds of years. The records of Norwich Cathedral reveal that in 1432 Richard Roper was paid 20 pence for mending its 'chymes.'

We find in the parish registers of the 15th and 16th centuries a number of references to chimes. In 1600, for instance, a part of the Feofee money was expended on the chimes at Wellingborough Parish Church, Northants. The official entry reads as follows:

'Also we apoynte for the newe chymes in the church (and other charges about the church) so that the same be sett in notes after the best manner of a tune, discreetly to be considered upon and amended upon from the foolish tune now in use .. .. £4 0 0.'

Wells Cathedral is but one of those which have figures for striking the hours. Two of these use their battleaxes to announce the quarters on two bells.

The most familiar chimes to-day are probably those once known as the 'Cambridge Quarters.' These were composed by the noted musician, Crotch, and installed at St. Mary's, Cambridge. In 1860 they were first used at the Houses of Parliament, becoming known in time as the 'Westminster Chimes.'

Electrical mechanism for ringing church bells is common in Europe and America. A number of cathedrals (including Sens and Notre Dame) and hundreds of churches in France are fitted with a contrivance called the 'Autosonneur,' a French invention for ringing mechanically.

CARILLONS

The carillon has been popular for five centuries in the Low Countries. It is now increasing in favour in many other places and particularly in America. The carillon may consist of any number of bells (although it should be no less than 25) which are hung 'dead' and struck by hammers or clappers, either mechanically or from a keyboard. To Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, belongs the honour of possessing one of the largest and heaviest carillons in the world. This consists of 53 bells, cast in 1924 at Croydon, the largest bell weighing 20,720 lb. and having a diameter of 98 inches.

Our founders think an alloy of copper and tin, in the proportion 13:4, to be best suited to their purposes. Not always have these materials been used. Occasionally other and 'freak' materials have been used. Bells have been made of glass, silver, gold, steel, wrought-iron, cast-iron and tin, and even of wood.

Sometimes bells have been badly made, possibly through badly mixed alloy, through ill-shaped moulds, or by an oversight, or through ignorance. Some makers of bells followed another and more stable livelihood. One man (Danyell) who made bells was also a vintner; another, Richard de Wymbish, was a potter; while yet a third, Henry Jordan, was also a fishmonger. It was not unusual, centuries ago, for founders to be itinerant, picking up work as they travelled the country. We read of the notorious Darbie, for example, whose badly-made bells are scattered over a fair area of the country. The late Dr. Raven describes him as 'a rolling stone that gathered no moss.' It may be that having heard and groaned under some of these badly-made bells that Shakespeare wrote of

'Bells jangled, out of tune and harsh'
—*Hamlet*. Act III. Scene 1,

and more insistently in *Othello*:

'Silence that dreadful bell!'

Not the least of the art of the good bell-founder lies in the tuning of bells. A certain Laurence Huddleston is said to have spent a lot of time going to churches in and around Wiltshire, tuning the bells which he found inharmonious in tone. When a well-tuned bell is hit there is sounded in addition to the principal note (the 'strike-note') a series of natural harmonics. These latter, together with the strike-note, form a chord. It was recorded by *The Times* that when the late Dr. Stainer, the then organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, tested 'Great Paul' he found its note to be E flat, with the upper partials (or overtones) B flat, E flat and G being just audible, with the sonorous ground tone.

It may be said that there are two systems of tuning in vogue—the old standard system and the Simpson Principle. The first-named method is to tune to the natural harmonics of the strike-note with what is called the 'hum-note' a seventh below. The Simpson method tunes to a minor third, a perfect fifth, and an octave above the strike-note, with the hum-note an octave below. Experts still differ as to the relative merits of these two systems.

No method of tuning, however, will remedy the damage sometimes caused to bells. Irreparable harm, leading to eventual uselessness of the bells, comes about in various ways. It may be caused by neglect, by lack of protection from the elements, by defects in mechanism, by fire, by accidents to towers and so forth. Sometimes the cause is that known as 'clocking' or clappering of the bells.

EVILS OF 'CLOCKING'

The practice of 'clocking' the bells, which consists of causing the clapper to strike the bell hung 'dead,' cannot be too strongly condemned. The clapper, being momentarily held against the reverberating side of the bell, prevents the natural vibrations and frequently results in a badly cracked bell. An article in *The Encyclopædia Britannica* on 'Bells' states: 'The practice of "clocking" a bell, in which the clapper, by means of a cord attached to it and pulled from below, is allowed to swing against the bell at rest, is often employed to save trouble; but the jar is very likely to crack the bell. In ringing, or in true chiming, the bell is in motion when struck.' (p. 374.) The harmful effects of 'clocking' were remarked on as far back as the 16th century, as shown by the accounts of St. Laurence's, Reading:

'Whereas there was through the slothfulness of the Sexton in times past a kind of toling ye bell by ye clapper rope: yt was now forbidden and taken away: and that the bell should be toled as in times past and not in anni such idle sort.'

Similar detrimental effects of this practice have often been noticed. In his book, *Church Bells of Rutland*, Mr. North has a lamentable story to tell of a certain one-time peal: 'These bells are in a sad condition; the treble is struck by a rope being attached to the clapper; the second lies mouth upwards . . . its crown off, and a gaping crack up its side; the third is . . . cracked and the canons broken . . .' and so on through the melancholy list.

This practice of clappering or 'clocking' bells is not only reprehensible, but contrary to the usual custom of chiming or ringing them. In his admirable book, *Bells Through the Ages*, Mr. J. R. Nichols states: 'It is usual in most parts to sound a single bell for about five minutes *after the ringing*; sometimes the treble is used for this purpose, but more generally the tenor.' (p. 231.) Another passage reads: 'The object of the priest's bell is described in the inventory of 1552 of Ware, Herts, there being at that time "one lyttle bell to call for ye priest, clarke, or sexton, when they are absent".' Mr. Nichols comments: 'The present custom of tolling the tenor or treble *after ringing for service* may be a survival of the former practice.' (Added emphases.)

CHURCH CANONS

We have some evidence from the Canons of 1604 that the Church of England assumes that church bells will be rung or pealed (and *not* clappered). Canon 67, after referring to the death of a sick person, states: 'There shall be *rung* no more than *one short peal*, and one other before the burial, and one other after the burial.' (Added emphases.)

It is uncertain how far the Canons of 1604 are obligatory on the clergy, but it seems generally understood that they are binding on them, provided that they do not conflict with the prerogatives of the Crown or the Common or Statute Laws. Lord Hardwicke's judgment (in Middleton v. Crofts) that the said Canons do not *proprio vigore* bind the laity, might seem

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to imply, by inference, that they are in some degree binding on the clergy.

Whether obligatory to ring or not, at any rate most people will agree that it were better to ring than to clapper. The reason for this being that in clappering the note is checked and jarred, whereas in ringing one hears not only the principal clear note of the bell, but its undertones or particals blending with it, and following in a natural sequence. There is also present another note—termed the 'hum-note.' All this beauty and ecstasy of sound is sacrificed when the bells are hung 'dead' and clappered. There is truly no similarity between the unmusical, sullen sounds caused by striking a dead bell or bells, and the full, sonorous and harmonious tones evoked by swinging the bells. As one writer has put it: 'Ringing always implies that bells are swung: and it is only by that swinging that the grand full tone of a bell can be brought out.' (Rev. E. H. Ellacombe.) With this view *The Dictionary of Music and Musicians* (Groves) is in agreement. It tells of 'the method of obtaining the sound by swinging the bell till the clapper hits it (by which method alone the full sound can be elicited . . . .).'

Beyond question one of the most beautiful effects obtained by ringers is when church bells are 'raised in peal.' This is done by first the treble being slightly swung and sounded; then the treble and No. 2: next the treble, Nos. 2 and 3; and so on right through to the tenor, chiming softly to begin but increasing in volume until the bells are swinging fully and the rich resonant notes pealing forth. Similarly pleasant harmonious sounds are produced when, at the end of ringing, the process is reversed. The full tones are gradually diminished in volume till the return of the gentle chiming sounds. There is something exquisitely pleasant and moving in the beauty of the bells, not least when heard from a distance over the meadows.

(Concluded.)

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

On August 11th the monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at the Priory Church, Bridlington, at the invitation of Canon J. W. Lamb and the local ringers.

Some 26 members attended from Beverley Minster, Bridlington, Cottingham, Eastrington, Goole, Hessle, Hutton Cranswick, Patrington, Scarborough, Thorne, Ulceby and York. The fine ring of eight was raised and rung to methods from rounds to Stedman and Treble Bob.

The service in church at 4.15 p.m. was conducted by the Rector, Canon Lamb, who welcomed the Society in his address.

Tea was taken in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting with the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, in the chair. An apology for absence was received from the Rev. George Storer, chaplain to the Society, who, unfortunately, had been taken ill.

After the meeting members returned to the tower for further ringing until 8.45 p.m., bringing another successful meeting to a close.

Will the ringer who took the wrong raincoat and left his own in the coach of the East Grinstead and District Guild's outing last Saturday either return it to Mr. E. W. Giles, New Inn Cottage, Witherender Hill, Burwash, or to Mr. C. Bassett?

In connection with the peal ringing tour of Kent, Mr. David Hoare would like to thank Miss D. Colgate and Mr. Mark Lancefield for their great assistance in the arrangements.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana M. Gough 1, C. D. Linington (first 'inside') 2, Hazel N. Craven (first of Minor) 3, D. H. Paine 4, R. D. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Pam and Douglas Linington, who were married in this church.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Vardy 1, E. H. Amey (first of Minor 'inside') 2, D. Sweet 3, P. Cox 4, F. Locke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. North 1, Eileen M. T. Powell 2, Betty Stephenson 3, Ruth M. K. How 4, A. W. Bond 5, H. W. Woolven 6, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 7, F. Page 8, W. A. Riddington 9, J. Riddington 10. Rung for the Trades Union service of dedication, the preacher being the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Furmage 1, H. C. Pearce 2, R. C. Bucknall 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. L. Mills 1, S. J. Twitchett 2, D. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, C. Bower (first in method) 5, H. J. Millatt 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, R. Downing 8. Rung for Matins.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 19th at the Norman Tower, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, R. Stannard 3, G. Jennings 4, C. Stannard 5, R. Rose 6, K. Brown 7, W. Goodship 8, F. Bucke 9, A. H. Doel 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 9 and 10, aged 65 and 55 respectively.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Coles (cond.) 1, Barbara Thrush 2, G. Thrush 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Towles 5, F. C. Price 6. Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells, August 15th, 1943.

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 25th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, Enid Cave 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, A. J. Wallman 5, D. Towers 6, P. J. Coward 7, J. G. Nash 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Rawlings 1, P. Spice 2, B. Aldridge 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, E. B. Crowder 5, I. Emery (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, G. Hurrell 8. Especially arranged for the conductor (Mr. Emery, aged 85), this date being the 66th anniversary of his first peal at Erith on August 30th, 1890.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Roper, K. Williamson 2, F. Roper (cond.) 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Webb 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung for Evensong. E. Roper left the following day to join the Royal Air Force.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck (first of Caters) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. E. Cook 3, W. R. Read 4, B. Hunt 5, S. Proctor (cond.) 6, R. Chapman 7, J. Watson 8, J. Royce 9, D. A. Frith 10. For evening service.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob): W. E. Geary 1, E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, S. R. Gardner 4, V. Geary 5, D. Dodson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Harry Wardle, of Markfield, Leics, who was killed in a road accident on August 27th. He was a member of Markfield and an associate of Groby bellringers.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Daniels (first quarter, aged 14) 1, C. R. Lovett (cond.) 2, Brenda Freeman 3, J. Bennett 4, B. Downing 5, C. W. Pipe 6. For Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At S. Nicolas' Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Jennifer Young (first quarter) 1, Yvonne E. Eloie 2, Shelagh Collins 3, C. Hazelden 4, Ann M. Cox (first in two methods as cond.) 5, Joan K. Beazley (first of Doubles) 6. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John's Church, on Aug. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. R. Turley 1, T. G. Bannister 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, N. D. Robinson 5, J. B. Sansom 6, W. H. Coles 7, N. Genna 8, A. R. Price 9, J. Chilcott 10. First of Cambridge Royal for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. R. Gotham (first of Major) 1, Miss M. J. Skinner 2, A. R. Turley 3, N. D. Robinson (first as cond.) 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, T. G. Bannister 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, F. C. Price 8. For Evensong.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): B. Burrough (first quarter) 1, C. Hone 2, Miss V. Phillips 3, B. B. Dibben 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Southrepps, 360 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 520 Plain Bob): B. Burrough 1, Miss A. Wilson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips (cond.) 3, Miss V. Phillips 4, W. L. Weller 5.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On July 26th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Willard 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Woodruff 4, F. J. Plummer 5, C. F. Loke 6, W. Hughes 7, W. Ayre (cond.) 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Willard, parents of the treble ringer.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob): Mrs. Croall 1, Miss J. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, G. Wood 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor; also for the birthday of Miss Wallace.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. Nicholas' Cathedral, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Capey 1, W. Robson 2, J. Anderson 3, G. S. Deas 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, D. A. Bayles 6, E. P. Crowdy (cond.) 7, C. N. Lea 8. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. R. Keen.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. S. Humphrey 1, Miss M. Vantom (cond.) 2, Miss O. Boulden 3, S. J. Boulden 4, J. R. Cooper 5, R. Swift 6, D. Hodgson 7, A. L. Terry 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Hugh G. South, M.A., a former Vicar.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Bennett 1, Mrs. M. de Jong 2, Miss B. Johnson (first as cond.) 3, Miss M. Polkinghorne 4, Miss W. Pennal 5, Mrs. R. Smith 6. Rung by members of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild as a welcome to Judith Mary, daughter of the district vice-president (Mrs. H. L. Parfrey), born August 12th, 1956.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. G. Newman 4, D. Knox 5, F. J. Cook 6, D. Broyd 7, W. Seat 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): D. Edmonds (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Miss J. Hill 2, R. Baker 3, M. Bennett 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Eric Pendred, father of Terence Lionel Pendred, of the local band of ringers.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Weller (first quarter) 1, E. Stitch 2, Jill Fisher 3, C. Wallater 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, Mrs. G. W. Hughes 6.

OUTING

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE

This year the district chosen for the Silsoe ringers' and friends' outing on August 25th was the area around Maidstone. Leaving Silsoe at 7.30 a.m. we arrived a little behind time at the first tower, Farningham. This is a beautifully decorated church, with a pleasant ring of six (tenor about 10 cwt.). After a technical 'hitch' (literally) with a rope which hangs through to the ground floor for chiming, we put the bells to good use for the half-hour we had left. With some coffee to fortify us, we proceeded to Wrotham (8, tenor 21 cwt.). Ringing here included a course of Cambridge Major.

Very appropriately, we had an excellent lunch at the Pilgrim's Rest, Wrotham. Here our luck with the weather broke and we battled through a downpour to Boxley, a handy six (tenor 12½ cwt.). The ladies were well catered for at this tower, with Miss Steel in charge of the ringing.

After ringing at Bearstead (6, 12½ cwt.) we returned to Maidstone for tea. Fortunately we had nearly all finished an excellent salad when the appearance of a fire engine at the window precipitated us hurriedly into the street. But it was only a minor fire of some overdone kippers.

A fascinating church with an unusual entrance to the upstairs ringing chamber awaited us at St. Lawrence's, Mereworth. Here we were met by the local captain, and we rang the usual selection of Minor and Doubles. The fine eight at Tonbridge were next on the list—they were so pleasant outside that some of us were slow to ascend the tower to do our share of the work! At Sidcup we found a very attractive modern church with a light ring of six, where we rang College Exercise and Woodbine before setting out on the long journey home. Customary refreshment had been arranged at a pub the other side of London (Peter's forethought again!) and, apart from a man who had been knocked off his bicycle, but who was far from 'fatally injured' (he was energetically engaged in taking our names as witnesses!) we then concluded our uneventful journey home.

We should like to express our thanks to all incumbents and local ringers who contributed so readily to the success of the outing, and end on a congratulatory note, not without admiration, to the superb arrangements Peter Lawton had made in finding such pleasant bells and satisfying meals. Thank you, Silsoe!

S. B. I.

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SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Denise M. Besbrook (first quarter) 1, P. J. Barker (cond.) 2, Miss L. Butler 3, M. Mullard 4, H. Butler 5, H. Butler (sen.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss I. Richards, a former ringer at this tower, and Mr. J. W. Harley: also a 13th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

LATE NOTICE

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting, Rothwell, Sept. 22nd. Service 4.15. Names to Miss Rowe, 33, New Street, Rothwell, Northants. 8943

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

For their September meeting members visited the ancient Parish Church of St. Matthew, Walsall, on the 1st inst. The attendance was fairly good and ringing included rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Bristol, etc.

The Vicar and Rural Dean of Walsall, the Rev. Vernon S. Nicholls, welcomed the ringers to his church at a short service which was held in the choir stalls. The Vicar also expressed the wish that the Guild would pay another visit to Walsall in the near future.

Tea, which had been prepared by some of the local ringers, was served in the Church House. Following tea the business meeting was held. One new member, Elizabeth Yardley, of Handsworth, was elected. It is hoped that the next meeting will be held at Edgbaston on December 1st.

The warmest thanks of the District are due to the Vicar, Mr. E. Morgan (the organist) and the local ringers who prepared tea.

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges from July 6th, 1956

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BIRTH

NEAL SMITH.—To Joan, wife of D. J. Neal Smith, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., F.R.C.O., on Sept. 5th, 1956, a son, David. 8922

DEATH

PEARSON. — On Sept. 6th, 1956, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Ernest Cecil Pearson, aged 65. Late of Rosemary, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 8938

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Having been residing at Wickham, Hants, since their recent return from Ceylon, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hunt have now moved, their new address being 15, St. Michael's Grove, Fareham, Hants. 8911

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, a set of HANDBELLS, fully chromatic, bass bell middle C. A minimum of 18 bells required.—Write H. C. Williams, Greenfield, Balsall Common, near Coventry. 8844

WANTED.—One handbell, size 4 in G, to complete a set of eight. Please write, Miss M. Vantom, Skinner Road, Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent. 8930

FOR SALE

STEDMAN'S 'CAMPANOLOGIA,' 1677, cover needs repair, otherwise good condition. Also 1705 edition J.D. and C.M. Highest offer by Oct. 24th to Mrs. Young, 60, Lansdown Road, Bromley, accepted. 8934

PUBLICATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — Will all ringers coming to the University or Associated Colleges, as freshers, this October, please communicate with the Secretary: David Heighton, 113, St. Leonard's Road, Norwich. 8831

HANDBELL RINGING COMPETITION which was to have been held on Sept. 7th in connection with Hoarwithy-on-Wye Fair will now be held on Oct. 6th. The Fair was postponed because of outbreak of foot and mouth disease. Further entries can be accepted until Oct. 1st. Particulars from R. J. Holland, Prothither, Hoarwithy, Hereford. 8909

GUILD AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES are advised to save time and poundage by opening a credit account for their notices with Mr. J. E. Jeater ('Ringing World' accountant), Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum change). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby, Saturday, Sept. 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 8907

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Hunts District) and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Oundle Branch).—Joint meeting at Elton (5) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. E. Clarke and H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 8878

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.— J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8879

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey district. — Meeting, East Molesey, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Royal Cafe, Bridge Road, 5.15 p.m. 8863

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District. — Quarterly meeting. Bishop Castle, Saturday, Sept. 15th, 3 p.m. Please inform numbers for tea.—Thomas Davies, Sec., 20, Newport Street, Clun, Salop, 8867

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15th, Shepperton (5), 3 p.m. to 4.30. Sunbury 6 p.m. to 8. Cafe available at Sunbury for tea.—F. A. Finch. 8901

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Broadwindsor on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 8861

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting. St. Peter's, Dorchester, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec. 8882

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 15th, at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bakerloo or Met. to Harrow-on-the-Hill or Piccadilly Line to South Harrow, thence by bus. Good attendance, please; all very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 8785

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Griffin's Head. All names for tea to Mr. J. D. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 8849

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Limpsfield Chart and Limpsfield, Sept. 15th. Limpsfield Chart bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Carpenters Arms. Limpsfield Parish Church bells after tea. 8780

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham (8), Sept. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 8886

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting Madresfield (6), Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. F. Cubberley, Kempsey, near Worcester. 8895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Sept. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8839

CARLTON COLVILLE, Suffolk.—Rededication of the bells (5) recently rehung by Taylor, Thursday, Sept. 20th, at 7.30 p.m., by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Ringing after the service. All welcome. 8903

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Sept. 22nd, St. Margaret's, Barking, 4.30. Ship, Talbot Court, 6.30 p.m. 319th anniversary dinner, November 3rd. —A. B. Peck. 8928

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — 270th Anniversary. — Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (12) 2 p.m. Unveiling and dedication of Coronation tablet by the Archdeacon of Gloucester 4 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 5. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Sept. 17th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast Sunday, Sept. 23rd. Ringing at 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 8871

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Sept. 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 19th. **Please note change of date.**—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8931

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Church Broughton on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Own tea arrangements. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8920

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea, by Sept. 17th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 8854

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thrybergh (6) Sept. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 20th, to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. 8926

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Prestbury, September 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names by Sept. 18th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8927

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Sept. 22nd. Long Newnton 2 p.m. Service, Tetbury, 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.15. Bells 6 p.m. Names, please.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn. 8913

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. Goodchild, 2, Sunnyside Cottages, Guildford Road, Ash, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8915

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas, G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow, and oblige. 8902

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Barkway, Sept. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire Surprise. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8904

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3. Own tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8941

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna on Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) at 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names to reach me at 117, Church Lane, Anstey, by Sept. 18th. Tickets will be available for the Guild dinner. —W. A. Lacey, Dis. Sec. 8939

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sept. 22nd, Cosby (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. Narborough (6) 4. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Enderby (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. L. Rivers, 6, Stewart Avenue, Narborough. 8912

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Angel Inn at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Monday, Sept. 17th. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8883

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Grimsby District) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District).—Joint meeting, Bigby (6), Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Sept. 19th, to Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 8884

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Caldicot, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 8862

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 19th, to E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 8932

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Wantage, Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 18th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 8860

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice, Saturday, Sept. 22nd, Ellesborough, 3.15 p.m. Monks Risborough 5.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Risborough. Names to H. Jones, Coombe Cottage, Butler's Cross, near Aylesbury. 8937

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Roade on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. C. Cozens, 6, Grafton Road, Roade, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 8899

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Mansfield, Sept. 22nd. Start 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to M. I. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Notts. 8933

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Tunstall and Blaxhall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Ringing at Tunstall (6) 2.30 p.m. Blaxhall (6) after tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by Wednesday, Sept. 19th, to Mr. A. Ling, near Ship Inn, Blaxhall, Woodbridge.—A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec. 8918

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Sept. 22nd, Hellingly (6). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Thursday, Sept. 20th.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8929

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at North Mymms (8) on Sept. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8924

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex Division. — A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 26th, to Miss C. Matthews, 279, London Road, Bexhill.—Kathleen M. Yeo. 8905

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Business 6. Cups of tea provided. Members please attend.—Thornley, Sec. 8940

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough (8), Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 in British Legion Room. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 26th, to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8921

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Pentre, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 8916

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Halvergate, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 26th, certain, please, to Mr. T. W. De Ville, Halvergate, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Joint meeting with Oxford City Branch at Hanborough (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ringing at Bladon and Woodstock after tea. All welcome. Please notify for tea Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford, or T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxon. 8919

STEDMAN COMMEMORATION DINNER in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing: St. Benet's (6), 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary's (12), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; The R.C. (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m. Dinner in the Brunswick School Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, or District Secretaries. 8925

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ashtead, Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names to Mr. J. T. Symonds, please, by Sept. 26th.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8917

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A joint meeting with the Selby and District Society will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) recently rehung, 2 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8908

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—A welcome is extended to all ringers at the Abbey Church on Sunday, Sept. 30th. Bells from 1.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Vicarage Room after service.—H. Tooke. 8923

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner to be held in the Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 11s. 6d. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong; bells available afterwards. Dinner tickets strictly limited. Early application advised—stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 8906

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8910

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, still available from Hon. Secretary, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting at St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. 8897

5,088 CHESTER IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

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Rung at Chester on August 4th, 1956.

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LLANELLY, CARMS.—On Aug. 30th, at the Church of St. Ellyw, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, L. Hurren 2, S. V. Rees 3, C. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. Ballantine 5, D. Michael 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. W. T. Havard, Lord Bishop of St. David's.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. M. Haile 1, Miss J. Brown 2, G. McKay 3, Miss M. Simpson (first 'inside') 4, B. N. Cooper 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, T. McKay 7. For Evensong.

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A SUMMER SIX-BELL MEETING

AFTER a morning of wind and rain, some blue sky reappeared and brighter conditions prevailed when the writer set out to attend a meeting at a Surrey six-bell village not far from the Hampshire border. We all know meetings are capable of a wide range of variation, not only in the number of bells and methods available but also the number who attend the gathering, so it was speculation as to the attendance when ringing was limited to one tower with a light ring of six.

Arriving at the nearest railway station by train, the sound of bells could be heard over a mile away, and when the bus landed me near the village green, where a cricket match was in progress, one became aware of many beautiful gardens where lovely flowers bloomed in abundance, truly a wonderful sight to behold. In the churchyard there is a singular grave of granite where a famous explorer was buried in 1904. On entering the small church we found it tastefully decorated with flowers, especially the nave, and ringers, old and young, appreciated the beautiful effect it gave to a well cared for building which was rebuilt in the latter part of the 18th century.

The bells are all by T. Mears in 1822, and the tenor (11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.) tells us they were a gift that same year. In 1552 the number of bells recorded was four, yet the number in 1822 was three! Ringing is done from the ground floor at the west end and the writer heard several good touches in various methods in spite of a short delay caused by a broken rope.

The service was bright and enjoyable, due chiefly to a friendly approach by the clergyman and the hearty singing of ringers aided by the organ. We had a cordial, thoughtful address, free from any suggestion that our duties end by walking away when service time arrives! On the way to tea many greetings took place, and one introduction made was to a lady doctor who has taken up ringing in a six-bell tower in my own district. This is very encouraging, for the medical profession have never come to us in great numbers since the days of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, of Croydon. Ringers like a good tea, but in some places catering is difficult, and how the ladies produced endless supplies of tempting food at such a low price passes my comprehension; even the young lad at my table was beaten by the variety and quantity of food produced by smiling ladies who more than satisfied any appetite.

The short business meeting which followed did not produce any argument or discussion, but it was pleasing to note the quiet, efficient way the duties of secretary were carried out by one of the younger generation. A special feature in the combined vote of thanks was a request that the ladies, who carried out the tea portion of the programme so well, should be present to hear our appreciation, and the prolonged applause was certainly deserving. The local captain is a well-known figure throughout the Diocesan Guild, and he was quite his usual self in seeing everything worked smoothly in order to ensure a happy and successful gathering.

The writer has often wondered why some ringers attached to towers with more than six bells do not support six-bell meetings more, especially in these days when transport is much easier, and it is possible to put forth a number of reasons for inability to attend which are understood, but district officers like to feel they are being supported. In the district I visited for this meeting there was a good attendance with a wide range of ages. The fair sex were very much in evidence too, and it was gratifying to feel that such a large number of towers were recorded in the attendance book.

Six-bell meetings take place in hundreds of villages throughout the land, and the reader will notice that in this account the actual village is not mentioned, no date is given, neither are names and numbers present commented upon, but this is done in order to give readers who are unable to attend Saturday meetings some idea of the work which is being carried out in towers not possessing the octave.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
GILLIAN WILLIAMSON	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	NORMAN GOODMAN	10
*J. DESMOND PAINTER	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	6
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	2	*PETER NASH	7
*TOM CHAPMAN	3	‡J. MICHAEL LAKIN	8
†ROGER BALDWIN	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
†CEDRIC MURPHY	5	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters, and first peal of Caters as conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now twice 'circled the tower' to peals.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	7
HOWARD SCOTT	3	GORDON BENFIELD	8
WILLIAM BARTON	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Association.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5160 BEDFORD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ANN BARR	2	†DENNIS BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	8
JOAN BERESFORD	4	PETER BERESFORD	9
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method. First peal in the method in the county.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN	*Treble*	*†ALAN SYDER	6
NORMAN V. HARDING	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*RONALD SUCKLING	3	†TERRY EARLE	8
PETER J. EVES	4	‡WALTER ARNOLD	9
CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	5	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Caters. † 60th peal together. ‡ First of Caters 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the opening of the bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CORSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

ROGER O. FRY	*Treble*	ROBERT E. COLES	5
*MRS. MARGARET DE JONG	2	†MARY L. HANNAM	6
*SIDNEY G. KING	3	HAROLD L. PARFREY	7
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	4	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD L. PARFREY.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples, and on an 'inside' bell. First peal on eight bells as conductor.
Rung to welcome Judith Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Parfrey.

HUNSLET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*DOROTHY HOGG	*Treble*	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY	5
JOHN THORLEY	2	FRANK RAYMENT	6
JAMES THORLEY	3	IRVIN SLACK	7
ARNOLD COLE	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brenda Cole, daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD G. BELL	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	WALTER AYRE	6
D. KAY ADKINS	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
WALTER G. PAUL	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Shirley K. Ambler and Mr. Geoffrey W. Seaman, which took place in this church earlier in the day.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*ROSEMARY BRAY	*Treble*	‡DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
ROSEMARY JARRETT	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
†A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	SIDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'
Rung as a thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the church and bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
The conductor called the same peal in 1906, 50 years ago, and is also the only survivor of the band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. K. SNELLING	*Treble*	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	5
†STELLA HUGHES	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
G. RONALD EDWARDS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5096 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
PETER NEWING	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
JOHN S. BARNES	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells.
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GREAT TEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*GEOFFREY L. STEED	*Treble*	GEORGE A. TRENDELL	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	TERRY EARLE	6
JOHN WARNER	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
* First peal, aged 13 years

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAZEL J. COCKRILL	*Treble*	*DERRICK W. PARDON	5
†PERCY E. CROWE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MRS. H. F. CARTER	3	WALTER C. MEDLER	7
HANBURY F. CARTER	4	RAYMOND W. BALLS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

STELLA DAVIS	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*PETER R. SANDERS	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
*FRANK LEWIS	3	*HAROLD P. REED	7
*GEORGE DAVIS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. THORNLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*MONICA BARRETT	*Treble*	JOHN D. KAPE	5
ANTHONY E. COX	2	RICHARD E. DEAN	6
†ROY WOODRUFF	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
E. DENNIS POOLE	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal on eight bells, aged 13 years. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	2	HENRY O. BAKER	6
GEORGE F. SPERRING	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* 150th peal together. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd, now of Grimsby.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE REDWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN A. SMITH	5
†SHEILA DANIELS	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
JAMES E. DANIELS	4	EDWARD J. DOEL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples on tower bells. First peal of Triples as conductor.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 9, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
S. Biddleston's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ORRELL DAVIES	3	BRIAN N. COOPER	7
DEREK TAYLOR	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung to celebrate the 130th birthday of this Parish Church, and the second anniversary of the recasting of the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* 150th Surprise peal.
A wedding peal for Dennis and Sybil Knox.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court and Kent T.B., two 720's of Oxford T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER ELSEY	*Treble*	S. JOHN HAINES	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	FREDERICK C. ROPER	5
JOHN R. SMITH	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

LEONARD W. KING	*Treble*	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	2	WILLIAM M. MANN	5
ROBERT C. BUTTON	3	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the hanging of the bells in this tower. The exact date in 1756 is not known

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court; (2) Oxford Bob; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

*MICHAEL J. ROWE	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
ERIC NOBLES	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
PHILIP MEHEW	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

RALPH HARRIS	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung after the wedding of Hazel M. Corbett, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Corbett, both ringers at Elmley Castle, and also a niece of the Johnson family of Hinton-on-the-Green, to Mr. Anthony M. Langford, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Langford, London, N.W.6.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ELIZABETH YELD	*Treble*	†PHILIP N. TUBBS	4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
MICHAEL J. BEST	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 5 cwt.

ROY H. JONES	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	3
ALEC GAMMON	2	*MICHAEL J. HALLETT	4
VERNON GREEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK A. BARRETT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles for all except the ringer of the second.

Rung as a farewell to Vernon Green, who is leaving Oxford for Leicester.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANNE AMOR	*Treble*	ROBERT PIRON	4
*JENNIFER DAVIES	2	STEPHEN IVIN	5
JOHN B. LONG	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal. A birthday peal for John B. Long.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MARGARET S. RHODES	*Treble*	PETER DAWSON	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	DOUGLAS THORP	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	ROGER BALDWIN	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

First peal of London Minor on the bells, and by all the band, except the ringer of the third.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*PETER R. J. LESTER	*Treble*	‡LESLIE N. MELTON	4
†ROBERT E. LESTER	2	ALAN G. FEVER	5
ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal, aged 13. † 175th peal. ‡ First peal in three methods. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*MARGARET FORREST	*Treble*	†CYRIL LOW	4
†DOREEN DUTTON	2	*BRIAN ORMESHER	5
*ROGER GATTIS	3	RONALD KENRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Lester Gray.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

A. GEORGE CLARE	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
DAVID HOARE	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE	3	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one extent of Single Oxford Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

PAMELA CLARKE	*Treble*	PETER M. GILES	4
*RUTH A. CAREY	2	CHARLES W. TOWERS	5
BRIAN BUSWELL	3	†J. DAVID CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.' † First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 2, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
At 35, Brighton Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. Kathleen M. Knight	1—2	Robin G. Leale	3—4
Roger Baldwin	5—6		

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. A birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of 5-6.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 2, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
At 35, Brighton Avenue.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 29 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure; (2) Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Crayford Little Court, Cromer Alliance, Steventon Alliance, Tibenham Alliance; (3) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Little Bob, Walsingham Alliance, Lammas Alliance, Olney Alliance; (4) London Bob, Double Court, College Bob, Wavertree College, Lytham Bob; (5) Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob; (6) Harlington Alliance, Little Bob; (7) Single Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Bob, Plain Bob, with 104 changes of method. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. Kathleen M. Knight	1—2	Robin G. Leale	3—4
*Roger Baldwin	5—6		

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 50th peal for the Guild. Greatest number of methods rung to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Consisting of 1,248 Little Bob and 3,840 Plain Bob, with 263 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	Mrs. B. G. Warwick	7—8

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

A PEAL TOUR OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	Peter Border	7
William A. Theobald	3	Michael P. Moreton	8
John N. Diserens	4	Roger O. Fry	9
Alan F. Thirst	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

ORTON, WESTMORLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Aug. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Michael P. Moreton	*Treble*	Geoffrey F. Bryant	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Roger O. Fry	6
Donald G. Clift	3	Derek P. Jones	7
William A. Theobald	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
The first peal of Major in the method for the Association.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 21, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	6
Wilfred Williams	2	Peter Border	7
Michael P. Moreton	3	Derek P. Jones	8
Donald G. Clift	4	Roger O. Fry	9
John N. Diserens	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred F. Moreton.
The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal in the county, and first peal of Royal for the Association.

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Kentigern,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	William A. Theobald	5
*Geoffrey F. Bryant	2	Alan F. Thirst	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	John N. Diserens	7
Peter Border	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Association, and on the bells. The tenor man has now rung a peal of Surprise in each county in England and Wales, and is the first to do so.

HEN[illegible]INGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AN[illegible] NORTH WE[illegible]TMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Graham Mackay	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Alan F. Thirst	6
William A. Theobald	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Geoffrey F. Bryant	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
The first peal in the method, in the county, and for the Association.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton	5
John N. Diserens	2	Peter Border	6
Roger O. Fry	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, in the county, and for the Association.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	5
William A. Theobald	2	Derek P. Jones	6
Peter Border	3	Roger O. Fry	7
Geoffrey F. Bryant	4	Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Peter Border.
The first peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Roger O. Fry	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	5
Wilfred Williams	2	John N. Diserens	6
Geoffrey F. Bryant	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal in the method on the bells.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	John N. Diserens	6
Arthur H. Reed	2	Derek P. Jones	7
Michael P. Moreton	3	Peter Border	8
William A. Theobald	4	Roger O. Fry	9
Alan F. Thirst	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Association.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

NAILSEA

Nailsea ringers with 'supporters' (Backwell, Bridgwater, Clevedon, R.A.F. Locking and Clutton) had their annual outing on August 26th—the venue this year being Oxfordshire. The party set off (15-seater coach and an A 30) rather later than the time scheduled, just after a thunderstorm. This was, fortunately, not an ill omen for the rest of the trip, for no more rain of a serious nature was encountered before reaching Bristol on the homeward journey.

We travelled non-stop to the first tower—Bibury (6)—to ensure arriving on time, as we had been asked to ring for half an hour only, as the bells are apparently in great demand by visiting ringers. This village is 'in all the guide books of Gloucestershire' because of the famous Arlington Row—one gentleman in the party extolled on the more materialistic aspect of these residences! Hostelries are, unfortunately, in short supply in the district, and the coach driver went to some trouble to find somewhere suitable for us to 'eat our sandwiches' before going on to ring at Hatherop. We were met here by a local ringer and also two gentlemen from Kenya, who were temporarily residing near the church, and came to watch. We attempted a course of Oswald-twistle rather unsuccessfully and it was apparently blacklisted after this.

Our next call, and highlight of the outing, was to have been a ring on the six bells at Balscott Farm, and we were very disappointed that we couldn't go there because of the risk of foot and mouth infection. Mr. Jarvis, however, very kindly arranged for us to go to Wroxton (5, 13 cwt.) at short notice, and we rang a variety of Doubles methods including a very good 120 of Rugby Slow Course. Tea had previously been arranged at Wroxton, where afterwards an enthusiastic photographer in the party took a group photograph.

We arrived early at Swalcliffe (6, 13½ cwt.), a very fine ring which was rung to various methods including a good course of Cambridge. Two local ringers stood in for the fall. Churchill (6) was the last tower—they are trying to raise money for recasting one bell, rehanging and adding two trebles. Our unofficial guide (perhaps he should have been the courier!) informed us that the tower is a Victorian replica of Merton College, Oxford.

The homeward journey will be remembered for the cider barrel, the amount of vocal talent exhibited and a flashlight photograph taken in the coach. Incumbents and local captains will have been thanked already, but we should also like to thank Michael for his efficient (as ever) organisation. M. E. F.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

An enjoyable half-day's outing was spent on September 1st by Baldock and Norton ringers and their friends. First ringing was at the cruciform Norman church at Ickleton (8) with a sanctus bell outside the steeple. Leaving these springy ropes we drove to Saffron Walden. Time, already too short for this magnificent 12, was wasted while waiting for the key to arrive.

After tea we went to Finchingfield, where Evensong was said after a short touch. Ringing continued later on the light-set eight. Finally Great Bardfield was visited and some good ringing was enjoyed on this octave after a pleasant reunion with a former Rector of Baldock, the Rev. C. W. Alington.

Even though the weather was grey and it rained much of the time, everyone enjoyed the outing, and our thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. E. Buck, and to the incumbents and local people who made it possible. J. S.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE

On September 8th, in glorious sunshine, about 30 ringers and friends set out in high spirits, Painswick, of churchyard fame, being the first call. A brief ring on the grand 12 was necessary to keep to the timetable, and after a hilly journey we were soon enjoying the pleasant six at Cam (no relation to Charlie!). Before tea at Dursley the fine octave there were set going to various methods—what a pity the bells can only just be heard in the ringing chamber!

With easier timing after tea, Tetbury's eight, that encourage good ringing, were enjoyed by all. Somewhat harder work was required on the six at Avening, but these could be heard in no uncertain way. Ringing at Minchinhampton (6) ended another happy outing, thanks being due to the capable organisers and the kind folk welcoming us in such a friendly way at all the towers. Wychbold was reached at midnight. A. D. C.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A very enjoyable half-day was spent visiting towers in the Stroud Branch on September 8th. Ringing at Bisley, Minchinhampton, Avening, Stonchouse and Eastington included rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Bartholomew and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The non-ringers had a good look round the lovely churches. Tea was taken at Minchinhampton in the Market Hall. C. R.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

The annual outing took place on September 8th with a trip into East Kent. Wye was reached half-an-hour late and proved to be the best bells of the day. At Wickhambreaux one had to go into the pub to get a post card of the church, and how dry the company were!

Caters and Major were rung at St. Laurence, Thanet, and hopes of a quick getaway were spoiled by one nautical enthusiast. After a pleasant trip by the Viking ship and round St. Margaret's Bay, Ash was reached on time, only to find that we had been forgotten, and by the time that the key was found another half hour was lost. Some good ringing was had at Wingham, but most of the party were thinking of tea which followed—an excellent meal at the Dog Inn. Willesborough, the last tower of the day, provided a good raise and fall in peal, in between which some Cambridge and other Minor methods were rung, and after a struggle Double Court was brought round. Before the dash for home the local had to be visited, and at zero hour all the party were chased back to the coach. Tonbridge was reached at 9.45 p.m., and the question is: 'Did the four people catch their train?' Many thanks to tower captains and incumbents for a most enjoyable day. C. A. B.

An Exeter Golden Wedding

The bells of Heavitree, Exeter, Parish Church rang merrily on the evening of September 13th to mark the golden wedding anniversary of the Ringing Master, Mr. Charles George Glass. At 83, Mr. Glass is a regular attendant at practice and Sunday service ringing, and has held office for 25 years. He is one of the oldest members of the Guild, having joined nearly 70 years ago, during which time he was Ringing Master at the Cathedral for 13 years.

To mark the occasion a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by his fellow ringers in 3 hours. 17 minutes. N. M.

COMPOSITIONS

720 SPLICED IN 16 SPECIAL ALLIANCE, PLAIN AND BASTOW LITTLE COURT

23456 College	—52463 Bastow L.C.
64523 London Bob	—45263
—35642 London Bob	—45263 Wavertree
26435 St. Clement's	32645 College
42563 Bennington	56432 London
54326 London	24356 London
S 63524 London	S 63254 London
—45632 Lytham	—42635 Lytham
26345 London	—56423 Thelwall
—53264 London	45362 Double Ox.
42653 London	34256 London
36542 London	62534 Candleby
—25364 Bastow L.C.	—45623 Candleby
32456 Bastow L.C.	36245 Double Ox.
43625 Bastow L.C.	23564 Double Ox.
64532 Bastow L.C.	52436 London
56243 Bastow L.C.	64352 Tatteshall
—25643 Bastow L.C.	—23645 Tatteshall
62354 Bastow L.C.	—56234 Butterwick
36425 Bastow L.C.	25463 Childwall
43562 Bastow L.C.	42356 Langton
—54362 London	63542 London
23654 London	—25634 London
46523 Lytham	46325 Frampton
—35462 London	34562 Double Ox.
24635 London	53246 Tatteshall
56324 London	62453 London
43256 College	—34625 London
62543 London	—56342 Double Ox.
—35624 College	35264 Freiston
46235 College	23456

H. CHANT.

720 SPLICED (17 METHODS) IN PLAIN, LITTLE, VERY LITTLE (BASTOW L.C.), ALLIANCE AND SPECIAL ALLIANCE

23456 Poynton	S 62354 Crayford
S 64253 Wavertree	54236 Crayford
32564 Wavertree	36425 Crayford
45632 Wavertree	25643 Crayford
26345 College	43562 Crayford
53426 Wavertree	S 62534 Ellacombe
S 64523 Ellacombe	—45623 Ellacombe
—35642 Blaxhall	36245 St. Clement's
26435 Buxton	23564 Stonehouse
42563 Buxton	52436 Finchley
54326 Poynton	64352 Blaxhall
63254 Wavertree	—23645 Finchley
—42635 Wavertree	—56234 Ringstead
S 56432 Crayford	25463 Buxton
32645 Crayford	42356 Finchley
45263 Crayford	S 63452 Crayford
63524 Crayford	52346 Crayford
24356 Crayford	46235 Crayford
—56324 Bastow	35624 Crayford
35462 Bastow	24563 Crayford
43256 Bastow	S 63542 Finchley
24635 Bastow	6ths special
62543 Bastow	—25634 Finchley
—56243 Crayford	6ths special
43625 Crayford	46325 Iver
25364 Crayford	34562 Childwall
64532 Crayford	53246 Mitcham
32456 Crayford	62453 Finchley
S 56423 Childwall	—34625 Mitcham
45362 Sutton	—56342 Iver
34256	35264 Iver
34256 Ellacombe	23456

H. CHANT.

The quarter peal at Durleigh on August 29th was rung as a farewell to the conductor, Mr. G. Marchant, who is leaving to take up an appointment in Cardiff. The other members wish him every success in his new venture.

Plans for two peal attempts in a day at Olney and Stewkley were disturbed when Mr. Walter Avery, of Lane End, had to withdraw at very short notice. Two lady members of the Wendover band—Miss M. Barrett and Miss M. Hobbs—however, successfully filled the gap by ringing at Olney and Stewkley respectively.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): Jill Carslake (first 720) 1, E. A. Lewis 2, J. T. Symonds 3, J. Hayns 4, P. Jackson 5, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 6, H. H. Hayns 7, C. Dorman (first 720) 8. First of Bob Minor 'inside' for 2 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): E. G. Swift 1, P. G. Badcock 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, M. Swift 4, K. Vickers 5, Mrs. E. G. Swift 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 3. A 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 2nd, at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, G. F. Cartwright (first 'inside') 3, R. Davies 4, R. Abbott 5, W. F. Oatway 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, P. G. Humphries 8.

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Miss E. A. Bond 4, K. C. Brain 5, A. F. Butt 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Roy Palmer, a member of the local band, who was killed in a motoring accident on August 11th.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Selley 1, G. Marchant (first in method as cond.) 2, W. Selley 3, C. Clarke 4, D. Miller 5, C. Dyment 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 11th, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. C. Brown 1, N. England (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, Miss B. Nolder 4, Miss D. Luke 5, W. G. Wilson 6, S. Croft (first as cond.) 7, S. H. Price 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Barrett 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, P. Golding 3, C. J. Newnes 4, P. Bettridge 5, J. Moore 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, W. A. Lewis 8. For evening service. Also on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bettridge 1, P. A. Ruch (cond.) 2, Miss E. M. Ricketts 3, P. Golding 4, Miss J. Barbrook 5, C. J. Newnes 6, B. A. Rose 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For morning service.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Royal 1, Mary Woodward (first 'inside') 2, C. Williams 3, J. Voyce 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, A. Webb 6. A farewell to Miss Mary Woodward on leaving to continue her art studies in London.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being 720 Kent and 720 Kent and Oxford): T. Ison 1, C. W. Hall 2, E. Geary 3, T. Gardner 4, J. W. Bowley 5, R. Beniston (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Wardle, ringer and chorister of this church, who was fatally injured on a choir outing.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, B. Willgress 3, M. Horseman 4, J. Brain (first 'inside') 5, Miss R. Gaunt 6. Rung for the children's service and for the birth of Kevin David, son of Mrs. R. Quint, a ringer at this tower.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Warrilow 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, Shelagh K. Seery 3, F. Eley 4, F. R. Wiggin 5, A. E. Garbett 6, C. Hone 7, J. Evans 8. Rung as a compliment to Colin Sherwood, a ringer, server and sidesman of this church, who attained his majority on this day.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss L. Hawes (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Rowe (first 'inside,' aged 11) 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Powell 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, H. W. Knauss (first of Triples and 'inside') 3, R. Sumner 4, A. H. Lewry 5, G. J. Boomsma 6, H. G. Weedon 7, P. B. Shute (first of Triples) 8. Rung by members of the local band for Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Gray 1, N. Buckland (first quarter) 2, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 3, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst 4, F. W. Dixon 5, Dr. D. N. Layton 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. Bernard Brown as curate.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, A. Bissat 2, R. Pearce 3, T. W. Look 4, C. Sangwin 5, R. Hill 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, J. Sangwin 8.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grondsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Baker 2, W. Hartnell 3, P. J. Bird (first of Triples) 4, C. Bellew 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, F. Salter 8. Rung as a compliment to the tower's oldest ringer, Mr. A. Stone, on his retirement, and for the wedding of his grand-daughter.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Stevens 1, D Miller 2, Pamela Stevens 3, M. Stone 4, C. J. Stevens 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First on the bells since rehanging. 100th quarter for the conductor.

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BELFRY

Mr. Wilfred Williams celebrated his birthday in a pleasing fashion. By a peal at Crosthwaite, Cumberland, he became the first to ring a peal of Surprise in each county in England and Wales.

Owing to a crack in Tuxford Church spire there will be no further ringing until repairs have been carried out.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Bass, of Wollaston, is in Ward C 15, Blakebrook Hospital, Kidderminster.

Mr. John Thomas in 1906 called Holt's Original. Fifty years after, he called the same peal at Bridgend, the visit being kindly arranged by Mr. T. M. Roderick.

Three generations of the Butler family took part in a peal at Shareshill, Shropshire, on September 8th. It was the first peal for the 12-year-old granddaughter, Lilian Butler.

In the 16 peals that have been rung on the new bells at Eardisland, Herefordshire, Mr. Leslie Evans has 'completed the circle' twice to peals.

Before the wedding of Miss Hazel M. Corbett at Elmley Castle, Worcs, on Sept. 1st, the bells were rung by three aunts and three uncles of the bride. A peal of Minor in seven methods followed the ceremony.

In the Hobbies Exhibition, which is being staged at Cheltenham Town Hall from September 24th to September 27th, the Prestbury Bellringers are giving a talk on ringing on the Tuesday evening.

Mr. Dennis Knox, the well-known Bedfordshire ringer, was married at Luton Parish Church on September 8th. A peal attempt at his own tower, Totternhoe, on the same day, failed after two and a half hours' good ringing. Amends were made by a peal of Rutland at Maulden on September 10th.

GOSSIP

Mr. W. T. Elson, of Putney, now in his 90th year, is putting up a very brave fight for recovery in St. Pancras Hospital. A recent visitor found him still cheerful and alert and full of interest in ringing matters. He was looking forward to going to the College Youths' dinner, if only the doctors would release him, but as he has undergone a very serious major operation recently it is doubtful if he will realise his ambition. He is most grateful for all the kind letters of sympathy he has received and would reply to them but for his disability. He sends greetings to all inquiring friends.

Mr. Daniel J. Little, of Seascale, Cumberland, is now living at King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Miss Stella Davis, a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is again back in our peal columns with a peal of New Cambridge Surprise at Bucklebury, her home tower. Afterwards she kindly entertained the band to tea.

With a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 4th, Mr. Paul K. Williamson 'completed the circle' of the tower, having rung a peal on each of the 12 bells. His charming wife also took part in the ringing, and a good peal it was, too, comments the veteran conductor, Mr. Albert Walker.

Congratulations to Geoffrey Steed, of the Halstead St. Andrew's band, who rang his first peal at the age of 13 years at Great Tey on September 6th. Halstead St. Andrew's bells have now been removed by Messrs. Taylor to Loughborough, for recasting. Upon their return they will be hung in a new frame. The St. Andrew's band, with their Master, Miss Hilda G. Snowden, are keeping their practice up by travelling to Gestingthorpe, where the bells have been silent for a long time. Efforts are being made to teach a new band there.

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A PEAL TOUR OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

. . . 'tis mine to rove
Through bare grey dell, high wood, and pastoral [cove,
Where Derwent rests, and listens to the roar
That stuns the tremulous cliffs of high Lodore.
(Wordsworth)

THESE two counties share between them the major portion of the Lake District, which without hesitation may be claimed as the most beautiful corner of England.

Into these beautiful surroundings, often called 'Wordsworth's Country,' journeyed the 'disciples' of St. David for their fifth annual tour, a tour which proved successful in every way—good ringing (nine peals out of eleven attempts), good company and excellent scenery.

On August 18th, following the pattern of previous years, cars set out from London and the West Country to rendezvous at Burton-upon-Trent, where we were to make our first attempt en route to the North. Your chronicler made a lone dash from the South Pembroke coast, while this year Derek brought his car, a vintage Morris, some 25 years young, which was promptly christened by Peter as 'The Rolls Canhardly.' It was also noted that Derek was minus the most important piece of uniform of the vintage car driver, namely, the deer-stalking hat, but in spite of this and many other jibes the old Cowley was never too far behind.

Arriving in Burton, we were met and welcomed to St. Paul's by 'Barney' Key, who had expressed a wish to ring a College Youth peal, his desire being duly gratified by a good peal of Yorkshire Royal on this grand ten.

Sunday morning saw us at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby, where we were welcomed by Mr. H. W. Taylor, and enjoyed some excellent ringing on this fine ten.

YORKSHIRE TAIL-ENDS

After a search for Derek, a practice which developed as the week passed, a start was made for Skipton, where we were to pick up Geoff Bryant, also to ring for evening service. The bells at Holy Trinity Church proved to be a fine Taylor eight and the ropes provided some of the touring party with their first experience of Yorkshire Tail-ends. During a touch of London one member could almost swear to seeing eleven hand strokes which, as another member remarked, is as good an excuse as any for making trips in London. Taking leave of the Skipton ringers, to whom we tender thanks for giving up their Sunday service ringing, we proceeded to the Woolpack Hotel at Kendal, which was to be our headquarters for the first part of our tour.

Monday morning gave us a taste of how it can rain in this part of the world as we made a 15-mile run to Orton for our first peal attempt in Westmorland. Arriving at the church we were much interested in three bells, each bearing the date 1637, which hang in a frame in the church, and appear in a remarkable state of preservation.

The nice Taylor eight are seldom rung and required much attention to make them pealable. There was, however, no dearth of helpers, and new ropes were soon fitted while our bell-hanging friend was busy with his spanners. In spite of his expert attention two members, who shall remain nameless, received quite a caning, and never was 'That's all' more welcome.

Before starting for this peal we were under the impression that no previous peal had been rung on the bells; Cambridge was, therefore, selected, and a good peal was rung. We have since learned that the late J. C. E. Simpson called Cambridge during a tour in 1933, so we are naturally disappointed at not choosing another method.

During the peal, and with only a few courses to ring, we were suddenly surprised to see a lady enter the ringing chamber and who called out inquiring if she could watch the ringing. Only the prompt reaction of the two Wilfs saved a dicy situation, and a much chastened lady left us as suddenly as she had entered.

ABANDONED THREE COURSES FROM HOME

The afternoon attempt was at St. Stephen's, Kirkby Stephen, a church of cathedral-like proportions, the bells being rung from the ground floor with a 70ft. rope draught, which render them difficult to hear. The method selected was Bristol, and with Peter at the helm the bells soon settled down, some excellent ringing being heard by those outside. It was extremely unfortunate that after more than two hours' ringing the seventh rope was seen to be fraying badly underneath the sally. This, coupled with some incessant banging on a door at the back of one of the ringers, caused the attempt to be abandoned when only three courses from home.

A Hoax on 'The Ringing World'

Within a few hours of the publication of our issue of September 7th our attention was drawn to the fact that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major supposed to have been rung on the famous bells at Ross-on-Wye, on Saturday, August 25th, was probably a hoax.

Inquiries have revealed that this is so. Mr. J. J. Webb, captain of Ross bell-ringers, confirms this. He writes: 'Neither the Rector nor any member of the local band have any knowledge of Ross Parish Church bells having been rung that day. As the surnames which appear in the peal report are names of past and present local tradespeople, and definitely not members of the Hereford Guild, we have come to the conclusion that the whole thing is a hoax.'

We ask those concerned to expunge this report from records, and regret that we fell a victim to a perverted sense of humour aimed at bringing discredit to the Exercise and its journal.

After tea there was a welcome change in the weather and for the first time we were able to enjoy the wonderful scenery encountered during the 46-mile journey to Ambleside, where we had been granted permission for an hour's ringing. The local band, headed by Mr. Sewell, were waiting for us, and we certainly enjoyed ringing on this fine, heavy eight.

Tuesday proved a glorious day, our first attempt being at Kendal's historic Parish Church, where an excellent peal was rung, this being the first of Royal for the Association. We were particularly pleased with the remarks of the local ringers who told us if we always rang like that we could come for peals whenever we wished.

APPROPRIATE BIRTHDAY

After lunch we bade farewell to Kendal, as for the remainder of the week our headquarters were to be at Whitehaven. Our route took us via Keswick, where at the Church of St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite, another start was made for Bristol, this time with complete success, Alan ringing two peals in one day for the first time.

The opening courses of this peal were rung at a breath-taking pace which enabled certain members to show off their belfrymanship, though it is felt that the expression 'Spike Fifths' had some of them foxed. This was the first peal of Bristol for the Association, and with it the guv'nor completed peals in each county in England and Wales, a fitting way to celebrate one's birthday.

The Golden Lion, Whitehaven, was reached in time for dinner, and waiting for us was Graham Mackay, who had been responsible for all our arrangements in Cumberland. Our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Berwick, not forgetting Simon, the giant mastiff, soon made us feel at home, and we shall not easily forget the late nights in Mum's Bar, and the harmony of the Comb Band as rendered by the Four Musketeers.

On Wednesday morning we made our way to the Priory Church of St. Bees, which stands opposite the famous school. After a preliminary touch for those standing out, a start was made for London, which soon settled down into a good beat. Unfortunately, after two and a half hours of excellent ringing, a shift course put an end to the proceedings and brought us our second failure.

After a quick lunch, and joined by Graham, who had been invited to take part in this attempt, we made a short journey to Hensingham, where Stanley Richardson had everything in readiness. The bells, a nice eight, though somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber, were soon going to Lincolnshire, somewhat too soon after lunch for some of us, and it required all the patience and ability for Wilf II. to pilot us through the early stages. However, some excellent ringing resulted, and all credit is due to Roger for his handling of this late-struck tenor.

After dinner we indulged in a pleasant session on the handbells, during which the experts soon knocked off a respectable course of London, and Peter showed how the tenors should be rung to Cagmac.

FIRST PEAL FOR 25 YEARS

Our programme for Thursday included peal attempts at Aspatria and Carlisle Cathedral. We had been instructed, however, that ringing at the Cathedral must cease by 4.30 p.m. It was, therefore, decided to forgo our attempt at Aspatria and limit ringing there to a few touches. At this tower we received such a warm welcome from the Rev. V. D. Clarke that we were disappointed at not having sufficient time to attempt a peal on this pleasant eight. However, after a few touches to satisfy all, we wended our way to Carlisle.

Presenting ourselves at the Cathedral at one p.m., we made the long ascent via the clerestory to the ringing chamber, and, following quick adjustments to ropes, etc., the bells went into changes just after 1.15, there following some of the best ringing of the week. The bells are a mixed lot, and the seventh has to be rung with the clapper on the wrong side. However, Wilf II. made his customary expert job, and all of us enjoyed every moment of this peal, only the third on the bells, the others being Stedman in 1925, and Bristol by the late William Pye's band in 1931, so that our peal was the first for 25 years.

It should be mentioned that owing to the time factor in connection with this peal there was the ever-present possibility of our not being able to finish at the specified time. We should, therefore, like to tender our thanks to Mr. Bowstead for the trouble he took to warn the various authorities while the ringing was in progress. For our part we became conscious of the need to speed up when three courses from home. This was done without upsetting the beat, and we had finished and rung the bells down just as the clock struck 4.30.

Following tea, we drive to Penrith, where on the fine Taylor eight we enjoyed on hour's ringing, the highlight of which was a fine touch of five spliced, conducted by Wilf II., this being his swan song, at least for this week, as he was

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Cumberland Tour—Cont.

leaving to join the U.A. tour in Suffolk. Was it coincidence that later that evening we should hear a pathetic rendering of 'I hear those gentle voices calling 'Poor old Joe'?

Afterwards, a number of us joined Graham for dinner in the famous Royal Oak Hotel, Keswick, a very pleasant experience.

MANY PRELIMINARIES

Friday morning saw us out in another tropical downpour en route to Arlecdon. Entering the ringing chamber we were amazed at the number of broken stays lying around, and, as one wag remarked, beheld a complete state of Cannonisation. After fitting new ropes and removing the stay from the third, it being too long and lifted the bell out of its bearings, a start was made for London. Peter showing us a glimpse of his genius by ably calling the first in the method in Cumberland. The ringers of seven and eight earned this peal, as these two bell ropes are hung the wrong way round, the ropes crossing like scissors. It would be interesting to know the reason for hanging these two bells in this manner, in such a well-built tower.

The afternoon attempt was at Cleator Moor, where Mr. Tenby welcomed us to a spacious and well-kept ringing chamber. These bells were undoubtedly the best of the week, and after a false start (unknown to those of us who, after hearing the opening courses, departed for other entertainment) provided us with a good peal of Bristol, so we were able to finish our peal programme in Cumberland with the distinction of peals of London and Bristol on the same day.

Following dinner we were able to join the local band at Egremont and spend a pleasant half-hour on a good-going ring. Afterwards we duly celebrated our last evening in Cumberland, the Guv'nor taking the opportunity on our behalf of presenting Graham with a small token of our appreciation for all the hard work put in to ensure our success in Cumberland.

Saturday brought us no respite in the weather as we faced the long run via Eskdale and Ulpha to Dalton-in-Furness for our last peal attempt of the tour. Some of the gradients and hairpin bends on this journey will remain written indelibly on our memories. No wonder Derek wouldn't risk it in the Morris!

THE FINAL PEAL

Reaching Dalton, we were welcomed by Mr. T. Metcalf and other local ringers and were soon ringing Cambridge Royal on this fine ten, a good peal being rung, though all that one member could hear throughout was the monotonous boom of eight and ten, a most exasperating experience.

Following this peal we enjoyed a real Lancashire tea most kindly arranged by Mr. Metcalf, then once more into the rain on the first leg of our journey home to Bolton, where we spent the night at the Swan Hotel. During a pleasant hour, opportunity was taken to present the guv'nor with a fountain pen as a token of our appreciation for all the work put in in organising these annual tours.

On Sunday morning we rang for service on the fine eight at All Souls', Bolton, after which we said our goodbyes, most of us voting this our best tour yet, and now eagerly awaiting our visit to the Emerald Isle. D. G. C.

WEDDING

MR. D. MARSHALL—MISS S. KILBOURN

All Saints' Church, Sawley, Derbyshire, with its beautiful avenue of lime trees, was the setting on September 1st for the wedding of David Marshall, B.Sc., only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Marshall, of Reedman Road, Sawley, and Miss Sheila Kilbourn, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kilbourn, of Hawthorne Avenue, Sawley. Both bride and bridegroom have been valuable members of the church choir and the local band of ringers.

The best man was Mr. Peter Parry, B.Sc., who with the bridegroom assisted in the ringing of Stedman and Grandsire Triples prior to the marriage service.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Price. The choir met the bride, attired in white lace and carrying a bouquet of roses, at the north door, and processed to the chancel with the singing of the hymn 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven.' Psalm 67 and the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' were later sung.

The bridesmaid was Miss Susan Kilbourn, the bride's sister, who is a new recruit to the ringing chamber. A former ringer at the church, Mr. W. Dawson, was the organist.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells were 'fired,' and a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The reception was held at the Oxford Cafe at Long Eaton. The master of ceremonies was Mr. T. Watson, of Quorndon, Derbyshire. Toasts were proposed by the bride's father and the best man, and appreciation of all the service the couple have given to their church was voiced by the Rector, Mr. G. A. Moore (organist) and Mr. W. E. Simpson.

After the reception the couple were given a fine send-off from Sawley Railway Station. The honeymoon was spent at Torquay, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have taken up residence in Cheltenham.

A peal attempt of Grandsire Triples later in the day unfortunately came into rounds after one hour and ten minutes' ringing.

The many friends David made while at Bristol University, where he was the Ringing Master, and also in the Gloucester area, will join the Sawley ringers in wishing the couple many years of health and happiness.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Presentation to Mrs. Knight

The quarterly meeting of the Western District, held at Melksham on September 8th, was something of a special occasion for the District. Before the commencement of the meeting, while the gentlemen were still present, a silver and marcasite brooch was presented to Mrs. H. Knight. Until her retirement last March, Mrs. Knight had been vice-president and chairman of the Western District for many years, and the gift was in appreciation of all she had done for the Guild in the West of England. Mrs. Knight was also presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums and scabious by Jane Parfrey, the three-year-old daughter of Mrs. H. L. Parfrey, the new District vice-president.

At the business meeting it was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Nailsea. Three new members were elected, and also two honorary members. M. de J.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival at Oundle

A warm welcome on a chilly day. Such was the reception awaiting the 150 or so who made their way to Oundle on September 1st. The local Branch, and particularly the Oundle band, rose to the occasion and their enthusiasm was manifest to everyone. Led by their untiring secretary they opened six of the Branch towers, and these with three others en route provided a variety of ringing. Some of the Oundle members make it their responsibility to 'service' any of the bells in their territory which are temporarily unattended, thus demonstrating their determination to keep the Branch 'on the map.'

The Vicar of Oundle, Canon G. S. J. Downes, conducted the Guild service, assisted by the Rev. A. J. T. Littlewood, and a very interesting address was given by the Vicar of Nassington, Rev. W. L. Crutchley. The Branch organist, Mrs. Essam, played.

A substantial tea was provided by members of the local Women's Institute in the Drill Hall, at which the Guild Master presided. Mr. Morris, in a short speech, introduced the only item of business, which was an amendment to the rule governing the date of the annual general meeting. The amendment, having been approved with no opposition, now fixes the Saturday after Ascension Day as the meeting day. In 1957 the meeting is to be held at Rushden.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all those who deserved gratitude was moved by Mr. W. Ross and carried with acclamation.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District was held in Arklow on September 1st. It was attended by members from Drogheda, Kilkenny and Dublin as well as the local tower.

Advantage was taken to give a number of ringers their first insight to method ringing, and some went back to their towers able to hunt. Ringing included touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tea was kindly provided by the Arklow ringers in the Marlborough Hall.

Mr. Adrian Bakker, District Ringing Master, had charge of the ringing arrangements and is to be congratulated on a good afternoon's work in helping 'somebody else to ring method.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER PURDUE BELL IN AMERICA

Dear Sir,—After reading about the interest some of our American friends take in bell-ringing, the bellfounders, Purdue, and uses and abuses of bells, subscribers to 'The Ringing World' may be interested in the following account which, in a way, combines all these items.

In the State of Indiana, U.S.A., there exists a large University known as Purdue University because it was founded by one, John Purdue, who established it by the gift of one hundred acres and $150,000 in 1869.

A treasured possession of the students is a bell, the so-called Victory Bell, which is maintained by an honorary fraternity who style themselves Gimlets and who wear little yellow round hats.

This bell originally rang from an open tower above a powerhouse to wake students up—in the morning—and to announce the commencements of chapel services and classes. That is to say, it did ring, except when the clapper was muffled or the bell had been turned upside down and filled with water on a dark, near-zero night. From 1877 to 1903 the bell faithfully performed these duties but was then taken down and stored in a wagon shed on the campus. But Purdue victory celebrations needed noise as well as numbers, and so the morning after usually found it mounted on a University wagon resting disconsolately in the courthouse square of the neighbouring town, Lafayette.

After a particularly long string of conquests, Lafayette's chief of police recognised the fact that a certain powerhouse custodian could have told him long before—the bell was a nuisance. It was, therefore, secretly buried in a gravel pit by University authorities. From this unmarked grave, however, the bell was resurrected by the class of 1907, who mounted it on a carriage, as it still exists to-day. The carriage consists only of two axles, each with two wheels, which are connected together by two steel beams. These beams are each in the form of a semi-circle, the plane of which is vertical, and the bell, complete with steel wheel and headstock, is slung between at the top. The bell, as I remember, is about 20 inches across at the mouth and of quite good shape.

Normally, carriage and bell reside in a specially-built shed on the campus and may be viewed through windows set in the doors. This allows one to ascertain whether it is still there or whether it has been raided by students from the rival Indiana University.

When, however, the University football team, known as Boilermakers, score a victory, the carriage is brought out and dragged round the campus with the bell ringing wildly. During my stay there it was rung only once—when Purdue beat Notre Dame. As it was a rather exciting occasion, since Notre Dame had not lost a game in the previous four years, I neglected to pay critical heed to the tone.—Yours faithfully,

T. W. SHEPPARD.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

AN IDEAL SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—We of the Bicester Branch were sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Ernest Pearson, hon. secretary of the Banbury band.

The Exercise has lost an ideal secretary and one who was always willing to do his utmost for the Branch and the Oxford Guild.

Whenever it was possible he came to our meetings and we shall all miss him in the future.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL H. KINCH,
Hon. Secretary,
Bicester Deanery Branch.

BOW BELLS

Dear Sir,—Unfortunately all the recently-published references to Bow Bells in 'The Ringing World' contain omissions or inaccuracies, and the Rector's article in the issue of April 6th is no exception in this respect.

Regarding the early history, the late J. Armiger Trollope stated in the issue of April 2nd, 1940, that William Copland, who was churchwarden in 1515, gave the Great Bell, making the fifth of the ring. At the time of Edward VI. there were still only five bells, but by the 17th century there were ten bells in the ring, plus two chiming bells. From 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris, we read that Peter Munday, in an article describing ringing, written around 1652, regarding the 12 bells of Bow, stated that if the ten bells be rung and the two bells chimed, it would take over 911 years to ring all the changes. These bells perished in the Great Fire of 1666.

On September 7th, 1677, John and Christopher Hodson received orders to cast a new ring of eight bells. The tenor of this ring was recast in 1738 by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester and weighed 53¼ cwt. In 1762 the front seven were recast by Lester and Pack and two trebles were added to make a ring of 10 bells. In 1881 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank added two trebles to make a ring of 12. Thus the well-known recording used by the B.B.C. is of the 1738 tenor together with the front nine cast in 1762.

In 1901 Messrs. Gillett and Johnston fitted new bearings, and in 1933 they recast eight of the twelve bells. Those not recast were the fourth, fifth, ninth and eleventh, but the cannons were cut off in order to fit iron headstocks. The inscriptions on these four bells contained their casting date, 1762.

The weights of the 1933 ring were as follows:—

Treble.—6 cwt. 9 lb. F sharp.
Second.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. E.
Third.—7 cwt. E flat.
*Fourth.—8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. C sharp.
*Fifth.—9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. B flat.
Sixth.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. B flat.
Seventh.—13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. A flat.
Eighth.—16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. F sharp.
*Ninth.—19 cwt. 7 lb. E.
Tenth.—25 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. E flat.
*Eleventh.—31 cwt. 2 qr. C sharp.
Tenor.—54 cwt. 12 lb. B.
* 1762 bells not recast.

The inscription on the 1933 tenor reads:—'Bow Bell + Cast 1669 + Samuel Lisle, D.D., Rector. + Recast 1738 by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester. Again recast in 1933 by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon. The cost of this entire restoration of the bells in 1933 is the gift of H. Gordon Selfridge.'

The College Youths made a recording of Stedman Cinques on the 1933 ring.

Thus the inscription on the 1956 tenor is incorrect. This bell also repeats the date 1669, also given on the 1933 tenor, which is in conflict with the date given by Mr. Trollope.

Because the ring was never recast as a complete whole after the Hodson original casting, for 264 years its pitch must have been in the key of B. It is perhaps too much to hope that the new tenor, with its reduced weight, will also be in the same key, although St. Michael's, Cornhill, tenor at 41 cwt. is lower, being between the B of the 1738 Bow tenor and the B flat of those of St. Paul's and Southwark Cathedrals.—Yours faithfully,

C. M. MEYER.

Westminster, S.W.1.

BOW BELLS RE-OPENING CEREMONY

Dear Sir,—As no one has supplied the information Mr. Disney requires about Bow Bells, I can at least give the date when they were rehung. This was in 1933, the bells having been silent for a long time before this, many London ringers never having heard them.

The re-opening day was on Saturday, July 8th, 1933. On this day I cycled from Chigwell, in Essex, to St. Mary-le-Bow, secured a ring for two ringers from my home tower (Handsworth, Sheffield), following which I rang the third bell to Grandsire Cinques.

As Bow Bells were the heritage of all London ringers, there was gathered together on that day all the most notable ringers thereabouts at that time.

I rang on these bells several times after this, and no description of them would be too extravagant.

Someone questioned recently in 'The Ringing World' whether it was practical to have them the same weight again. Well if it is practical to have Bow Bells at all I see no reason to make a compromise. Our men are as good at handling bells to-day as any that have gone before.

E. DORICE KELLY.

Sheffield.

CAMBRIDGE BELLS

Dear Sir,—We are all grateful to the Archdeacon of Wisbech for enlightening us on the possibilities of Cambridge churches, but this only gives further proof that complete unification of all branches of the Church's activities is still only a hope for the future. St. Andrew's bells have been under discussion for a very long time and a faculty for their removal for repair must have been granted since this committee was formed.

If you wish to find the right type of tool for the job ask the person who is to use it, is a policy I have successfully adopted..

We read of bells being sold, removed or installed without any advice being sought from ringers, and yet they are the largest organised body in the Church What ringer would consent to the installation of a heavily Simpson-tuned ring to be installed in a short tower in a built-up area, when their experience has told them that the terrific hum will eventually result in the tower being closed, but yet I have discovered quite a number of rings where this is happening. We find organs installed in the wrong positions. Certain fumes are seriously damaging masonry, but yet this type of heater is still being installed.

The Church of England has all the experts necessary for its success amongst its members: all that is needed is for them to be welded together.

In the same issue of your paper Mr. George Fleming states that there is no bad music in Grandsire Triples, but yet they rang an extent once again. We live and learn.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

Purton was visited by the Swindon Branch for the quarterly meeting on September 8th and good use was made of the ring of six in methods up to London Minor. The Branch chairman, Dr. H. Craig, was absent owing to illness, and Mr. W. H. Trueman presided at the business meeting. It was suggested that meetings be held at Highworth, Wanborough and Christ Church, Swindon, during the quarter ensuing, and the Branch secretary reported that over £5 had been collected in the Branch for Bow Bells. Visitors were present from Cheltenham, Long Ashton and Shipton-under-Wychwood. W. B. K.

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION IV. (Lesson 2)

'RINGING ACTION — ANALYSIS AND DRILL'

53. **Learning to play the Instrument.** — (S) Open the session with a short talk, having prepared as for first session, but with one bell silenced, raised, and set at back. Stress that not enough consideration is usually given to the fact that ringing is the playing of a musical instrument, in concert with other players, requiring both physical and mental skill, with very precise limits of sounding or 'striking.' So that precise position, attitude, holding and movement all must be combined to attain this 'playing' ability. Moreover, practice on the average instrument can disturb only the people in the next room, whereas practice on bells can disturb people for very considerable distances around the towers. Therefore the greatest care must be taken from the start to acquire (while the bell is silenced) every possible help towards the skill in manipulation, arising from a large number of minor points in combination. So that when the 'player' is allowed to ring 'open' (i.e., sound the bell) the result may be at least 'acceptable' in conjunction with the others. Every attention must be paid, therefore, to what may seem at first to be mere trivialities being stressed by the Tutor, for these are vital to good style and performance. (Q T)

54. **Taking Position.** — (S) (D) Preliminary work is best taken in the form of routine 'drills.' to develop instant reaction, especially of ear, eye and hand. So the first essential is to take up the correct position at the rope, *before handling it.* That is to say, the position must be assumed with the rope hanging freely through the eyelet hole in the ceiling, for reasons to be explained shortly. So if the rope is not hanging freely, i.e., is hooked up at the end, instead of being tied back on itself and hanging clear of the floor, this must first be done. (Refer to Article 48, where this was taught in the previous lesson.) When told to 'Take position!' then, the student will go to the given rope, hanging freely, and observe two things: 'Orientation' and 'Proximity.' (Ex. 3.) (Q)

55. **Orientation.**—(S) (D) This is the correct facing of the ringer's body with respect to the circle of ropes in the ringing chamber, and it is to the *centre* of that circle and *not* towards the rope of the preceding bell. With this orientation the ringer can see, in change ringing, all the ropes by swinging the eyes without undue head movement; and his glance can also be observed by the ringer of the bell with which his own bell is at that moment exchanging position. Even in 'rounds only' the beginner must assume this orientation from the first. In precise terms the freely-hanging rope should be in a position between the ringer's nose and the centre of the rope-circle. And from the first the beginner must accustom himself to 'looking through' the rope, and not 'round' it. He will soon find he can ignore its interposition. (Q)

56. **Proximity.**—(S) (D) Many ringers stand too far away from the rope. The correct distance is with the nose about two hands' breadths away from the rope. (Q)

57. **Free rope-run.** — (S) (D) With correct orientation and proximity taken with respect to a freely-hanging rope, and with the correct pulling and checking actions now about to be shown, two common drawbacks or faults are avoided: The first is 'rope-sawing' or wearing of the rope against the edge of the eyelet hole in the ceiling or rope-guide; and the second derives from the first, namely, waste of ringer's energy by friction of the rope against the sides of the hole. (These are the reasons referred to in Article 54.) (Q)

58. **Stance.**—(S) (D) This next point is often neglected entirely. It is vital for maximum control and minimum fatigue. Assume position has been taken correctly, then, without alteration of this, the feet must be properly placed. They must not be, as sometimes advised, 'close together,' neither must they be 'wide apart.' The whole point is to provide a 'base' broad enough to avoid waste of energy in unnecessary balancing of the body during ringing, especially of the heavier bells, and/or in the ringing of peals. The muscles of the legs and trunk are all the time working to maintain body balance, and the smaller the 'base' the greater the effort to maintain that balance. The feet should therefore be placed to ease the balancing both sideways and fore-and-aft. (Q) Start by setting them about nine inches apart, that is with about nine inches between the inside edges of the soles of the shoes. A tall ringer may feel a little more, and a short ringer a little less, to be more comfortable. This aids the lateral balance. (Ex. 4.) Now advance one foot about three inches and retard the other a similar amount—it doesn't matter which—this aids the fore-and-aft balance. The ringer should accustom himself to ring with either foot advanced, so that a change-over may be made in ringing long lengths. The body should remain upright though not stiffened, and when extra weight is to be thrown on the rope this is best achieved by dropping at the knees. For this Ex. 4 then, the order is 'Correct the stance' and it must be done without altering the already-taken position. (Q)

59. **Rope-grip.** — (S) (D) So far there has been no rope contact except to unhook it, and/or tie up the rope-end, to allow it to hang freely to 'take position and stance.' But now the grips are to be learnt. There are two—'sally' and 'rope-end,' and in each grip both hands are employed; but in one grip—the sally grip—the rope-end is held as well, though only in one hand, which hand also grasps the sally. The arrangement of the hands is optional, but once decided upon remains fixed with most ringers. The two hands in this arrangement are to be clearly distinguished as the 'Lower' hand and the 'Upper' hand. (Q) The lower hand retains the rope-end grip throughout, while the upper hand takes alternately the sally grip and the rope-end grip. The Tutor now demonstrates this on a 'lowered' rope; but without going into further details at this stage, merely to illustrate the general idea of the grips and hand movement. (Q T)

60. **Lower hand grip at rope-end.** — (S) (D) (For purpose of explanation on paper we assume here that the lower hand is the left, and the upper hand the right, though in demonstration the reverse may apply in some cases, e.g., with 'left-handed' students.) The first point to make is called the 'clutch' test (Ex. 5.) Taking the rope-end in the left hand as the 'lower,' then, the palm should be held facing the chest with fingers straight and lying together and the thumb inclined slightly downwards across the palm, the rope-end being pushed tightly into the 'clutch' of the thumb which then grips the rope against the open palm of the hand. The Tutor now jerks the rope-end, by holding it above the student's hand and trying to release it from his grip; the grip being with the thumb only while the fingers are kept extended. Meanwhile the student's upper (R) hand is kept behind his back, to emphasise the independence of the lower hand grips. The second point is now made, that the fingers of the lower hand *do* grip the rope-end most of the time but that they open out, as just practised, when about to grip the sally as well; which will be shown next. (Q)

61. **Lower hand grip at sally.** — (D) The student now closes his fingers on the rope-end grip, and keeping his upper hand still behind his back, raises his lower hand to the sally and, just before touching it, opens the fingers only and grasps the sally with the rope-end tightly against it, his fingers and thumb now closing completely round the sally. (Ex. 6.) On the word 'Release!' from the Tutor, the student releases the fingers and thumb from the sally, but, retaining the rope-end in the 'clutch,' now closes fingers and thumb round the rope-end and returns the lower hand to the starting position. (Repeat several times.) (Q)

62. **Upper hand grip added.**—(D) The upper hand grip is now added to the rope, and is just the normal grip of fingers and thumb completely round the rope-end, the grip being, as its name implies, on the rope just ABOVE the lower hand grip. The vital point is that the two hands must be in contact as explained in Article 63 following On the words 'Rope-end Grip!' from the Tutor, the student grips with both hands, at once, as now learnt and assumes the starting position (which is with hands fully lowered and elbows straight) for this next exercise. (Ex. 7.) On the words 'Sally Grip!' both hands raise the rope-end as in Ex. 6, and as they approach the sally the upper hand leaves the rope-end, while the lower operates as in Ex. 6, and both hands clasp the sally, with all fingers and both thumbs fully round it: but hands must be in contact, as at the rope-end grip. On the words 'Rope-end Grip!' the student returns to the starting position, as above. Repeat several times. (Q)

63. **Grip Contact.** — (S) (D) In that useful booklet, 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' is a photograph (the last) showing two common faults, with a caption beginning—'Hands too far apart . . . .' Theory indicates and experience proves that the hands must not be 'apart' at all, for optimum control. Not only has 'weight' to be applied to the rope in a truly vertical direction, which calls for its application at one spot on the rope and not two (in case the two are not 'plumb'); but also when the two hands are in contact a grip less liable to slip is obtained. Now since the two hands cannot be in the same place, their independent thrusts become nearly one when the little finger of the upper hand is always in contact with the first finger of the lower (Q) hand, that is, when the two hands are on the rope at once. (Ex. 7a.)

64. **Upper hand transfer.** — (S) (D) So far no consideration has been given to the actual strokes comprised in the ringing action; the analysis of which will indicate what is to be called the 'upper hand transfer.' So that logically this analysis should now follow. But, in fact, it is found helpful to introduce this 'transfer' and practise it, before getting down to stroke analysis, because thereby fewer faults in the transfer tend to arise. Reference to Ex. 7 shows the student what is meant by this 'transfer,' and this should be demonstrated again by the Tutor, on a 'lowered' rope. On the order 'Rope-end grip!', as the two hands leave the sally grip (the lower hand carrying the rope-end with it), the upper hand must *immediately* grip the rope-end, in its proper place, of course, i.e., just above and in contact with, the lower hand. The great majority of ringers allow an appreciable time interval to elapse before bringing that upper hand to the rope-end; and, as will be shown, considerable measure of control can thereby be lost. (Ex. 8.) Before the students take the exercise for this point (on 'lowered' ropes, of course), it is useful to show them the 'leaf' test.

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65. **The 'leaf' test*.**—(D) For this a slip of paper, about the size of an average tree leaf, is placed along the thumb of the lower hand, held as though about to grip the rope, and the upper hand is then brought into position above it, with the side of its palm resting on the paper slip. The Tutor now shows his hands, with the fingers opening and closing freely while the slip is held fast between the hands. With hands together thus, he reaches up to the rope-end of the bell that has been raised and set at back. (See opening Article 53 of this session.) Taking the correct rope-end grip the Tutor explains that he is going to ring the bell, and demonstrate particularly the point of Article 64, i.e., the Upper hand Transfer; in fact, he says, the transfer will be so close that the paper will not escape. He then pulls off at back-stroke, and transfers the upper hand to sally without parting the hands. Again, from handstroke he transfers the upper hand to rope-end without allowing the paper slip to escape, as can be seen by the students. (S) He now explains that if that is possible, then although the hands may separate slightly in practice, it is obvious that the fault of delayed transfer can be prevented. The point of all this becomes more obvious when the strokes are analysed and the correct pulls are taught. (Q)

(Ex. 8. as explained above, now follows.)

66. **Stroke analysis.**—(D) On the blackboard (see Article 24) Tutor now draws a circle about 12" in diameter and as on a clock face marks in, at '12' the figure 1, at '3' the figure 2, at '6' the figure 3, and at '9' the figure 4. Alongside this circle he now writes, as in a column, these four stroke-names: 1. Backstroke pull. 2, Handstroke check. 3. Handstroke pull. 4, Backstroke check. Now on the circle he marks in arrow heads between the numbers, in a clockwise direction, and below the whole lot: 'The 4-stroke Cycle.' (Q) Reverting to the silenced bell resting in the set position at backstroke (at *back* for safety, since other bells are used for their 'lowered' rope practice), he now explains that he is going to ring the bell and show the cycle of strokes, which are four in number—two pairs, in fact: two pulls and two reverse pulls or checks, and the checks or reverse pulls are strokes equally important with the direct pulls, though they are frequently neglected in ringing instruction. (S) The cycle illustrated on the blackboard is maintained in all ringing, though the start is usually made at '3,' the handstroke pull, of course. (D) The Tutor now rings the bell, calling out the strokes as he does so, and holding the bell on the balance between each two pairs of strokes. He points out that each pull is linked to its successive check, when the bell comes to the balance point; and that these pulls and checks will be taken one at a time and their actions thoroughly analysed. But first, a few other points. (Q)

67. **Theory of Stroke Control.**—(S) A given force applied over a given time results in a given amount of acceleration. In the case of a swinging bell this is tending to increase with a pull stroke and tending to decrease or braking with a check stroke. If for 'time' we read 'length of stroke,' then it becomes obvious that to get the same degree of acceleration with a **long** stroke we need less force applied; and conversely, with a short stroke more force is needed to get the same effect. (Q) Clearly it is easier to derive the given effect by a gentler thrust applied for longer, than by a 'hefty' thrust applied for only a brief interval; in other words, control is easier with longer strokes whether pulling or checking. So pull strokes must start 'high,' i.e., by reaching well up, and finish 'low,' by carrying through the pull to the fullest extent downwards. (Q) Similarly, check strokes must start 'low' with hands well down, but with the grip gauged to clasp the rope at such a point as will carry the hands well up to a 'high reach' position as the bell comes on to the point of balance. (Q) Normally the 'catch' position for the hands is at waist level or below, but on very light bells with consequential smaller wheels, the catch position is necessarily higher otherwise the 'reach' will be 'low' as the bell comes to its balance point. (Q) (D) The Tutor will explain this carefully and demonstrate by actually varying the grip point in strokes on the silenced bell. (Leave set at back.)

68. **The 'Reach-up.'**—(D) In taking the first rope-grip for pull-off then, the ringer must reach well up, lower hand especially, with arms fully extended upwards, even to rising slightly on the toes with a bell that sets 'deep.' (S) To a beginner this may seem a bit uncomfortable, but it must be explained that in the course of the ringing the bell scarcely rises on to the actual point of balance, still less goes over the balance to the set position; so that the full 'stretch' will not be experienced in ringing. On the other hand, the higher the stretch or 'reach up' the less likely is the bell to be bumped (by the beginner) against the stay-stop. The point of grip on the rope must be noted before the pull-off and the catch-point kept to this. (Q)

(Ex. 9.) Students now practise the reach-up on 'lowered' ropes, gripping the sally correctly with the rope-end held also, in the lower hand, repeating several times.

69. **Rope-end Adjustment.** — (S) It is clear that with the good length of sally the adjustment of the sally grip is merely a matter of shifting the catch-point; also that this can be gauged exactly before the pull-off. But with the rope-end this is another matter. If a bell has been left set at back, then the point of grip is found as for the sally. If the rope-end is too short or too long, it can be varied in length by altering the amount of 'tuck back' in the rope-end. (D) This the Tutor will demonstrate, introducing the use of the marlin-spike for 'opening' the rope-weave. But in the more usual case of the ringer coming to the bell set at hand, the adjustment of rope-end grip is attained by cautiously pulling off at hand with an initial rope-end grip in the usual place, but restraining the stretch or reach-up as the bell rises to the check, and noting to what degree the elbows are bent as the bell comes to the point of balance. For the next back stroke the rope-end grip may be varied either way if it be a matter of an inch or so; but if it be considerable then the bell must be set at hand and the end-tuck altered. (Q) The grip, within an inch or so of the end of the rope by the lower hand, should give the full reach-up when the bell is set at back. (Q)

70. **Safety Release Drill.** — (S) Finally, before beginning the drill for the strokes, the safety drill is introduced, since this can best be practised on 'lowered' ropes when drill, on them, is in course of action. The object of the drill is to give the Tutor control in an emergency (Q T), to avoid dangerous developments, and to give the student confidence. (D) In an emergency the Tutor will call abruptly 'Let go!', when the student will instantly release the rope entirely, step back (sideways, if against a wall) a full pace and hold the arms limply, slightly outwards and forwards, so that any rope-coils can whip away. (Ex. 10.) During the drills on 'lowered' ropes, the Tutor will suddenly interject the release order in the middle of some statement he is making while the student is making a drill movement; the practice must be repeated until the student's action is entirely reflexive. (Q)

71. **A note on the apportionment of work.** The importance of continuity was stressed in Article 9, and the nature of the subject matter sometimes poses a problem for the Tutor as to apportionment of work for the successive lessons. Much depends on the number of students in the course and the number of assistants or student-tutors; also the time available for each session or lesson. It is assumed that the average

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time is 1¼ hours and that no Tutor or assistant has more than five students. On this reckoning the present Lesson 2 will have absorbed (with the routine conclusion as below) the allotted time; so that the deferred 'Stroke Practice' (see Article 66 at end and Article 70 at beginning) is now entered under the ensuing Lesson 3. If, however, a Tutor finds that he has time in hand, he must use his discretion as to proceeding with part of the matter of the ensuing lesson, bearing in mind the continuity factor (and vice-versa). (Q T)

72. **Questions.** — Questions both 'of' and 'from' the students on Articles 53 to 70 inclusive are now taken.

Registration and a note of next work conclude the session.

(Lower the raised bell, release clapper and clock ON.)

(To be continued)

* Size 4"×1" is ideal.

LETTERS—Continued

SHIPS' BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ernest Morris and others interested in the subject of ships' bells may care to note the following extract from 'Resurgam—The Story of St. Mary's, Southampton' (page 6):—

'. . . Here also is the bell from the ship "Hantonia," whose long and honourable record ended as recently as 1954. In future the "Hantonia" bell will be rung ceremonially on any occasion requiring the summoning of the people to prayer for any cause concerning life at sea—danger, victory or thanksgiving for safety.'

The bell was first rung in the Seamen's Chapel at St. Mary's on the occasion of the dedication of that Chapel by the Assistant Bishop of Winchester last June. The Order of Service read: 'At the conclusion of the anthem the Bosun's pipe shall be sounded and the order given:—

"Day men to Prayers."

'As the "muster of the crew" proceeds, the bell of the ship 'Hantonia' will be tolled, and will continue until the Bishop's procession has reached the Chapel.'

The 'Hantonia' was in the regular Southampton—Le Havre service and was, I believe, used to evacuate troops from France in 1940. Her successor is the 'Normannia.'—Yours faithfully,

K. S. B. CROFT.

Southampton.

CHURCH AND BELFRY SEPARATE

Dear Sir,—How very surprising it is to find your correspondent, Mr. P. M. Dawson, asserting that there is a decline in bellringing because the belfry and the church are regarded as separate places. I was under the impression that change ringing first became firmly established and began to flourish at a time when it was regarded almost solely as a sport, and when there was a great deal more distinction between belfry and church than ever exists to-day.

However, assuming Mr. Dawson is correct, is he justified in insinuating that the single-minded bellringers are to blame? Presumably the 15 out of 24 churches he mentions where the bells are not rung have congregations. I should have thought it would have been easy to find seven or eight people from each, prepared to learn the art, if a real wish existed for the bells to be rung. Indeed, with the churchwardens and the sidesmen and the choir and the clergy, they could each have a Maximus band composed of truly reliable ringers. But perhaps it is these people who regard church and belfry as separate places?—Yours faithfully,

T. W. SHEPPARD.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook (first as cond., aged 14) 3, E. Tinsley 4, A. E. Hinman 5, J. H. Cook 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Alma Christine Saddington, of Asfordby, and Mr. Philip Richard Lambert (a ringer), of Thornton, Sherborne, Dorset.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Church of the Annunciation, on Sept. 3rd, 1,306 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Janet Newberry 1, P. Spice 2, Isobel Inman 3, J. Sims 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, F. Hurrell 7, G. Hurrell 8. Rung to celebrate the return of Father Potts from Barbados.

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. C. Taylor (first quarter) 1, T. F. Carford 2, G. Short 3, B. Brown 4, A. H. Bennett 5, J. E. Allen 6, C. Wander (cond.) 7, H. R. Woods 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Woods, a local ringer and daughter of the tower captain (Mr. S. V. Woods), to Mr. Claude Green.

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Lewis 1, A. R. Pocklington (Rugby) 2, T. McMorran 3, T. B. Cookson (Cambridge) 4, D. Painter (Cambridge, cond.) 5, F. E. Dukes 6, M. Flitcroft (first quarter) tenor. Arranged for the benefit of the ringers of 4 and 5, who were on holiday in Ireland. It was intended to ring Grandsire Triples, but the band had to resort to Bob Minor on account of an accident to the 7th bell, which was unringable.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first on eight) 1, Laura M. Beeney 2, G. Beency 3, F. H. Beeney 4, R. W. Pankhurst 5, B. Stepney 6, H. G. Reynolds (cond.) 7, E. Baldock 8. A farewell to Laura Beeney, who is leaving the district to commence nursery training at a Church of England Children's Society Nursery at Tunbridge Wells.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Clarke 1, E. J. Coode 2, Miss B. Slark 3, J. Sims 4, F. W. Richordson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,274 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, E. J. Coode 2, K. Small 3, J. Sims 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, G. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong. Also a farewell to the Rev. Cyril Price on leaving Eltham to take the appointment of Vicar to Upper and Nether Swell, Gloucestershire.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. G. Beck 1, W. J. Phippen 2, E. E. Bray 3, A. J. Sanger 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, G. Salmon 6, D. E. Lee 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First of Cambridge Major by all the band.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 9th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, B. K. Lunn 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, M. Moreton 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Stephenson 6, S. Kimber 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8, James Phillips 9, J. Allsop 10. For Evensong.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, DURHAM.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hodgson (first as cond.) 1, T. Hill 2, P. C. Holland 3, T. Cooke 4, L. Hodgson 5, M. Stewart 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hill 1, F. T. Warrington (first of Minor) 2, P. G. Golder 3, J. B. Dinenage 4, C. J. Gall 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Tooke 1, P. Newing 2, J. S. Barnes 3, W. G. Saunders 4, T. E. Spight 5, J. R. Smith (cond.) 6, W. Clover 7, R. Appleton 8. First quarter in method for 2, 5 and 8. For morning service.

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BIRTH

DEW.—On Sept. 5th, 1956, at Perivale Maternity Hospital, to Beryl (nee Cowlin), wife of Trevor, a daughter, Angela Mary. 8947

ENGAGEMENT

ROAST—DOWSETT.—The engagement is announced between Joseph Edward George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roast, and Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dowsett, both of Danbury, Essex. 8960

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. K. Arthur is now 37, Newminster Road, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 4. Telephone 33334. 8979

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MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will ringers coming to the University this October please contact Miss Carol Eustace (secretary), Ferndale, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. Practice, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Sacred Trinity Church, Salford. Sunday ringing arranged. Handbells available. 8945

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all Fresher ringers. We hope to meet you at the Freshers' Conference, and at the first practice at St. Giles' on Friday, October 5th, at 7.30. Master, Miss J. Dawson, Mansfield Hall. Secretary, J. White, St. David's Hall. 8963

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Sunday service ringing commences on October 7th at 5 p.m. at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3 (Tower Hill Station). Practices commence on October 8th at 6.30 p.m. Annual general meeting on October 20th. All Freshers particularly welcome.—D. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants. 8936

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Sept. 22nd, St. Margaret's, Barking, 4.30. Ship, Talbot Court, 6.30 p.m. 319th anniversary dinner, November 3rd.—A. B. Peck. 8928

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Church Broughton on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Own tea arrangements. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8920

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8915

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway, Sept. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8904

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Rothwell, Sept. 22nd. Service 4.15. Names to Miss Rowe, 33, New Street, Rothwell, Northants. 8943

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The meeting at Wigston Magna on Sept. 22nd is CANCELLED owing to the illness of the Vicar.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice, Saturday, Sept. 22nd, Ellesborough, 3.15 p.m. Monks Risborough 5.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Risborough. Names to H. Jones, Coombe Cottage, Butler's Cross, near Aylesbury. 8937

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Mansfield, Sept. 22nd. Start 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8933

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Tunstall and Blaxhall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Ringing at Tunstall (6) 2.30 p.m. Blaxhall (6) after tea. Tea 5 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec. 8918

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Micheldever on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8962

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Merstham, Wednesday, Sept. 26th, 7.30 p.m. 8965

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Sept. 27th, Clapham Common Road, 7.30 to 9. A first-class attendance, please.—Hutchings. TUL 0800. 8961

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Loxton, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 8953

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 8972

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with North West District, Ladies' Guild, at Bowdon on Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Tuesday, Sept. 25th, Miss Anne P. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon. —C. K. Lewis, Sec. 8975

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—quarterly meeting, Almondsbury, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 25th, to T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol.—W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 8968

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne (8), 3 p.m., Sept. 29th. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Notify for tea by Sept. 27th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 8951

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Old Radnor, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business after. Names early, please. —J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 8949

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at North Mymms (8) on Sept. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8924

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Meeting at Gosforth, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 26th, to Mrs. C. N. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 8969

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District. —Joint meeting with Chester Guild (Stockport and Bowdon Branch) at Bowdon, Cheshire, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 25th to Miss A. P. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, Cheshire.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8964

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex Division. — A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 26th, to Miss C. Matthews, 279, London Road, Bexhill.—Kathleen M. Yeo. 8905

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 8973

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Idle, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8974

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough (8), Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 in British Legion Room. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 26th, to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8921

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Usual times. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding. 8954

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Pentre, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 8916

MAPLEDURHAM (Oxon).—Bells (6) rehung on ball-bearings. Dedication by Lord Bishop of Oxford, Saturday, Sept. 29th, 3 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea, moderate charge (names to Vicar). Ringing until 9 p.m. 8948

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Halvergate, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 26th, certain, please, to Mr. T. W. De Ville, Halvergate, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Joint meeting with Oxford City Branch at Hanborough (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ringing at Bladon and Woodstock after tea. All welcome. Please notify for tea Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford, or T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxon. 8919

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea provided. Last meeting for this year. Large attendance, please.—B. C. Sadler. 8959

STEDMAN COMMEMORATION DINNER in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing: St. Benet's (6), 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary's (12), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; The R.C. (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m. Dinner in the Brunswick School Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, or District Secretaries. 8925

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ashtead, Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names to Mr. J. T. Symonds, please, by Sept. 26th.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8917

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A joint meeting with the Selby and District Society will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) recently rehung, 2 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8908

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner to be held in the Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 11s. 6d. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong; bells available afterwards. Dinner tickets strictly limited. Early application advised—stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 8906

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitbourne, 3 p.m., October 6th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 8944

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8910

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Ashford (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Parish Room) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by October 2nd.—W. P. Garner. 8950

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Mattishall, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Yaxham bells (5) available. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, to Mr. A. Moore, Ashleigh, Mattishall, Dereham. 8976

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Corby, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to J. Luck, 40, Broadway, Kettering. 8935

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Shirley (8). Bells available 3.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 8952

SOUTHWELL GUILD.— Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nottingham on Saturday, Oct. 6th. St. Mary's (10) bells available 3 to 4.45 p.m. St. Peter's (10) after 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Institute. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. No names no tea.—C. W. Towers. 8958

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham (5) on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. Mary's, Mildenhall (10). —E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8977

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined meeting with Northern District, Sussex Association, Crawley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley, Sussex. 8966

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Blackburn, Fylde and Preston Branches, Preston Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 13th. The president and general secretary are expected at this meeting. Good attendance requested, please. Tea, at nominal charge, for those sending names by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston.—C. Blakey, J. Turner, L. Walmsley, Branch Secs. 8957

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Business meeting at New College (Old Bursary), Oct. 16th, 8.15 p.m. All freshers welcome.—Further details from Eileen Powell (St. Hugh's) or Dermot Roaf (Christ Church), secretaries. 8981

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Application for tickets (13s. 6d.), enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 8978

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Tickets for the supper and social to be held at Lavenham on Oct. 27th available up till Oct. 20th from Miss R. Seabrook, Clare, price 5s. each. Admission by ticket only. 8967

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District at Hoo

At the by-meeting held at Hoo on September 8th, approximately 32 members and friends were present. For a change the weather was very kind. The bells were going soon after 3 o'clock, under the guidance of Mr. Frank Cheal, who was deputising for the Ringing Master, Mr. W. A. J. Knight.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist was a visitor, Mr. R. Heels. A very good tea had been prepared by Mrs. Vidgeon and her helpers, and this was given by Mr. and Mrs. Vidgeon, of Hoo.

A 'get well' card was sent to Mr. 'Gus' Hewitt, who is now recuperating in Keycol Hill Hospital, from all members present. Also a letter was sent to Mr. Knight, wishing him a speedy recovery.

After touches on handbells, a return was made to the belfry where ringing carried on until 8 o'clock.

THURSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Nice 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, E. Nice 3, L. Melton 4, A. G. Fever 5.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Gibbons 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Marian Mills 3, E. Leggett 4, A. Cansdale 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6. Rung for a wedding.

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THE VETERANS FORGATHER

LONGEVITY is a characteristic of ringers. When Mr. Albert W. Coles conceived the idea of assembly of veterans of the Exercise meeting together to ring and talk over bygone days there was a splendid rally and a unanimous wish that such a gathering should form a regular feature of the ringing calendar. The second gathering took place in the Fan Makers' Hall, Bishopsgate, on September 15th, and the portrait of Queen Anne above the top table seemed very appropriate as giving a sense of regal antiquity. Forty-two veterans assembled, with an aggregate age of 2,994 years and an average age of 71¼ years.

Place of honour next to the chairman (Mr. Coles) was occupied by Mr. F. V. Simkins, who will be 92 next January. The phrase, 'Once a ringer, always a ringer,' certainly applies to Mr. Simkins, who, who are a lifetime at Slough, is now attached to St. Leonard's, Streatham. In age he is the oldest College Youth living, but not in membership. By his side was another old College Youth, Mr. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, who, despite his 85¼ years, still rings regularly in quarter peals. He was entrusted with the calling of the last touch at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in the afternoon, and although a bob was missed at the end there was a real joy among those who participated in ringing together. It had been hoped that Alfred Pulling, of Guildford, would have been present to 'square up' the ringing, but London is a strange city and this veteran, although he carries in his pocket-book the cutting of the memorable peal at St. Olave's rung by a band of a thousand pealers, had to admit around the tea table that he had lost his way.

Veterans naturally live on past achievements, and famous peals were recalled. Reuben Sanders, looking a very youthful 82, was reminded of the day when he rang the eleventh at Exeter Cathedral to a peal of Cambridge Maximus, and how after the peal Albert Walker took him to a chemist's shop to have his bleeding hands bound up. Mr. Albert Hughes had also something to tell: a recollection of a visit to Haslemere and the rasping voice of the conductor when he missed a bob in Treble Ten that, in his own words, 'nearly caused him to jump out of his skin.'

Recently on this page was recalled the record length of Stedman Caters rung 44 years ago. Two of the ringers and one of the umpires were present. Alas, for William Shepherd the climbing of belfry stairs is out of the question for the time being. He has a rare complaint of the knee —only two cases in England—that not only makes walking difficult but is the cause of much pain in the early hours of the morning. He is, however, hopeful that a new drug prescribed by a Canadian specialist will prove to be an effective remedy. When the handbells were produced after tea, William had left for home and was thus unable to take part in a touch with the conductor of that record peal. The umpire (Mr. A. H. Winch), now 76, was able to give his version. A great walker and a great whistler was Mr. Winch in his younger days, and Mr. Shepherd told of Mr. Winch walking regularly for Sunday morning ringing at Weybridge from Leatherhead. 'And he would whistle all the way—Grandsire, Stedman or Bob Major.'

As might be expected, there was an act of remembrance of those who had passed over during the year. The Chairman mentioned that two who were present last year—Reuben Charge and Cecil Mayne—were no longer with them, and they also regretted the deaths of E. A. Young, Bill Nudds and Clement Glenn. To their memory the company stood in silence. A formidable list of absentees was read. Among them was Bill Elson, who was present last year and is now in hospital. It was with sincere regret that the veterans heard that Mr. Elson had had his second amputation the previous day.

After tea there was only one speech, that of thanks to all who had made the reunion possible. First and foremost Mr. Smallwood mentioned the work of Mr. Coles in organising the gathering. 'I am sure it is a good thing for the old veterans to get together and talk about things they have done in the past,' he said. He was sure none of them would qualify for degrees that would be going spare from the College of Campanology! Be that as it might, they had all enjoyed their experiences and knew of the joy of a bit of good ringing. They all hoped that the youngsters who were coming along would get the same fun as they had. From the point of view of striking they had a lot to learn.

The vote of thanks was truly omnibus. To the Rev. H. H. Treacher, Rector of Bishopsgate, there was a special word of thanks for the use of the hall. Happily Mr. Treacher was able to look in for a few minutes and give a welcome to the assembly. 'It is always a pleasure to welcome veterans,' he said, 'and especially on this occasion

those who have done so much in the art of bell ringing. In the name of the Church I give you a cordial welcome.' Others thanked were the Rectors of St. Olave's and St. Bartholomew the Great, where ringing took place during the afternoon, Mrs. Davies and her band of ladies, who provided an excellent tea, and lastly Messrs. Mason, Goodfellow, Tubb, Euston and Oliver, who provided the transport. Before they parted there was a little 'something' for the homeward journey. Mrs. Davis and her ladies were able to provide paper bags with a little refreshment for the journey. Diary entries have already been made for next year's reunion.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*Alan Smith, sen.	*Treble*	Geoffrey S. Mills	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	*Harold Hamer	6
Sydney Leatherbarrow	3	Selwyn H. Dearden	7
Stephen Ll. Parry	4	Ivan Kay	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the Charter Centenary of the Borough of Rochdale.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
John Worth	3	Alan J. Brown	7
Basil Jones	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

*Doris M. Killingley	*Treble*	Edward Mashiter	5
Rohilla M. Cooke	2	Maurice G. Stewart	6
Malcolm P. Hammond	3	†Lawrence Hodgson	7
†Peter C. Holland	4	Thomas Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross (C.C.C. No. 1).
Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
* 50th peal. † First peal on eight bells.

STEWKLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*Roy Woodruff	*Treble*	Anthony E. Cox	5
Mary Hobbs	2	†E. Dennis Poole	6
John D. Kape	3	Roland Biggs	7
*Richard E. Dean	4	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Washbrook. Conducted by Walter Lee.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 70th peal.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Cyr and Julietta,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Mrs. Mariella Mallett	*Treble*	Sidney Skinner	5
E. Maurice Atkins	2	Frederick Wreford	6
John L. S. Glanvill	3	Brian Pidgeon	7
Norman Mallett	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal in the method.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*Freda M. Hankey	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	5
†Frederick W. Bird	2	*Albert Streeter	6
†Brian A. Cracknell	3	William Slaughter	7
‡A. Patrick Cannon	4	George Olliver	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George Olliver.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ 50th peal of Plain Bob Major (conducted 28). First peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Dowd, verger at this church, who begins studies at Bristol University.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

F. Charles Goodman	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Arthur G. Bason	6
George P. Adams	3	George Sayer	7
H. William Barrett	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Roland H. Cook	*Treble*	Leonard Trevor	5
Mrs. Phyllis Poole	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
Walter P. Whitehead	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Alfred Ballard	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff (C.C.C. 20). Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mildred,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 changes of Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell.
Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

William C. Marshall	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	5
Albert J. Lancefield	2	Mark W. Marshall	6
Frederick G. Huckstepp	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the birth of twins to Mrs. A. Goram, wife of a local ringer. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Violet Relf, secretary of the local band.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DOROTHY J. CLARKE	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
A 65th birthday compliment to J. F. Clarke.
Rung after meeting short for Caters, L. Trevor kindly standing down.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25¾ cwt.

NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	EDGAR GLASS	5
GEORGE SKINNER	2	ARTHUR MITCHELL	6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Glass.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

*CECIL E. R. EVANS	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
*ELSIE K. HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
*DAVID J. TAYLOR	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The treble ringer has now completed 40 years' membership of this Association.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*ALAN F. LEE	*Treble*	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID J. KING	6
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
JOHN N. DISERENS	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.
Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding this day of Philip W. Weeks and Jean E. Self.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

AUDREY WHITE	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
JOYCE A. PARSONS	2	*REX J. CORKE	6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	3	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
HARRY POYNER	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
CCC No. 36. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID F. WELHAM	*Treble*	PERCY W. MILLS	5
MICHAEL A. MILLS	2	WALTER FELGATE	6
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	*STANLEY T. LEACH	7
GEORGE WATERMAN	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal.
A 71st birthday compliment to G. Waterman.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

ADRIAN J. TUMBER	*Treble*	*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	2	*GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
PETER NASH	3	*TOM CHAPMAN	7
*REGINALD W. REX	4	*ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Warwickshire.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
JOHN WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

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

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

JOHN H. GILBERT	*Treble*	*THOMAS W. GOODYER	5
VALERIE W. WILLARD	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
JOAN GRAY	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Surprise and first peal in the British Isles. First of Surprise as conductor.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
PETER B. KNIGHTS	2	BRIAN MANNING	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5024 RIPPLESMERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD S. T. FARR	*Treble*	EDWARD J. BRAGG	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method (E. W. Tipler's A 13/1).

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*RUTH HIGHLEY	*Treble*	†RONALD C. BURNS	5
MRS. GLADYS PICKLES	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
GEORGE KENWARD	4	JOHN C. S. BENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.'
Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wood, worshippers at the above church. Also rung on the eve of the thanksgiving service for the redecoration of the church.

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By E. W. TIPLER.
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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, viz.: Two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*ALBERT M. COOPER	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	4
†GEOFFREY MILLS	2	DEREK TAYLOR	5
*PETER WATSON	3	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First of three Minor. † First of Minor. First in three methods as conductor.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings) (C.C.C. 93 to 102). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE FORRESTER	*Treble*	LEONARD COPNALL	4
ARNOLD WORTH	2	ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
ROBERT BARRATT	3	DEREK BRISCALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

Believed to be the first peal of New Grandsire Doubles.

Rung for the christening of Christine Anne Pimlott, daughter of the conductor, and Corinne Marion Forrester, daughter of the treble ringer.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of St. Simon's, eight of St. Martin's and 26 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A sharp.

*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	3
*P. DAVID CATTERMOLE	2	JAMES W. FORDER	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal, first attempt. First peal on the bells since 1922.

Rung as a farewell to Dr. Geoffrey Soden, D.D., M.A., on his retirement after 12 years as Rector of the parish.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
*DAVID HODGSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	3	DAVID STAPLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

A farewell peal to the tenor ringer, on embarkation leave before proceeding to Germany.

LITTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES PEARCE	*Treble*	W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
PERCY BRAY	2	F. CECIL MOGFORD	5
ERNEST E. BRAY	3	FREDERICK H. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Pitman's) and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*LILIAN BUTLER (12¼)	*Treble*	*MICHAEL MULLARD (14)	4
†PETER J. BARKER	2	HARRY BUTLER	5
‡JOHN H. ALLEN	3	HARRY BUTLER, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. ALLEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles and of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

KENNETH L. BROWN	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	*TREVOR A. CROSS	4
*TERENCE BARTON	2	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
RALPH BIRD	3	LESLIE B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal in seven Doubles methods.

Rung for the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dobbie, and also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Highley.

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and 40 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

*HARVEY SHERRY	*Treble*	DAVID FERGUSON	4
ALBERT E. JONES	2	JOHN ELLAMS	5
*JEAN HUTTON	3	*DAVID TOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to J. Ellams, leaving to join the Forces.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Double Oxford and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JAMES T. ROOKE (12¼)	*Treble*	ALEC WILSON	4
FREDA ROBINSON	2	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	†HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal and first attempt. † 100th peal together.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES C. TAYLOR	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
*JOAN L. TAYLOR	2	H. E. GEORGE JEANS	5
PERCY COX	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a farewell to Jim Taylor, who has now joined the R.A.F.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*Elizabeth Marchant ..	*Treble*	†George R. Hiner	4
†Stephen Wright	2	†Barry Holland	5
†Dennis Holland	3	George S. Lee	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barry Holland.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. The conductor has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris' 240 and 40 extents (ten callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Ann Lewis	*Treble*	Peter J. Wycherley ..	4
*W. John Phippen	2	Roger H. Abbott	5
Eunice D. Overend ..	3	Harry Moody	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger H. Abbott.

* 25th peal. First peal as conductor (aged 14).

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents and one 240. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

George Prescott	*Treble*	Ronald E. C. Smith.. ..	4
Marjorie Legg	2	Leonard Derrick	5
Cecil F. Mogford	3	William A. Prescott ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.

Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

A. William Bird	*Treble*	Dennis W. Green	4
Edward T. Chapman ..	2	Robert E. Wood	5
Stanley W. Copling.. ..	3	H. William Barrett ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

BUCKLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, and two 720's of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Brenda M. Smith ..	*Treble*	*Robert W. Cole	4
*Anthony J. Brazier ..	2	*Harold E. Raxter	5
*†‡Gerald C. Hemming..	3	‡Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	*Tenor*

* First peal in six methods. † 75th peal. ‡ 75th peal together.

CLAYCROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Jack Bailey	*Treble*	*Ernest H. Johnstone ..	4
Maurice Bailey	2	Benjamin Barker	5
Alfred Mould	3	Francis R. Lowe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bailey.

* First peal in the method. Rung with singles only.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Barker on their silver wedding anniversary.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	George Challans	5
*John F. W. Read	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal in seven methods.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*George Armitt	*Treble*	Anthony W. Lawton ..	4
Kenneth Smith	2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton.. ..	5
Charles W. Lawton ..	3	Barry Corbishley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barry Corbishley.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Michael Leigh) to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 9, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
At 24, Doyle Avenue, Hilsea,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 37 methods, viz.: (1) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, College Exercise, Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Sandal Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, Capel Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure; (3) Old Oxford Delight, College Bob IV, Willesden Delight, Newdigate Delight; (4) London Bob, Double Court, College Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree College; (5) Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob; (6) Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Crayford Little Court, Cromer Alliance, Steventon Alliance, Tibenham Alliance; (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Little Bob, Walsingham Alliance, Lammas Alliance, Olney Alliance. Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. Kathleen M. Knight	1—2	Robin G. Leale	3—4
		*Roger Baldwin	5—6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 50th peal together.

Greatest number of methods rung to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At 120, Wilton Road.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 7 in D.

John A. Smith	1—2	*J. Michael Lakin	5—6
*Roger Baldwin	3—4	†Robert C. Kippin	7—8

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal 'in hand' on eight bells. † First peal 'in hand.'

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 11, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 changes each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas'.

D. Margaret Hawley ..	1—2	Edward M. Bradley ..	3—4
		Alan Sheppard	5—6

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 12, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
At 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
In 15 methods: (1) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob; (3) Cromer Alliance and Crayford Little Court; (4) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (5) St. Clement's and College Bob; (6) Double, Reverse and Plain Bob; (7) Fulbeck and Canterbury Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.

Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	1—2	*William H. Jackson ..	3—4
		W. Eric Critchley	5—6

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* The most methods rung to a peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

John A. Smith	1—2	*John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	Mrs. B. G. Warwick ..	7—8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.

* 250th peal for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

R.A.F. WEEK-END IN NORTH SOMERSET

The week-end of September 8th-9th saw five ringers from R.A.F., Locking, and some 'civvy' friends touring several churches in North Somerset. Transport comprised three cars, and the area chosen provided both good scenery and plenty of variety in types of towers and bells.

The start was made after tea on the Friday, and the party set off for the first tower, Woolavington (6). The next call was at Puriton, where the fourth is rather flat, giving an unusual tone to these bells. Continuing, we rejoined the main Bristol-Bridgwater road and after passing Pawlett Church twice, we found the local band waiting to meet us. We enjoyed this 14½ cwt. five so much that we stayed longer than originally intended, and consequently arrived late at the final tower for the evening, Huntspill, but had time for a variety of methods, including London Minor and Huntspill Doubles.

A parade at the camp prevented us going anywhere in the morning. However, we were away shortly after mid-day and just had time for a short ring on the merry little six at Locking, permission being kindly granted at very short notice. After Westbury-sub-Mendip, the grand 18 cwt. six at Pilton provided probably the best ringing of the week-end. These bells and those at Pylle (6) had both been recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and it was agreed that both jobs were good. Baltonsborough bells are not often rung, and the Vicar was pleased to hear our ringing.

Having to stop for petrol delayed our arrival at West Lydford, where the church is situated at the side of a small river, and some difficulty was experienced in getting the back bells up right. Next we had the only fives of the day—Barton St. David and Kingweston. The first tower is octagonal and the second has a spire. The bell-frame at Butleigh could well do with attention, the bells going very badly. At Street, too, we had a lot of trouble with this 23¾ cwt. eight—mainly due to the lack of rope guides—but we did manage a course of Double Norwich. Some of the band preferred listening to the church organist at St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, but we all set off together to ring at Meare, though here the 'go' of some bells—notably the fifth—suggested the bells hadn't been oiled for over a year. Nevertheless we had plenty of time to 'oil' ourselves at the Ring o' Bells.

Sunday morning found us at the pleasant resort of Clevedon, where we joined the local band at St. Andrew's for morning service ringing on a good 14 cwt. Taylor eight. Permission had been very kindly given for a short ring after Sung Mass on the All Saints' five, which Taylor's have rehung within recent months. After lunch we visited the area known as Gordano, calling in at Clapton, Weston, Portbury (where the 'go' of the bells is really appalling) and Easton. A short tea, and then we joined the ringers at St. James', Bristol, for Evensong ringing.

The band would like to extend their thanks to all ringers and incumbents who met us and made us welcome, and particularly to Mr. and Mrs. George Prescott for all their help.

I. H. O

RYE, SUSSEX

As far as any of the present ringers are concerned the outing by coach on July 7th was the first made from the tower.

Away to a prompt start at 1.30 p.m., the first stop was at Ticehurst (6), where we were met by Mr. S. Ponting, who rang with us. Despite the draught, the striking of rounds and Grandsire Doubles was reasonably good.

In brilliant sunshine, which lasted for the rest of the day, we skirted Tunbridge Wells to visit Speldhurst. Here we were joined by the tower captain. One of the party remarked that 'the bells just ring themselves. The bells certainly are a very good eight.

At St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, we found a very similar ring and enjoyed our best ringing of the day. This included rounds by an all-ladies' band and a good lower on the back six. An excellent high tea was enjoyed at 'John's Place,' after which there was a little time to spare for sight-seeing.

Finally, at Frant (6), long ropes proved a handicap to some, and at the end of the day there were more trips than at previous towers.

We are grateful to all who met us and to incumbents for use of the bells. On the whole we were fortunate in our choice of towers. The party included 17 ringers (12 of whom were under 21) and, lacking the services of some of our members at college and university, we attempted rounds, Queens, plain hunting and Grandsire Doubles. The striking in these was generally very satisfactory, which we consider was important. We are grateful to the Church Council for defraying all expenses.

J. S.

FARINGDON, BERKS

Accompanied by their Vicar and friends from Shrivenham, Stanford-in-the-Vale and Marcham, Faringdon ringers had an enjoyable outing on September 8th.

It was planned to ring at Great Tew, but owing to a funeral this had to be cancelled. Sandford St. Martin, the next village, however, proved to be an excellent substitute. Bicester bells, in the next tower, pleased everyone, and tea was taken at St. Mary's Café.

At Long Crendon, Bucks, we were given a great reception by the Rev. Mr. Playfoot. Thanks are expressed to all who contributed towards such a delightful outing, on one of the few fine Saturdays in recent weeks.

Hutton, Essex, Ringers' Activities

Four events this year were enjoyed by our Guild and its friends.

The coach party, March 2nd, to the Empire Pool, Wembley, to see the ice show, the pantomime 'Babes in the Wood.' How easy and convenient to go by coach from door to door!

The coach tour, May 26th, to Dovercourt for lunch and Brightlingsea for tea, with ringing on the bells at the ancient churches of St. Leonard, Colchester, Langham, Mistley, Great Holland and Ardleigh. How refreshing the morning coffee at Dedham and the delightful evening tea at Ardleigh proved!

The quarterly meeting, July 7th, of the Essex Association (S.W.), when Hutton had the honour of entertaining members from various parts of the county. The stirring anthem rendered by the choir, and the dainty tea provided by Margaret B. and her helpers, served as pleasing precursories to that which followed—the business meeting, with our Rector in the chair.

The cycling outing, August 25th, round Colchester way, after our train ride, with more ringing in the grand old towers of Great Bromley, Tendring, Great Bentley, Thorington and Wivenhoe. The Norman village common at Great Bentley proved the ideal spot for the picnic lunch, and we well enjoyed our tea in the riverside café at Wivenhoe.

A sincere 'thank you' to all who helped cater for our comfort—and to the incumbents and ringers who welcomed us to their towers.

M. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Canon A. W. Markby Retires

The Dorchester Branch held their quarterly meeting at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on September 15th.

Ringing on the eight bells commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until 4 o'clock, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the Branch.

Canon Markby, who is retiring from his active ministry at the end of September, said in his address that he was grateful for the meeting, as it gave him the opportunity to bid an 'official goodbye' to the Branch, and to leave a farewell message. 'Carry on,' he said, 'and keep the bells ringing, so that the boys and girls now learning can follow in your footsteps and ring the bells to the glory of God.'

The Rector said he would always treasure the help and comradeship he had received from the Branch, and would always be interested in their activities.

Tea was served at the Wessex Restaurant, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the chairman, who extended a very warm welcome to the Rev. E. B. Brooks (recently inducted to the living of Fordington).

Mr. Brooks said in reply that he was sure he would be very happy at Fordington, and would welcome the Branch members to his belfry.

New members accepted were Messrs. W. J. Cowley (Charminster), C. Goodfellow and R. Pope (Buckland Newton).

Subject to confirmation, the annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's on the third Saturday in January. Fortnightly practices were arranged for October 6th, Abbotsbury; October 20th, Priston; November 3rd, Cattistock; November 17th, Piddlehinton; December 1st, Wyke Regis; December 15th, Buckland Newton.

Mr. Riggs, of Piddletrenthide, said their bells were now in the hands of the founders, and it was hoped they would be available by Easter.

Mr. R. H. Duke, captain of St. Peter's ringers, paid a sincere tribute to Canon Markby's help and inspiration during his ringing period at St. Peter's, and the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Hayne, endorsed his remarks, and said he hoped that the chairman's goodbye from his work at the church did not necessarily mean goodbye to the Branch.

The chairman said that to say goodbye was always difficult, but he would still be in the same county and diocese (he will be living at Swanage), so that he could keep an eye on the ringers. It is hoped to attempt a peal on St. Peter's bells as a tribute to Canon Markby later in the month.

A vote of thanks to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting, especially the organist, Mr. W. Sansom, who came at short notice, was carried unanimously.

Ringing continued at St. Peter's and at Fordington, under the direction of Mr. F. Precey and his deputies, Messrs. H. Ford and J. Rose. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung in which the combined ages of the ringers of the first three bells totalled well over 200 years. They were Mr. F. Precey, over 70, Mr. F. Stedman and the Rev. R. P. Farrow, both over 80 years. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, as well as plenty of practice touches for the learners.

Towers represented were Preston, Wyke Regis, Piddletrenthide, Bovington, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Fordington, Yetminster, Charminster, Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton and East Lulworth, with visitors from Leatherhead, Lydbury, Shepton Mallet, Wells, Radstock, Wareham, Yeovil, Queen Camel and Stalbridge.

Canon Markby has been 56 years in the Ministry, 27 years at St. Peter's, and was elected Branch chairman on January 11th, 1936.

J. H. H.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX. — On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. Welham (first of Major) 1, P. G. Erith (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. P. W. Mills (first of Major) 3, F. Southgate 4, G. W. Moss 5, F. H. Erith 6, M. A. Mills 7, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 8.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS. — On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Grainger (first quarter) 1, Angela Grainger (first quarter) 2, A. Kershaw 3, I. Pett 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, B. Kershaw 6. Rung for the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd.

BANSTEAD, SURREY. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Cheesman 1, H. N. Pitstow 2, R. I. Parsons 3, G. Huxley 4, N. Hobden 5, A. J. Adams 6, A. E. Harman 7, E. G. Coward 8. Rung as a compliment to Joyce Fishlock, a member of the local band, on the occasion of her marriage. A previous attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major failed.

BICESTER, OXON. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Crutchfield 1, H. Hatfield 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Clifton 4, F. Lewis 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Spence 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Pearson (hon. secretary, Banbury Branch).

COFFINSWELL, DEVON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles, being 720 of Grandsire and 540 of Plain Bob: Miss P. L. Symons (first quarter) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, Mrs. D. E. Hood 3, M. Hood 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, K. Shelly 6.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Maher 1, G. S. Mills 2, P. Scholfield 3, Mrs. G. S. Mills 4, R. Cryer 5, G. Cheetham (first 'inside') 6, N. Smith (cond.) 7, J. C. Ashworth 8. First of Grandsire for all except 2, 4 and 6. Rung for harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

DULVERTON, SOMERSET. — On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Baker 2, W. G. Bellamy 3, P. J. Bird 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, F. Casley 6, C. Bellew 7, R. G. Fisher (first quarter) 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 11th, at the Church of All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. E. Hirst 1, Mrs. Levett 2, Mrs. Roberts 3, S. F. Buckland 4, P. H. Avey 5, G. R. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 4. Rung by the local band for practice.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mr. Grey 1, J. Maltby (first 'inside') 2, Joyce Baggott 3, M. King 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, G. Pratchett 6. Rung for evensong and Battle of Britain Sunday.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Wood 1, E. Atkinson 2, A. Bowers 3, J. E. Dews 4, N. R. Hunt 5, P. Atkinson (first quarter of Major) 6, M. Hunt 7, R. Axford 8. Conducted by H. Rowley. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of the conductor on Sept. 6th, 1956.

KING'S NORTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Turner 1, W. Thornley 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, E. J. Jelley 4, J. A. Acres 5, S. J. Haines 6, B. S. Chapman 7, J. M. Jelley 8.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pike 1, R. Beale 2, G. Salter 3, S. Bristow 4, W. Gigg 5, W. Slocombe (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Ursula Napier and Mr. Douglas Atyeo.

ROCHDALE, LANCS. — At All Saints', Hamer, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Lord 1, M. Buckley 2, A. Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rimmer and the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Abbott.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dawes 1, M. Mills 2, E. Chaddock 3, J. Chaddock 4, I. Holland 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Coote 8. First of Grandsire Triples by 1 and 4. Rung to mark the gift of a son to H. Woodall, one of the local band.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, D. M. Reeve 4, N. Watson 5, T. Stagg 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

WADHURST, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on middle six): D. Neal 1, J. Bishop 2, Ann Bassett 3, Edith Bassett 4, S. G. Ponting 5, C. Pilbeam 6, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 7, J. Newick 8. First quarter 1 and 2. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Watts.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayes (first of Caters) 1, D. Hewitt (first of Caters 'inside') 2, H. Rumens 3, E. E. Holman 4, F. C. Maynard 5, C. A. Hughes 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, A. J. N. Boyack 8, R. J. Chapman (first of Caters as conductor) 9, B. Collard (first of Caters) 10. For evensong and a birthday compliment to 3 and 7 and Mr. F. C. Taylor. Also for wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. Collard.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Olveston, Glos, recorded in this issue, was arranged for Mr. Tom Goodyer, who is on a three weeks' visit to England from Australia. Although Tom had only once before rung Cambridge Major, and that about three years ago, he rang his bell with only two or three very slight trips. Tom is probably the first Australian born and taught ringer to score a peal of Surprise.

Who was the inquisitive ringer who during a recent peal tour put his head through the window of a bus?

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards had the pleasure on September 13th of celebrating his 83rd birthday with a touch of Stedman Triples at Lyme Regis.

The Rev. C. C. J. Butlin made a slip of the pen in his article 'The Beauty of the Bells.' On page 373 it should read Pope John XII, instead of Pope Pius IX.

Mr. W. H. Coles would like to thank all the kind ringing friends who have written to him in hospital, and those who have also visited him. He is now released from hospital but still confined to bed at his home, 61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes, Middlesex.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at King's Norton, Leics, is of special interest as it is said that this tower has one of the finest-toned rings of eight in Leicestershire and yet supposedly unringable. True, they are far from being perfect as far as the 'go' is concerned, but with the help of the oil can and plenty of 'elbow grease' it is hoped to get them in a pealable condition for the expected visit of the great A. P. C. early in the New Year. If successful, this will be the first peal on the bells for many years.

Now 88 years old, Mr. H. Rowley, who has been a ringer at Horbury, Yorks, for 67 years, called a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for his birthday, although he did not ring. He is still the tower's most regular and punctual attender at both service and practice ringing. He always rings, except on the occasions when there is a full team, as was the case in the birthday quarter.

Mr. John Worth, Macclesfield, writes: Re footnote to peal rung at Arlecdon, Cumberland, claiming it as first peal of London Surprise Major in the county, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson called a 5,024, composed by G. Lindoff, at Crosthwaite, Cumberland, on July 8th, 1950.

The ringers in the peal of Bob Minor at Claycross, Derbyshire, on September 15th would like to convey their thanks through 'The Ringing World' to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Barker for the grand tea and welcome given to them at their party, and wish them both good luck in the future.

The peal of Minor at Stamford, Lincs, on September 8th, given elsewhere, was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Hedley Baxter and Miss Audrey Towns, which took place at St. Martin's Church, Ancaster, a few days previously. The bride was a chorister and ringer at this church.

The retirement from the Ministry after 56 years of Canon A. Wilkinson Markby has been received with great regret by members of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild. For 27 years he has been Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and has been Branch chairman since January, 1936. Canon Markby is to live in retirement at Swanage.

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Society of Rambling Ringers in the West Country

THE Society met for its sixth annual tour outside St. David's Church, Exeter, on Saturday, August 4th.

St. David's bells (8, 15 cwt.) proved very good but are not in the same class as the excellent eight (tenor 25 cwt.) at St. Michael's, Heavitree. A course of Bristol did full justice to these bells. St. Thomas (8, 14 cwt.) preceded the heavy 12 (tenor 72 cwt.) at the Cathedral. The bells go exceptionally well but a touch of Cambridge Royal failed.

Officially we had only two towers on the programme for Sunday—Pinhoe (6, 11 cwt.) for Matins, and Ottery St. Mary (8, 18 cwt.) for Evensong—but our tower-grabbing enthusiast obtained permission for us to ring at Whimple (6, 12 cwt.), Talaton (6, 12 cwt.) and Alphington (8, 16 cwt.). Six members and two locals attempted a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Newton St. Cyres (8, 15 cwt.) but unfortunately this came to grief.

Monday brought a foretaste of what was to be our lot for the remainder of the tour—hill climbing. We started the day at Chudleigh (8, 12 cwt.), followed by Bickington (6, 7 cwt.). What was probably the 'most looked forward to' tower of the tour followed—Buckfast Abbey (12, 41 cwt.). The ringing chamber was beautifully kept as was the belfry above it, and spoke well of the love and labour of our guide. The ringing here was very good although Cambridge Maximus would not 'go.' We then forced our way past a point-to-point meeting at Dean Prior (6, 11 cwt.), followed by the five at Rattery (tenor 13 cwt.). The night was spent at Lownard Youth Hostel.

Owing to a mistake about a service, the first tower on Tuesday, Totnes, had to be put back until evening, but this gave us a chance to 'grab' Berry Pomeroy (8, 17 cwt.), where the clock mechanism could be made less complicated! At Paignton (8, 22 cwt.) our only course of Superlative on the tour was rung and our Cheshire friend also became entangled with the intricacies of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. Ringing at Marldon (5, 17 cwt.) was curtailed due to a broken rope, and at Ipplepen (8, 18 cwt.) a certain member would not ring because the floor almost did not exist, but the local said that it was quite safe. Broadhempston (6, 13 cwt.), Staverton (6, 21 cwt.) and Little Hempston (5, 13 cwt.) brought us back once again to Totnes (8, 28 cwt.), and these were a grand finale to an excellent day.

SIX-FOOT SALLIES

The sun stayed with us for all of Wednesday and the first stop was at Harberton (6, 16 cwt.) with its six-foot long sallies. It was here that the section of the Society that was to become known as 'the rough riders' set off to take the minor roads, which in many cases turned out to be mere cart tracks. A gentleman on horseback must have thought that the whole party was insane after a certain utterance by that Cheshire gentleman! Eventually Halwell was reached, where the six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) went quite well. East Allington (6, 12 cwt.) were 'grabbed' during the lunch break, and then followed Cornworthy (6, 10 cwt.) and Dittisham (6, 12 cwt.). Maypool Youth Hostel was the night headquarters.

Thursday found us at Dartmouth (8, 18 cwt.), where some good ringing was enjoyed after we had been mistaken for a similar touring body! We were met here by the curate of the mother parish of Townstal and he invited us to try his six bells (tenor 8 cwt.). We stopped at Stokenham (6, 16 cwt.) and Kingsbridge (8, 11 cwt.) before we reached West Alvington (6, 16 cwt.), where the ringing chamber contains more certificates for call change ringing than any other in Devon. The locals, however, said that our ringing was good, including the raise and fall. The final tower of the day was Malborough (6, 11 cwt.). In the evening the tower grabbers, with the aid of cars, snatched Galmpton (6, 6 cwt.).

We started ringing on Friday at Modbury (6, 17 cwt.) followed after lunch by Yealmpton (6, 10 cwt.) and Brixton (6, 13 cwt.) and the eight at Plympton (tenor 25 cwt.) before we entered the naval town of Plymouth. While ringing at St. Andrew's (10, 35 cwt.) the tenor clapper parted company with the bell. After the evening meal at the Youth Hostel the excellent eight (tenor 21 cwt.) at Emmanuel Church were tried.

INTO CORNWALL

A long run on Saturday morning brought us to Liskeard (8, 17 cwt.) and then into the hills to St. Cleer (6, 10 cwt.). On the way to Bodmin we stopped and had a ring at Cardynham (8, 14 cwt.), where a peal was due to commence. The good eight (tenor 15 cwt.) at Bodmin were followed by Lanlivery (8, 16 cwt.). After tea at the Youth Hostel the bells at Lostwithiel (6, 9 cwt.) were sampled, after which the annual meeting was held in a nearby hostelry.

On Sunday we rang for Matins at Tywardreath (6, 6 cwt.). In the afternoon we visited Ladock (8, 12 cwt.) and Probus (8, 20 cwt.) before ringing at Truro Cathedral for Evensong. In the evening we were invited to ring at Kenwyn (8, 15 cwt.).

The first stop on Monday morning was at Perran-ar-Worthal (6, 12 cwt.), where we were welcomed by the Vicar, who invited us to go to Stithians (6, 8 cwt.). St. Gluvias (8, 11 cwt.) gave us an appetite for lunch, and afterwards the rough riders went to Stithians while the remainder went straight to St. Hilary (6, 5 cwt.). The party from Stithians reached St. Hilary Church via the Vicarage garden (the drive being mistaken for a road!). The English Channel was seen again as we travelled to Gulval (8, 12 cwt.). The evening found us ringing at Penzance (8, 23 cwt.).

AT LAND'S END

The first tower on Tuesday was the magnificent six (tenor 14 cwt.) cast by Taylor's, at Paul. The first and last church in England was next on the programme—Sennen (6, 5 cwt.). After moistening our lips at the first and last inn and a quick visit to Land's End the long run followed to Zennor (6, 12 cwt.). Once again the rough riders nearly missed ringing at Towednack (8, 7 cwt.). Some members went to have a quick ring at Carbis Bay (8, 9 cwt.) while the rest went to Lelant (6, 8 cwt.). The day ended with a long run to Phillack Youth Hostel.

Wednesday found us at Camborne (8, 17 cwt.), Tuckingmill (8, 10 cwt.) and Redruth (8, 13 cwt.) before lunch. Perranzabuloe (6, 9 cwt.) was first after lunch and then we visited Crantock (6, 9 cwt.) for a snatch, and here the Rev. W. H. Trewella joined us for a ring. The eight at St. Columb Minor proved tricky to handle, due to a long draught of rope and the front bells being very finely set. The only church in England situated in an airfield, St. Eval (6, 9 cwt.) was the last tower of the day.

Thursday was the only really wet day of the tour and at St. Teath (6, 7 cwt.) only the fourth and tenor had stays on but this did not stop us having a good ring. The lightest five (tenor 3½ cwt.) in Cornwall, at Advent, was next visited. The church is almost derelict but there is a local band who keep the bells ringing. After lunch we journeyed via Davidstow (6, 9 cwt.) to Stratton (8, 21 cwt.). These bells are excellent and we cannot be ashamed of our performance here. It was a very wet party that reached Kilkhampton (8, 11 cwt.), the last tower of the day, and after a good ring the party split up to go and find rest and shelter for the night.

BARNSTAPLE BELLS A HANDFUL

Friday saw us all together again at Abbotsham (6, 12 cwt.) and we were welcomed by the Vicar. The next two towers proved to be the best and worst of the tour. Firstly Bideford, with its excellent ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.), and then Barnstaple (8, 22 cwt.). Here the bells are hung in a frame which must resemble the boughs of an aged oak tree, and they proved to be a real handful, and they caused more than one wet brow and aching back. Good luck to the locals! Loxhore (6, 5 cwt.) and Arlington (6, 11 cwt.) finished a tiring day. The road we took to Parracombe Youth Hostel under the guidance of our Nottingham friend is badly in need of repair, to say the least.

Saturday, the final day, brought the steepest hills of the tour—Lynton, Countisbury and Porlock all to be crossed before lunch. The first tower was Lynton (6, 10 cwt.) and after some quick refreshment we set out for Porlock (6, 12 cwt.). Two 'engineers' missed a ring at Luccombe (6, 10 cwt.) because they were assisting the Sussex lady with the gears on her cycle. Minehead (10, 20 cwt.) was the last tower of the tour, and a very good course of Cambridge Royal on these excellent bells concluded a very good tour.

Altogether 86 churches were visited. Methods rung included: Kent and Cambridge Maximus; Stedman and Grandsire Cinques; Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob Royal; Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Major—Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Rutland, Pudsey, Ashtead, Kent, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Original. Triples—Stedman and Cambridge. Minor—Cambridge, Primrose, Norwich, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Walksworth, Plain Bob, Original, Kent and Oxford, etc.

At the annual meeting it was decided to hold next year's tour in the Yorkshire and Lancashire area. John E. Cook was unanimously elected Ringing Master and Alan E. Hartley as the new hon. secretary.

The Society would like to thank all incumbents and local ringers, especially Mr. A. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for their kindness in allowing us the use of the bells and making the tour a great success.

J. E. C., A. E. H.

WEDDING BELLS AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

In connection with the wedding of the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Parnell, of Dartington, Totnes, which took place at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, September 15th, a number of members of the Devon Guild of Ringers, with visitors, rang the bells prior to the ceremony. The bride's father is a member of the Mid-Devon Branch.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Messrs. E. M. Atkins, A. L. Bennett, W. Simmonds, W. G. Lavers, F. Skidmore (Bristol), Hilton (High Wycombe,) Cotterell (Reading), Mrs. E. S. Powell (Wellington, Somerset), Miss E. Yardley (Birmingham) and the Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, of the Abbey ringers.

VETERANS' SECOND REUNION

Featured on the front page is an article on the second re-union of the veterans of the Exercise, held in the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers, Bishopsgate, on September 15th. Mr. A. W. Coles, the organiser, had the pleasure of welcoming a company of 55.

Those present were:—Messrs. A. W. Coles (68), North Mymms; F. V. Simkins (91), Streatham; I. Emery (85), Bromley; A. A. Hughes (71), St. Lawrence Jewry; J. F. Smallwood (72), Kensington; R. Sanders (82), Streatham; W. Shepherd (73), Addlestone; J. Bracklet (68), Woking; H. Hodgetts (73), Oxhey; E. G. Fenn (75), Barking; R. F. Deal (72), East Ham; C. H. Balaam (69), Basingstoke; J. E. Rootes (66), Bushey; F. W. Elliott (69), Rickmansworth.

Messrs. A. H. Pulling (76), Guildford; C. W. R. Grimwood (82), Kingston; A. H. Winch (76), Leatherhead; G. Marriner (73), Leatherhead; Ralph S. Long (65), Sheffield Cathedral; J. W. Chapman (75), Streatham; J. J. Attwater (73), Enfield; W. H. Hewett (70), Camberwell; S. H. Hoare (64), Watford; J. S. Hawkins (77), St. Andrew's, Holborn; A. D. Barker (65), Stoke Poges; H. J. Ranzetta (64), Holloway; E. W. Furbank (69), Brentwood; C. A. Hughes (70), Leytonstone; J. Marks (62), Bletchley; E. D. Smith (71), Leytonstone; T. R. Dennis (73), Cambridge; A. T. Mason (64), Lee, Kent.

Messrs. P. Spice (65), Bromley; A. Cutler (64), Willesden; H. J. Eldred (74), Ealing; A. Hunter (70), Ruislip; Tom Collins (69), Ruislip; F. A. Barker (71), Finchley; G. R. Goodship (67), Ipswich; W. J. Robinson (75), Guildford; F. Ranson (68), Ealing.

In providing the tea, Mrs. Davis was assisted by Mesdames G. Goodfellow, D. Deal, E. Sanders, R. Coles, J. Hook, M. Williams and M. Colville and Miss C. Moore and Miss Hurdle.

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. Thomas, J. Dennett, C. Sedgley, G. Symonds, A. Harris, W. Wolstencroft, G. Daynes, F. Richardson, F. Perrens, A. Walker, W. Bottrill, W. Cox, J. Fowler, W. Henley, W. Welling, F. Hayes, R. Stannard, T. Duffield, W. Wenban, J. Dyke, N. Tomlinson, W. Bowden, H. Belcher, A. Peck, H. Langdon, E. Morris, F. Mitchell, W. Webb, E. Barnett, L. Stillwell, H. Clark, W. T. Elson and H. Audsley.

LADIES ?

What happens to the ladies when there is a Ladies' Guild meeting?

Four ladies attended the Yorkshire District meeting at Chapel Allerton, Leeds, on September 8th.

With the help of the gentlemen, ringing included Stedman Doubles and Spliced Doubles.

It was a great pity that, due to lack of support, the delightful little six could not be appreciated fully.

The next meeting will be held on November 10th in the Sheffield area. E. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Coffinswell

The Mid-Devon Branch held a by-meeting at Coffinswell, near Newton Abbot, on September 8th when, despite unfavourable weather conditions, there was a good attendance. The bells were well utilised to suit all tastes during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Dunn, Archpriest, who, in the course of an excellent address, thanked the Branch most heartily for the help it had given in the parish.

A splendid tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which Mr. J. E. Lilley voiced the thanks of the Branch to Mr. Dunn for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his admirable address. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to Master Roger Hansford, of Plympton St. Maurice, a lad of 13 years of age, for acting as organist.

There was no regular business to be transacted, but it was announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Buckfast Abbey on October 27th instead of October 6th as originally fixed. During the tea interval the Rev. R. W. Dunn gave a brief history of the parish of Haccombe-with-Coffinswell. He mentioned that in 1337 Bishop Grandisson established a college consisting of the Rector of Haccombe and five other priests. The ordinance establishing this college directed that all future rectors should be instituted to this Benefice by the title of Archpriest.

An Order of Council in 'The London Gazette' of April 1st, 1913, when Coffinswell was annexed to the parish of Haccombe, uses the words 'saving always to the Rector of Haccombe the ancient title of Archpriest.' It is, therefore, absolutely certain that the title of Archpriest is lawfully used today, and has been recognised since the time of 'John the Archpresbyter' (John Dreynat) mentioned in Feet of Fines (Devon and Cornwall), 684, 1338–1339.

As far as 'privileges' are concerned, it has been the custom from time immemorial for the Archpriest of Haccombe to decline to answer the Citation at either the visitation of the Bishop or of the Archdeacon.

East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Luppitt on September 15th, when the attendance was small on account of the harvest.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Robjohns, with Mrs. Thorn as organist. The tea was kindly provided by the local ringers' wives at the Village Hall.

At the business meeting Mr. G. L. Woodley took the chair, and Prebendary E. V. Cox was also present. Certificates were awarded to G. Price and Christine Kemp, and four new members from Northleigh were elected.

After the meeting visitors from Wellington, Bridgwater, Exeter, Honiton, West Buckland and Buckerell rang Grandsire, Stedman and Minor on the bells.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Macclesfield Branch

St. Mary's, Astbury, claimed by many to be the finest church in Cheshire, was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the Macclesfield Branch, held on September 8th.

This tower has recently been transferred from the Crewe Branch, and this was the first meeting after the changeover. Surprisingly, in this year of rain, it was a very fine day, and although this is a very awkward tower to reach by public transport, there was a goodly gathering: some 37 sat down for tea, and several more arrived afterwards.

Ringing started at 3 p.m., and the service at 4.30 was conducted by the curate, the Rev. W. Tyson, as the rector, Canon S. Tyler Whittle, was on holiday. At the tea which followed, at the Egerton Arms, a very agreeable surprise was in store. Mr. Tyson announced that the Church Council had offered to add 50 per cent. to the price paid for the tea, making a light tea into a tongue salad.

The business meeting was mainly routine, the only outstanding items being the return of Prestbury to the Branch, with new members, after an absence of several years, due to lack of ringers, and the welcome given to Astbury by the Branch. One other new member was elected, Mrs. B. Corbishley, of Sutton.

After tea, the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock, the ringing ranging from Rounds to Surprise Minor and varieties of Spliced Treble Bob Minor (and not all by the same band). Including the spliced, some 20 different methods were rung.

5,120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN.

23456	W	B	M	H
23564		X	3	—
56234	—			—
56342		X		—
56423		X		—
34625			—	—
63425	3			—
24365	S			S

Repeat three times, bob for S at Home halfway and end.

First rung on handbells at Southampton, on September 10th, 1956, conducted by the composer.

This composition is best rung on handbells, the 5-6 being course-bells for the majority of the peal.

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LETTERS

LADIES' PEALS FOR OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Hughendon on September 1st was not the first by a band of ladies for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On April 6th, 1953, a peal of Bob Minor was rung at Radley by a band of ladies for the Guild. This band, with the exception of the conductor, who had taught them, were still at school or college; all were regular members of the local Sunday service band and of the church choir.

We did not then claim the peal as 'a first' as we were not sure that it was so. Even now I'm not quite sure.

I felt very pleased on September 16th—for Sunday School we rang Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor with members of the Sunday School, and we had five 'sitting out.' The same girls play recorders for the psalms and hymns at Sunday School as there is no organist! Sunday School was taken by one of the band. The same band forms the nucleus of the church choir. I am the only one who doesn't go to Sunday School!—Yours sincerely,

MARIE R. CROSS.

Radley, Berks.

SURPRISES AT TOLLESBURY

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Alan R. Elliott (page 587), I wish to state that the Essex Association held a meeting at Tollesbury on October 23rd, 1920. The tower at that time was attached to the Eastern Division of the Association, and the late Mr. W. J. Nevard was the District Ringing Master, and I was then District secretary. The Rev. Mr. Carter, the then vicar, conducted the service, and in an address stated that an entry in the Church Register mentioned: 'Bells were hung and that oak beams placed in the tower, November 26th, 1633." It is interesting to note that two are Miles Graye bells dated 1604 and 1661. Ringers from 11 towers attended the meeting and the vicar also took a rope.—Yours sincerely,

HERBERT T. PYE.

Colchester.

THE LATE BEN KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Len Stilwell, of Sussex, has kindly supplied me with a list of peals rung by Ben Knights after 1925. They are:

Treble Bob Major 57, Treble Bob Royal 9, Treble Bob Maximus 1, Plain Bob Major 4, Minor methods 16, Stedman Triples 6, Stedman Caters 4, Grandsire Caters 1, Double Norwich Major 18, Cambridge Major 10, Superlative S. Major 9, London S. Major 1. Total 136.

These, together with the 369 already published in the 'R.W.', make a total of 505.—Yours, etc., NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

5,088 Plain Bob Major

By N. GOLDEN.

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Five times repeated with bobs at H in the last course of alternate parts. Contains 6th extent H, all 6-5s and 7568s at course ends.

Rung at Sefton, August 21st, 1956.

THE STORY OF A BELL

By CHESTER D. CLARK

IN Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, stands a cracked and battered bell that is the most revered emblem of a people's liberty. Around its crown it bears the motto 'Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land unto All the Inhabitants Thereof.' It was cast into the bell many years before liberty from their mother country was even thought of by the American colonists.

The bell was to be hung in the State House in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Charter of Liberties granted to the colony by William Penn. Members of the committee delegated to obtain the bell recalled a passage from the Book of Leviticus—'And ye shall hallow the 50th year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof'—which seemed the perfect quotation for the occasion. It was edited to the words now found on the bell.

Practically every American schoolboy knows that this bell was cast in England in 1752 and was cracked when set up in the State House yard for a test ringing. The metal was broken up and recast by Pass and Stow, a Philadelphia firm of founders, who failed in their first attempt. They melted it down again, added a small amount of copper, and formed it again.

When it was rung on July 8th, 1776, to summon Philadelphians to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, the bell received no more notice than it had when calling attention to other meetings and announcements. The function of the 'State House Bell,' as it was then called, was to open and close the meetings of the provincial legislature and courts. It also summoned the citizens to the State House yard for mass meetings, and announced celebrations and calamities. It was muffled and tolled when the British tax stamps arrived in 1765 and taken ashore and burned; and again in 1773 when the ship 'Polly,' with its odious cargo of tea, was turned back. It announced the closing of the port of Boston in 1774, and rang out lustily, in 1775, with the news of Lexington and Concord.

The bell rang so much and so loudly, in fact, that nearby residents started a move to get rid of it. In a petition to the Assembly they declared the bell a 'lethal' object, and 'from its uncommon size and unusual sound it is extremely dangerous and may prove fatal to those affected with sickness.'

Most Americans are familiar with the fact that the bell was removed from Philadelphia in 1777 to prevent it from falling into the hands of the British, but not for the reason that it was a revered symbol of liberty. The facts are far more prosaic.

When Philadelphia was threatened by the British, the colonists naturally removed as many of the city's valuable items and stores as possible. Bells were especially valuable because they could be recast into artillery and ammunition. The authorities, therefore, ordered all the large bells in the city removed and hidden in stables. In addition to the State House bell there were the chimes of Christ Church and the bells of St. Peter's, 11 in all. Stables were later considered not very safe hiding places, so the bells were loaded on empty farm wagons returning to the country, the State House bell being taken to Allentown and hidden in the basement of Zion Reformed Church during the winter of Valley Forge.

After the British evacuated Philadelphia the bell was returned to the city, where until 1828 it continued to be rung on special occasions; it was tolled for the deaths of Washington, Jefferson, John Adams, Charles Carrol, the last living signer of the Declaration of Independence, and John Marshall, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. There were possibly some who considered it a national relic, but they were so few in number that it was twice almost lost to the nation.

The first occasion was in 1818. The State of Pennsylvania, having built a new capitol in Harrisburg, offered the whole of State House Square to be divided into lots and sold at public auction. Fortunately the city of Philadelphia bought the old State House—by that time known as Independence Hall—together with its venerable bell, to prevent it being lost to the people.

The second time was ten years later, when the city built a new tower on the old building intending to install a new bell in Independence Hall. When ordering the new bell, the City Council stipulated that a credit of 400 dollars should be allowed for the old bell, which was to be removed by John Wilbank, a Germantown bellfounder. He, however, refused to cart it away. According to one legend, he is supposed to have said, 'Your children and my children will some day value it, so I let it stand.' According to another and more probable story, he said, 'It ain't worth the drayage.' Whichever the case the Council had Wilbank hailed before a magistrate for failing to remove the bell, but he remained firm in his refusal, although he had to pay the costs of the suit and forfeit of the 400 dollar allowance. And so the bell remained, although the city accepted it with reluctance.

On July 8th, 1835, the anniversary of its tolling for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, the bell was cracked while tolling a knell for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall. Later use enlarged the crack and it became totally voiceless about 1846, although efforts had been made to restore it.

In the meantime, a booklet on the bell applied the name 'Liberty Bell' to it for the first time, a poem was written about it, and in the 1840's the Anti-Slavery Society made a picture of the Bell their symbol of freedom. Finally it was placed on exhibition in the Declaration Chamber of Independence Hall.

Since then the Liberty Bell has travelled to world's fairs and expositions in Chicago, Atlanta, Charleston, Boston, St. Louis and San Francisco. It has not left Independence Hall since 1917, when it was a part of a local Liberty Bond parade. At that time a new crack developed out of the top of the old one and it was feared that any further moving might cause it to split into two pieces.

About the year 1900 the Bell was removed from the Declaration Chamber to a special platform at the foot of the tower of Independence Hall, where it is now viewed by a million visitors a year. They range from the Cub Scout with his cap in his hand to the representatives, ambassadors and rulers of the free nations of the earth. There is a meaning in this battered bell which inspires a sacred reverence, not only from Americans, but from freedom-loving peoples the world over.

[From 'The Rotarian.'

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Plain Bob Minor: N. Watson 1, Mrs. E. M. Peachey 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Miller 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival.—On Sept. 17th, 660 Grandsire Doubles and 600 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Peachey 1, G. Miller 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. W. Paul (cond.) 5, A. Peachey 6. Rung for the anniversary of the wedding of ringers 1 and 6.

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION V. (Lesson 3)
STROKE PRACTICE

73. **Stroke drill preliminaries.**—(S) For this session one bell per five students will be silenced, and one other bell raised and set at back. One Tutor (or assistant) is required at each silenced bell. (Not yet raised.) The Tutor-in-charge begins by a recapitulation of the release drill. (Article 70.) He then explains that for demonstrating the drill on the 'lowered' ropes ('dummy' drill), the first movement—'On to the Balance'—can only be shown *properly* on a raised bell, and he then does so on that bell, first setting it at hand. (Q T)

74. **'On to the Balance.'**—(D) This order, given in all stroke practice, both drill and 'real,' precedes both pull-strokes, i.e., hand and back. The bell is eased off the set position very slowly on to the point of balance, where it is held for a few moments, then allowed to ease back to the set position. ('Back to set!') The Tutor demonstrates this first at the hand-set position and then at the back-set position, giving himself the appropriate orders as he does so. He then leaves this bell set at back again. (Safety.) He then explains (Q) that this will first be practised on 'lowered' ropes; and he calls out the first students to each such silenced bell. (Q T)

75. **'Balance and Set' drill (Ex. 11.)** All the preliminary orders are first given, thus:—'Take Position!', 'Check the Stance!', 'Untie the Rope!', 'Reach Up!', 'Grip the Sally!'. It cannot be over-emphasised that these orders must be given strictly for every preliminary practice and very careful watch kept for faults, which must be checked immediately. (A list of faults for both students and student-tutors is given in Appendices II and III to this Part I.) Insistence on correct drill of this kind promotes faultless and easy style of ringing. When all is checked to this point the order is given: 'On to the balance!'. The student pulls gently on the ('lowered') rope, feeling the weight of the bell as it gives slightly. Then, on 'Back to set!' he eases off his pull and the bell returns to the normal 'hang.' (Again make clear that the bell is not raised and that this is merely a 'safe' preliminary drill for the real thing to come shortly.) Repeat several times then give the order 'Tie up the rope!'. The student now stands, without shifting position, ready for the same at back stroke. For this the Tutor gets a chair, and setting it in front of the student, stands on it and takes the rope-end, raising it so that the last two feet or so hang in the normal back-set position above the student's head. **(Ex. 12.)** The orders now are: 'Reach Up!' and 'Rope-end Grip!', and again check for any faults. (Five are possible!) Next, 'On to the Balance!', then, 'Back to Set!'; when the Tutor will first resist the student's pull, giving only about two inches, then lift the rope again as the student's pull relaxes. Repeat several times, then 'Release!' and call out the next student. (Repeat Exs. 11 and 12 for each.) (Q T)

76. **The Hand-ring.'**—(D) For the first stroke-drill—the 'Handstroke Pull'—the Tutor first shows a position of the hands used to gain the vertical pull motion on a 'still' rope, called the 'Hand-ring.' The students will follow the action as he demonstrates. First place the hands in front at chest level, in 'upper' and 'lower' positions, in contact, as though on a rope, with fingers closed. **(Ex. 13.)** On the word 'Open,' the hands are opened until the thumb tips and finger tips are in contact, forming a sort of ring. With the hands in this position they are lowered from the 'Sally Grip' position, encircling the sally and rope as they descend, but without disturbing the 'plumb' hang of the rope itself. The whole object of this action is to learn how to avoid the common fault known as 'rope-throw,' due to non-bending of the elbows on the down-stroke. (Rope untied for this.) (Q)

77. **'Handstroke Pull.'**—Tutor demonstrates on a 'lowered' bell, the full drill action for this, first going through all the preliminaries as at opening of Article 75, up to 'On to the Balance.' Then having held the (lowered) rope in this position for a second or two, he gives the order 'Handstroke Pull!' and the hands release the sally and form the ring, as the bell swings slightly into its normal hanging position; then they continue on down the rope. **(Ex. 14.)** Now as this occurs the student must not 'back away' or shift body position at all, nor must the bell rope be deviated from its vertical hanging position. To secure this, the elbows must be bent as the downward pull starts, and the hands will therefore pass within two palm breadths of the nose, as explained in Article 56—Proximity. At this point the Tutor calls 'Pause!' and the whole attitude of the student is checked. If all is right the Tutor now gives the order 'Right down!' and the student continues with the hand-ring on the rope until the elbows are straightened right out at the bottom of the stroke. Here the hands come away from the rope but quickly come together in the fingers-closed position, in front of the body, but elbows still straight. From here they return on the order 'Sally grip!', and the exercise is repeated. (Q T)

78. **'Backstroke Check.'**—Tutor now refers to the '4-stroke cycle' (see Article 56), and reminds students that this is the next stroke in the cycle. So, starting with the hands in the position at the finish of the stroke in Ex. 14, the student holds the rope-end, while the Tutor mounts a chair, again, in front of him. On the word 'Ready,' the student finds the rope-end rising (lifted by the Tutor), and raising his (student's) hands in front of him. Tutor must watch closely that student's hands pass within the correct distance of his waist, chest and face, i.e., rise vertically and not in an arc, as with straightened elbows. (Q) The elbows must bend, of course, as the hands rise. (S) (Ex. 15.) As the student's hands approach the 'stretch up' position he will apply some resistance to the Tutor's upward pull, which will cease at the proper height, when the Tutor will call 'Set at back.' From here the next Ex. follows right on. (Q T)

79. **'Backstroke Pull.' (Ex. 16.)** Tutor now gives order, 'On to the Balance,' and allows the rope-end to descend about 2 inches, when student's pull should ease off slightly. Then: 'Backstroke Pull!', when the student increases his pull again, and Tutor allows rope to descend with resistance decreasing until he finally lets go of it. (S) The student must follow through in a vertical pull, to finish in the position in which he started Ex. 15. The two exercises are then repeated in sequence. (Remove chair at finish.) (Q T)

80. **'Handstroke Check.'**—(S) Tutor points out that this is the next stroke in the cycle, and that it begins from the position in which Ex. 15 starts and/or Ex. 16 ends, i.e., with both hands on rope-end at bottom of stroke. But here the hands prepare to catch the sally as it rises from the bottom of its down-stroke, and must hold the rope-end and sally together as they rise. Now as this is only possible on a 'live' rope, i.e., on a ringing bell (and the student's bell is 'lowered'), the drill-practice for this stroke will give facility for the hand-movements and arms action only; but experience shows the value of the exercise. **(Ex. 17.)** On the word 'Ready' the student assumes the starting position as given above, then, on 'Handstroke Check!' he raises his hands a few inches from the fully down position, and when approaching chest level he removes upper hand from rope-end and immediately closes its fingers and brings it on top of the lower hand which is still holding the (rising) rope-end. With hands together thus they rise alongside the (stationary) sally to the full 'reach-up' position, where they pause. The exercise is repeated several times, by giving the order 'Ready' again, followed by 'Handstroke Check!'. Emphasise that on a live rope the hands must be lifted by it, i.e., they restrain it slightly until the proper check at the top of the stroke, so as to 'keep a tight rope.' But the main point of the exercise is the practice of grip transfer motion, of the upper hand, and the vertical rise action. (Q)

81. **The Drill Cycle.**—Tutor now takes chair again, in front of student who has taken position, etc., again, and stands on it, holding the rope about two feet above the point of rope-end grip. Student takes the correct rope-end grip in his lower hand and then takes sally grip with both hands. **(Ex. 18.)** Tutor checks for faults. Then gives orders to take student through the whole cycle, as in Exs. 14, 15, 16 and 17, just taught. This is repeated, as are all exercises, at least ten times (some need more repetition), and by this time the student will be found to have a fair idea of the grips and motions required for ringing. And he will have this at his command, before he even touches a 'live' rope, i.e., one of a raised bell. (Q T)

82. **The 'Tail-end.'**—The student is now ready to learn the four strokes on a 'live' rope, taken singly in sequence: and he will have acquired confidence in his Tutor and in himself, which, together with his knowledge that in emergency he will get the drill 'Release,' will enable him to acquire control of his bell quickly and surely. Experience has proved this to be so. (D) But there is yet another aid to safe and rapid progress. It is the employment of the 'Tail-end,' a short length of rope (colloquially the 'rat-tail'—see Article 8) about 18" in length, folded in half and held, loop uppermost, instead of the real rope-end. Referring to the '4-stroke cycle' as put on the blackboard as in Article 66, the Tutor will recall that there are two strokes, Nos. 3 and 2 (taken in cyclic order), in which the two parts of a rope are held at once, i.e., Handstroke Pull and Handstroke Check (the strokes 4 and 1—Backstroke Check and Backstroke Pull, intervening). He explains that these two strokes 'at hand' will be taught first, with the tail-end held instead of the rope-end, which he himself will take. He will also 'overcatch' the student's strokes at hand, so that the whole action is under his control. Student therefore takes the tail-end and gets into the ready position as at the end of Ex. 16 (Article 79), i.e., as holding the rope-end with arms straight and hands right down at bottom of stroke. (But, first, a demonstration.) (Q T)

83. **Handstroke Pull (Live).** (D) The requisite number of bells (silenced) having been raised by the tutors and set at hand, two Tutors first demonstrate the exercise on one bell, one acting as pupil. **(Ex. 19.)** All preliminary orders are given, from 'Take position' up to 'Grip the sally.' Then comes 'On to the balance,' when the pupil gently eases the bell off the set position on to the balance, then 'Back to set.' Repeat three times. If bell comes off balance, 'pupil' carries on through with grip on sally exactly as in Ex. 14 (Article 77), separating hands at bottom of stroke and at once gripping tail-end with upper hand as well. Tutor takes the backstroke-check stroke, also the backstroke pull, and the handstroke check, setting the bell at hand. The 'pupil' now retires and each raised bell takes a Tutor and a student for this exercise. (Q T)

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84. **Handstroke Check (Live).** (D) **(Ex. 20.)** As for Ex. 19 so again here the Tutor and an assistant demonstrate the stroke; but if no assistant be available, then the Tutor-in-charge will demonstrate on a bell set at back. Before he pulls off at the backstroke pull, he explains that the student stands ready as at the end of Ex. 19, with tail-end in both hands held right down with arms straight. (S) (D) As the Tutor pulls off the student looks straight ahead and as soon as the sally passes down before his face, his hands separate on the tail-end and grasp the sally as it starts on its way up again, holding it in both hand with fingers and thumbs right round it as in Ex. 17, and with the tail-end clasped against the sally. Emphasis is laid on catching sally at a sufficiently high-up point to give the ringer the 'stretch' which gives control and safeguards the stay. N.B.—Stop any tendency to 'sally-slip.' (Q)

85. **Handstrokes—Pull and Check—combined (Live).** (D) **(Ex. 21.)** First demonstrate this combination of Exs. 19 and 20. *The student still uses the tail-end.* The Tutor takes the intervening strokes of Backstroke Check and Backstroke Pull, also overcatches the student on the Handstroke Check, up to the point of balance, where he allows the student to hold the bell for a moment, before he (the student) pulls it off, on his own, again. (Q T) Repeat till proficient or to 20 strokes. (Start with Balance.)

86. **Backstrokes—Pull and Check—combined (Live). (Ex. 22.)** The student now abandons the tail-end and takes the rope-end for this combined exercise, the Tutor having first set the bell up at back. Student goes through all preliminary orders as for the previous exercises up to the 'Reach-up,' which is most important here, so as to attain control as at end of Article 84 above. (D) To advance the work in confidence, the Tutor takes both sally strokes, leaving the rope-end strokes to the student, who will find these strokes comparatively easy after the sally strokes just learnt, and will thus have more confidence in the next exercise, where all four strokes are combined for the first time. So student pulls off from the back-set, Tutor watching for faults and catching at sally and pulling off again, with student checking at back and pulling off again. Tutor must watch for faults, including 'hand-raising,' which pupils often do instead of allowing the rope-end to pull the hands up, right from the bottom position. (Q)

87. **The 4-Stroke Cycle complete. (Ex. 23.)** The student is now ready to take all four strokes. These will be taken in the order of the first analysis of strike action (Article 66) *which began with Backstroke Pull.* In other words, as in all previous exercises, there is continuity with the last. Besides, there is additional safety in the reach-up to get the correct grip-point at the rope-end. All preliminary drill orders should be given, including 'On to the Balance'; the importance of which is soon seen in the way the student will begin, quite early, to balance his bell. The position and attitude of alertness of the Tutor in this exercise is of highest importance. He stands with his back to the centre of the rope-circle, i.e., immediately facing his student, who now has the rope entirely. But the Tutor, at first, overcatches every check-stroke. So that if the student is 'right-handed,' i.e., his right hand is used as the 'upper' hand and his left as the 'lower,' then since the Tutor's right hand will be opposite the student's left, it will therefore be used to overcatch the *rope-end* at the Backstroke check. Similarly the Tutor's left hand will be used to overcatch the *sally* at Handstroke check. Of course, if the student is ringing 'left-handedly,' i.e., on the alternate hand, then the Tutor's hands will be oppositely employed in the overcatching. As soon as the Tutor feels the student to be getting the right

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OBITUARY

WILFRED LAURENCE GOODACRE

We regret to record the death of Mr. Wilfred L. Goodacre, of Great Dalby, Leicestershire, which occurred at Melton Mowbray Hospital on September 13th. Born at Tilton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, in July, 1900, he went to Great Dalby in 1921 and learned to ring at St. Swithin's Church about 1925. He was a good churchman and a regular service ringer. He was elected a member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers in 1927, Midland Counties Association in 1944, and the Leicester Diocesan Guild in 1946. He had rung in seven peals for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Goodacre was laid to rest on September 24th at a spot near the belfry door. The captain of the ringers, Mr. H. T. Bonshor, and two of his fellow ringers and Mr. J. H. Cook (representing the Melton District of the Leicester Guild) were present. During the evening the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to his memory by the ringers of the District. A wreath in the form of a bell with a broken clapper was sent by the ringers.

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amount of pull-off to take the bell just up to balance point each time, he can reduce his overcatching to a mere token movement, keeping alert, nevertheless, for any overpulling (If there be more than, say, two students per Tutor, then the next student should be called in after about 20 pulls.) (Q T)

88. **Faults and Questions.**—During all exercises the students not actually exercising will have been directed to watch carefully and to interject 'Fault!' if and when they spot any, even though the Tutor be correcting such fault. In this way much valuable learning is attained, as experience shows. In succeeding lessons, while students are gaining experience in bell-control, by repetitive and rather monotonous pulling action, those not actually on a rope will be occupied in useful practice in such exercises as tone recognition and 'blow-placing,' to be explained later by the Tutor. As usual, the last few minutes of the session are to be occupied in questioning of and by the students. (Q T)

Finally—registration and announcement of the work for next session.

(Lower raised bells, remove silencers and clock ON.)

(To be continued.)

EDWIN HOPKINSON

On September 3rd, while following his employment with the North East Derbyshire Water Board, Mr. Edwin Hopkinson, of Ashover, was killed instantly when a large water tank on which he was carrying out repairs collapsed.

'Eddie' started to ring at All Saints', Ashover, in 1925 at the age of 16, and rang a number of peals for the old Midland Counties Association. After service with the Armed Forces in the Far East, 1940–45, he returned to find (as in many other belfries) the old band broken up and very little interest in the village to get the bells rung for Sunday services. He was elected to take charge of ringing and care of bells, and with the help of several other experienced ringers in the district a fresh start was made.

During more recent years an all-local band was formed consisting of new entrants to the art and several of the older band.

Deceased took part in a few peals for the Derbyshire Association and rang his last peal in 1948. He was laid to rest at Ashover. Ringers paying their last respects were present from Chesterfield, Burbage, Darley Dale & Ashover.

During the early evening muffled ringing took place on the bells of the Parish Church of All Saints: a special half-muffled 720 was rung to mark this sad occasion. H. E. T.

SIDNEY MACEY

By the death of Mr. Sidney Macey on Saturday, September 15th, Salisbury has lost not only one of the finest ringers but one of the oldest ringers in this district. Some years ago I had the pleasure of collecting some of his peals which he had rung for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. I notice his first peal was rung in 1894. Sidney, as you know, was a great friend of W. W. Gifford, whom a great many of the College Youths will remember. Among the peals, of which I have 60 in all, I cannot help noticing some of the outstanding conductors with whom Sidney had the pleasure of ringing some of his peals, such as A. W. Barkas, W. Wise, J. W. Washbrook, and many others. These, to my mind, have been a credit to him.

Sidney's illness was short, somewhere about seven weeks. The funeral took place on September 19th at Devizes Road Cemetery. The list of his peals is as follows: Grandsire Triples 28, Stedman Triples 18, Bob Major 11, Double Norwich 2, Superlative 1. F. W. M.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with North West District, Ladies' Guild, at Bowdon on Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 8975

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Drew. 8998

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at North Mymms (8) on Sept. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8924

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Chester Guild (Stockport and Bowdon Branch) at Bowdon, Cheshire, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Rededication, Mapledurham, Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 3 p.m. Practice at Shiplake, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 6 to 9 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 8991

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea provided. Last meeting for this year. Large attendance, please.—B. C. Sadler. 8959

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Oct. 1st, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 8989

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1st. General body meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business 6 p.m. at St. John's, South Hackney. Ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m.—Rogers, HOU 3921. 9029

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Coker, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 9014

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Upper Dean on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. No names no tea. 9002

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Great Wolford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Hare and Hounds 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 8942

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2.30 p.m. Committee 4 p.m. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 9030

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, North Shields, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. M. Gray, 34, Alma Place, North Shields, Northumberland. 9020

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Orwell, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church School. Barton (5) in the evening.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9018

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner to be held in the Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 11s. 6d. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong, 4 p.m.; bells available afterwards. Dinner tickets strictly limited. Early application advised—stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 8906

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Awre, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 9028

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names by Oct. 3rd to R. G. Corby, 2a, Innsworth Lane, Longlevens, Gloucester. 8984

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitbourne, 3 p.m., October 6th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 8944

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 4th, to Mrs. T. H. Norris, 49, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey Heath.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 9007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8910

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Ashford (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Parish Room) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by October 2nd.—W. P. Garner. 8950

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Morecambe (8) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday morning to R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. 9026

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Hindley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free to those notifying before Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 9019

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements in nearby cafés.—C. D. Cowley and J. W. Cotton, Secs. 8998

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and OXFORD GUILD.—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10), afternoon and evening. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea and evening social in St. John's Hall. Book F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—F. A. Finch and W. Butler, Hon. Dis. Secs. 8994

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Mattishall, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Yaxham bells (5) available. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, to Mr. A. Moore, Ashleigh, Mattishall, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. 8976

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, Saturday, Oct. 6th, St. Leodegarius. Old Basford (8). Bells available 3 to 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to W. H. Bates. All welcome.—S. Pinder. 8985

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Newton-Longville, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9000

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Tetsworth, Oxon, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 2nd.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 8995

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9024

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lowick (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Sudborough (5) after tea. Names for tea by Monday previous.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston. 9008

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lichborough on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 9015

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Shirley (8). Bells available 3.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 8952

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, North Bradley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8896

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, by Oct. 3rd. 9005

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 4th, please, to Mr. N. Crossland, 6, Wellcliffe Cottages, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 9021

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 6th, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Reservations can still be accepted—applications to the hon. secretary, St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E.1 (8), available 2.30 to 4 p.m. For other ringing arrangements please see next week's issue.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8992

SOUTHWELL GUILD.— Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nottingham on Saturday, Oct. 6th. St. Mary's (10) bells available 3 to 4.45 p.m. St. Peter's (10) after 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Institute. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. No names no tea.—C. W. Towers. 8958

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham (5) on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. Mary's, Mildenhall (10). —E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 8977

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined meeting with Northern District, Sussex Association, Crawley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley, Sussex. 8966

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern), Crawley (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8946

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Huntsham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton.—W. H. Ware, Sec. 8983

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All at Newcastle Cathedral. Bells: Gosforth, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Fenham, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. John's, 3 to 4 p.m. and 8.15 to 9 p.m.; Gateshead, 7 to 9 p.m. and Cathedral 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea (price 5s.) must be sent by Oct. 10th to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 9023

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8982

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine Avenue, Thorpe Bay.—J. Willmington, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9010

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Albury (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Shere (8) open in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Nurse A. M. Cox, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.—A. M. Cox and M. E. Collins, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9035

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Great Gaddesden (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 10th to R. Shutter, Church House, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 9027

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service at St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m. These bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names, with cash please, together with nominations for officers, to me, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th. St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells after business meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9003

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting, St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Catering difficult. Names for tea not later than Monday, Oct. 8th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 9022

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 13th. All Saints' bells (10) available from 3 p.m. St. Michael's Tonbridge Road (6), from 3 to 4 p.m. only. Service at All Saints', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in College Room. Please send names for tea to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9004

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Usk, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names, please, to Mr. Lionel Jones, Heathfield, Monmouth Road, Usk, Mon. 8897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cropredy (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 8987

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea by previous Saturday to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 9025

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Tutbury, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 9013

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Revised cup contest and meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 12.30 and 2.15. Names for tea by 9th to Mrs. D. Beecroft, Royal Oak, Rampton, Retford.—H. Denman. 9017

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Haleworth District.—Meeting at Wissett (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 9001

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Catherington (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Farmer's Inn 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Bessant, Allendale, Victory Avenue, Catherington. 9006

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. at The Dolphin Inn. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 8993

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 20th, at the Wine Lodge, Burges, Coventry. Tickets 10s. each. Towers available in next notice with other details.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec., 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9012

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS. —Annual reunion in The Bell Inn, Old Market Square, Nottingham, Saturday, Dec. 15th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d., available from A. E. Hartley, Hon. Sec., Shoreditch Training College, Cooper's Hill, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. Ringing arrangements later. Everyone welcome. 9016

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CHANGE AND DECAY

THESE words were in our minds as we approached the church, standing in the middle of what had once been an upper middle class square; one could imagine the families that once lived here, each with carriage and pair and all making their way to a crowded church, with the servants sitting in the galleries above, and the bells sounding a welcome to all.

Alas, reality was a shock: portions of the fabric were crashed from roof to ground level and an aura of decay pervaded the square, the rain teemed down, damping even the enthusiasm of the pigeons, who had for years held undisputed sway in the tower.

The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 19 cwt.), have been mute for many years; even the inevitable chiming rope hanging in the porch did not provoke an answering ring. Plaster and dust descended in a cloud. The way up into the ringing room was of the wooden stair variety that one finds in classical churches. An empty room, on the left, had a copy of 'The Humorist,' 1934, on the floor, the only sign that someone had come this way before.

We entered the ringing room. What a scene of desolation! Dust lay inches thick everywhere. One of two sallies lay on the floor. An Ellacombe clavier, with three immovable ropes, stood pathetically in the corner. Several peal boards graced the walls, too high to read; one, lower down, stated that the Society of College Youths rang a peal of Double Norwich here in 1848. Several names, such as Cooter, Haley and Mash, were evident.

The windows came down to the floors of the ringing room. The one on the church side had not an unbroken pane of glass in its entire length. Looking through, one saw the church interior, the wet, stained ceiling, laths showing where the plaster had fallen, the dust covered galleries and the silent organ. The main body of the church was unused and a small chapel under one of the galleries was adapted as the only usable part of the building.

We climbed up to the clock chamber. After our eyes became used to the gloom we could see the clock. How many years since it ran? We had no means of finding out, but there it stood, pathetic and abandoned. The sound of the wind and the dripping of the rain, which was teeming outside, intensified the sense of gloom, and one felt a feeling of extreme sorrow that such things could be. I reflected that some must have loved this place once and now they are dust. I offered a silent prayer that such things should never happen in my own well-appointed belfry. The feeling persisted that once this must have been somebody's pride many years ago.

Climbing higher, we discovered the bells were in two tiers, the wheels were decayed and broken and the bearings quite rusted. A fragment of rope was fastened to the spokes of some of the wheels. What hands had been the last to fasten these ropes, I wondered.

Ropes were attached to the clappers which led by tortuous routes to the clavier below, and most of the pulleys were rusted solid. A board in the church informed us that the chiming apparatus was installed in 1936 in someone's memory; how short are our memories! The topmost tier of bells lay just below the louvres, several pigeon's nests lay on the frame and one actually on the stock of a bell. The rain dripped remorselessly down. Climbing down, I struck the tenor — it sounded a muffled boom. The startled pigeons wheeled about above us.

We made our way to the street, leaving the tower to the birds and maybe the ghosts of the stalwarts of old, who had once performed there the art which we are proud to carry on to-day. The tower I have described shall be nameless as it is typical of many in London which I have visited, and when we hear of electronic bells, records and ringing machines, perhaps we should bear this in mind.

The rain teemed down. . . .

E. J. R.

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Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and sixth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	Cyril H. Kinch	5
Edgar J. Smith	2	Joseph Stretton	6
Frederick Sharpe	3	Francis A. White	7
William J. Cross	4	William Ivings	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of the late Mr. Ernest Pearson, in appreciation of his life and work.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Jack Bray	*Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison	5
Gwen I. Rusby	2	Harry Hall	6
Ronald Chafer	3	Philip Barnes	7
J. Benjamin Budd	4	Frank Kennington	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In five methods, consisting of 760 Little Bob, 2,880 Plain Bob, 544 Double Bob, 544 Reverse Bob and 276 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 282 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*Madeline P. Smith	*Treble*	‡G. Ronald Edwards	5
*Joan K. Brown	2	†John A. Acres	6
Ernest Morris	3	‡Ernest J. Jelley	7
†Brian G. Warwick	4	‡John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal of five spliced on tower bells. ‡ First peal of five spliced.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Staniforth on the birth of a daughter.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

William B. Duncan	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
Robert E. Lester	2	Oliver G. Barnard	6
Claude Snowden	3	H. William Barrett	7
Arthur G. Bason	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles H. Martin. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Bertram J. Coggins	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	5
Edwin G. Moore	2	Edmund E. Pearson	6
Charles Coles	3	Edgar J. Smith	7
†Frank A. Barrett	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. R. W. Farrer, assistant curate of this parish.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	Stephen J. Ivin	6
Alick Cutler	3	Alfred J. House	7
Mary Lawrence	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Janet Burroughs	*Treble*	June M. Clements	5
†Leonard Stilwell	2	Edgar R. Rapley	6
Ralph Bird	3	†George Francis	7
Brian J. Luff	4	†W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal together. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	George J. Butcher	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Mark Marshall	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung as a wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason, with the best wishes of the band.

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BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RUTH A. CAREY .. .. *Treble*		DENIS A. FRITH	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY.. ..	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
†BRIAN BUSWELL	3	*J. DAVID CLARKE	7
PETER M. GILES	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

RONALD MARLOW .. .. *Treble*		WILLIAM GODFREY	5
GILIAN REA	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
PHILIP TUBBS	4	JOHN COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
Rung to mark the occasion of the consecration of the Vicar of Bournemouth (Rev. Canon A. L. E. Williams, M.A.), to be Lord Bishop of Bermuda, which took place at Westminster Abbey on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

*MURIEL PIPE .. .. .. *Treble*		STANLEY W. COPLING ..	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ..	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
C. JACK GIBSON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.. ..	4	†WILLIAM J. BUTTON.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † 200th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Keith Rogers and Miss Veronica Neave.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HEADINGLEY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

PERCY J. JOHNSON .. .. *Treble*		*ALEXANDER E. MARSH ..	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	JOHN AMBLER	6
GEORGE ROBINSON	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	7
GORDON BENFIELD	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. *Treble*		GEOFFREY K. DODD.. ..	5
A. PATRICK CANNON.. ..	2	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE ..	6
*REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS	3	PETER NASH	7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal on eight bells. † 150th peal. The conductor has now called a peal of Major from each position. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*NEVILLE JENKINS .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	2	*HARRY G. TIMMS	6
ALBERT C. WENBAN.. ..	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
STANLEY E. DARMON ..	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Yvonne D. Kirk and Mr. Alan D. G. Gray, which took place in this church prior to the peal.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*RONALD L. SHEPPARD .. *Treble*		JOHN A. RUSSELL	5
*G. CHRISTOPHER DURHAM	2	THOMAS W. EDWARDS ..	6
HERBERT LUCK	3	*†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	7
STANLEY J. GEE	4	‡REGINALD S. WEEKES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. RUSSELL.
* First of Triples. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal.
Rung to commemorate the wedding anniversaries of the ringers of the sixth and tenor, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE .. .. *Treble*		*GORDON GAYLARD	5
JACK W. DREW	2	HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
REGINALD BEALE	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY.. ..	4	REGINALD HEBDITCH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss June Hill and Mr. Reginald C. Beale (son of the conductor).

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. *Treble*		BRYAN PATTISON	5
MARY WALSHAM	2	CECIL RADDON	6
JAMES W. GROUNDS.. ..	3	†HENRY PARKER	7
*RAYMOND JOHNSON	4	HARRY HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOODS. Conducted by HARRY HOWARD.
* First of Little Bob. † 300th peal.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Cheetham, of Walkden. Mr. Cheetham has been a member of the church choir for 45 years.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. *Treble*		JUNE M. CLEMENTS	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
ERNEST TREAGUS	4	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to W. Leslie Weller, who is joining the R.A.F. for National Service.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

DONALD E. COBB .. .. *Treble*		BEVAN W. WILLGRESS ..	4
PHILLIP WHALLEY	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
*JOHN A. MARTIN	3	ALLEN TWYMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First in more than one method of Minor 'inside.'
Rung by a band from R.A.F., Locking, as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second, and a farewell to John A. Martin, who leaves shortly for Cyprus.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Robert Kemp	*Treble*	Ernest E. S. Johnson	4
Howard W. Egglestone	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Peter J. Came	3	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Eves.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew, three extents each of St. Remigius, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, four extents each of St. Osmund's, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, five extents of Grandsire and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Sylvia Streeter	*Treble*	George Francis	4
June M. Clements	2	W. Leslie Weller	5
Barwell B. Dibben	3	†Michael Head	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the late Rector of Kirdford, the Rev. C. R. Evans.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Single Court, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Leslie Evans	*Treble*	Philip G. Morgan	4
*Josephine Green	2	Douglas H. Rooke	5
†Charles G. Jones	3	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.
* First peal in eight methods. † First peal in eight methods 'inside.'

PYLLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

*Michael Rose	*Treble*	Donald E. Lee	4
Ernest E. Bray	2	*Gwilym Salmon	5
*Anthony J. Sanger	3	David Hoare	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Hoare.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 23 lb. in E.

Mrs. J. J. Taylor	*Treble*	†Alfred Taylor	4
*Alison Davie	2	John J. Taylor	5
Dennis H. Parham	3	Charles Barker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Barker.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

SHIRLAND, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

*K. John Faulkner	*Treble*	Kenneth M. Durow	3
†Patrick W. Sewry	2	Reginald J. Stretton	4
Kenneth S. Faulkner	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal in two methods for all the band.
Rung for the Festival of St. Matthew.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	Walter Weston	5
Henry P. Collin	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
The quickest peal on the bells.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ian Towns, bellringer and chorister at St. Martin's Church, Ancaster, and Miss Jean Mary Turner, whose marriage took place this day at the Church of St. Timothy Sheffield.

HANDBELL PEAL

GALWAY, IRELAND.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Lisieux Guest House, Lower Salthill.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
*A. J. Howard (Trinity) 1—2 | *F. B. Cookson (St. John's) 3—4
J. D. Painter (Caius) 5—6
Conducted by J. D. Painter.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor. Believed to be the first peal in the county.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Matthew. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

A PEAL TOUR IN DERBYSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pearson	5
William Rogers	2	Philip Mehew	6
*Mary Lawrence	3	Alick Cutler	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland Park.
* 25th peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alkmund.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	6
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Geoffrey Pearson	7
Mrs. T. J. Lock	3	Thomas Cullingworth	8
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Roland Park	9
William Rogers	5	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

DERBY.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
*Mary Lawrence	2	Alick Cutler	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	William T. Beeson	7
W. Norman Park	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal in the method.

DERBY.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30½ cwt.

William Rogers	*Treble*	Roland Park	5
George E. Fearn	2	W. Norman Park	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Rogers.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of spliced in six methods.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 18).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	ROLAND PARK	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
ROLAND PARK	2	JOHN R. COOPER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	8
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
W. NORMAN PARK	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
First peal in the method as conductor.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
*MARY LAWRENCE	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal in the method.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	†W. NORMAN PARK	6
*RONALD J. SHARP	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	‡THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* 200th Surprise peal. † First peal of spliced in three methods. ‡ 300th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	*WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. No. 4).
Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* 50th peal in the method.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ROLAND PARK	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*MARY LAWRENCE	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
†JOHN R. COOPER	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor.
First peal on the bells for 25 years.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and for the wedding of Dennis Knox and Sybil Dodd, which took place on this day at Luton.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
CYRIL WRIGHT	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
Rung for the wedding of Dennis Knox and Sybil Dodd.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Valerie Mepham 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. The ringer of the 4th has now rung 50 quarter peals. Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Goldsmith. Also on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, R. D. Brown (cond.) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, June A. Grieveson 4, Diana M. Gough 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. Ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower. Rung as a farewell to Derek H. Paine, a member of the band, who has left this parish to begin his work in Birmingham.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Holford 1, G. Green 2, G. Case 3, P. Newland (cond.) 4, Rev. J. R. C. Laughton (first quarter) 5, C. Hodges 6. To celebrate Miss B. Holford's engagement to Mr. J. Sterry.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. K. Plank 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, J. G. Davis 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, L. W. Moses 6. Rung as a farewell to Leslie W. Moses, who is leaving Bath for a new appointment in Launceston.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Spavins (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Davies (first quarter of Major) 2, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 3, R. Piron 4, J. B. Long 5, R. Lennard 6, K. Spavins 7, S. J. Ivin 8.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Bryant 1, G. Flower 2, Miss J. Powell 3, G. Williams 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, T. Pearce (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Jean Powell, who is leaving the district for Southampton.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Migley 1, J. D. Hunt (first of Stedman) 2, T. P. Edwards 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, C. D. Mann 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, S. Gillett (first on eight) 8. Rung as a farewell to Judith M. Migley, who was leaving for Canada on Sept. 7th.

CAVERSFIELD, OXON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe (cond.) 1, H. A. Massey 2, P. J. Steeples 3, W. Baggett 4, C. H. Kinch 5. Rung at the wedding of Fl.-Lieut. R. V. Taylor and Miss P. M. Rodwell.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hutchins (first quarter) 1, R. E. Coles (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, J. Trout 4, E. Carter 5, I. D. Davies 6, C. Howells 7, R. Brown 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering for Evensong. Also as a compliment to Mr. A. Morgan, organist, on his appointment as Mayor of Cowbridge.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Sept 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Gregory 1, M. H. Paulson (first of Stedman) 2, D. Mellor 3, R. H. Bullen 4, E. Garrard 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor 7, E. Paulson (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to M. H. Paulson on getting a scholarship to Manchester University, after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire had failed.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, J. Hurrell 2, E. B. Crowder 3, C. Philpott 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, G. Hurrell 6, F. Hurrell 7, P. Rablah 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Manewell 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Margaret C. Howe 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, Sylvia Heasman 6. First quarter for treble ringer. For Evensong.

HEENE, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Brazier 1, M. Fromm 2, R. Wilson 3, H. Weaver 4, W. Weaver 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6, J. Clemments 7, D. Saunders 8. First quarter on eight for 1 and 2. First in method for 5. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, J. Salway 2, W. Seldon 3, A. G. Betts 4, B. Pidgeon 5, K. Dawe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam of Mrs. W. D. Ashdown, wife of a member of the local band, who was interred this day at Broadclyst.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, M. A. Turner (Philadelphia, U.S.A.) 4, A. Holway 5, E. W. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. First quarter for the ringer of the fourth since 1908.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Gibbons 1, Miss P. Drury 2, C. E. Hayter 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, D. G. Wright 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to John Martin, who is leaving to go to Cyprus, and also as a farewell to K. C. Jones, who is leaving to join the R.E.M.E.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Slater 1, A. Free (first 'inside') 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. Hazell 4, C. Hagger 5, S. Smith 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Norman Carr and Patricia Webb.

LONDON.—At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Hughes 1, Miss E. Wooldridge 2, L. W. Battley 3, D. G. Hollis 4, C. W. Ottley 5, F. Ranson 6. J. Hales (cond.) 7, J. A. Hales 8. For evensong and also as a birthday compliment to C. W. Ottley.

LONGNEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Watts 1, A. Wixey 2, P. T. Hurcombe 3, T. Goodyer 4, M. Ling 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, C. Wixey 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2 and 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, G. S. Morris 2, H. E. C. Goodenough 3, C. W. Powell 4, J. T. Barrett 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. Silman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, R. G. Dadds 4, P. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 6, F. Gadsden 7, L. Twyman 8. Rung for Evensong and as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 4 and 6.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's on Sept. 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Monica Fray 1, M. J. Horseman 2, A. Diserens 3, B. C. Stirland 4, R. H. Begrie 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 11th, 1,240 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Susan Chaddock 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Miss E. Wardill 4, J. Chaddock 5, G. S. Lee 6, F. Fisher 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Plain and Little Bob by 1, 5 and 6. Rung by the Sunday service band.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept 23rd, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. Merrifield (St. Paul's) 1, Miss J. Eloie (St. Martin's) 2, F. E. Mann (St. Paul's, cond.) 3, E. Doel (St. Thomas') 4, H. Abrahams (St. Thomas') 5, Miss E. Ball 6, J. Lewis (Britford) 7, G. Smith (South Newton) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sidney Macey, who passed away September 15th.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS. — On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): H. Paul 1, A. Thornton 2, E. M. Bradley 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts (first as cond.) 5, D. Ruckledge 6. For evensong.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Griffen 1, A. Flutter 2, R. Buckby 3, G. Wykes 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of the niece of the ringer of the fourth.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — At St. Ann's on Sept. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Turner 1, B. Bladon 2, M. Rowe (first as cond.) 3, W. Theobald 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On Sept. 23rd, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Rodmell 1, Miss B. Clarkson 2, T. Goodin 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, I. Glenton 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrop on the birth of a son and Mr. and Mrs. R. Ducker on the birth of a daughter. The parents in each case are local ringers.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At Sketty Parish Church, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): Patricia Whitworth 1, J. Edney 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, J. T. Williams 4, J. Solly 5, J. Dale (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, also a farewell to Mr. J. Solly, who is leaving for the R.A.F.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Faircloth (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mills 2, D. Welham (first 'inside') 3, P. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6.—Also the same evening, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Miss H. Stewart (first 'inside') 2, U. W. Wildney 3, D. Welham 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Hawkins 2, Miss G. A. Rich 3, T. A. Wickens 4, J. M. Stephens 5, F. A. Rye 6, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung for evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Coles (aged 13, first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, C. T. W. Coles 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, A. J. N. Boyack 8. For Evensong.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On7 Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Horseman (first of Triples as cond.) 1, Monica Fray 2, D. Cobb (first of Triples) 3, L. Derrick 4, B. Willgress (first of Triples 'inside') 5, G. Brewin (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, I. Oram 7, Mrs. D. Strong (first of Triples) 8.

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BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty members attended the monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society held at All Saints' Church, Pocklington, on September 8th.

The bells were raised and rung to methods from Rounds to Stedman and Kent Treble Bob until time for the service at 4.30 p.m. The Curate (Rev. A. J. Millward) conducted the service, and welcomed the Society to Pocklington. An apology for absence was read from the Vicar, Canon Richardson, who unfortunately was on an out-of-town engagement

Tea was taken in the Church Hall and was provided and served by the wives and mothers of the local ringers, maintaining all the traditions of good teas at Pocklington. The business meeting followed, with the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, in the chair, and afterwards ringers returned to the tower for further ringing until time to cease the bells, bringing to a close another successful meeting.

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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Ringing Competition Marred

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax Association was held at Ripponden on September 22nd. Five teams entered, and some very good ringing gave the judge, Mr. Harry Nutt, a stiff task.

Two unfortunate occurrences cropped up that were not catered for in the competition rules, namely, a rope slipped the wheel during team No. 4's attempt and they had to stand.

A hastily-summoned committee of one representative from the four other teams competing and the referee in the tower, decided that the team must not recommence the test piece, but have one-seventh of the faults found by the judge added to their total.

The second incident happened whilst the last team was ringing, when a total stranger climbed the stairs to the ringing chamber and so upset the team that they broke down and could not be persuaded to start their test piece again.

The judge gave his decision as follows:—Friezland 37 faults, Sandal 44, Liversedge 33, Meltham 37, Shelley 20. Liversedge were therefore the winners.

During the business meeting suggestions were put forward to try and eliminate the unfortunate things that had happened, one being that an executive committee be formed at the time of the draw and the other that a doorkeeper be appointed.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwarden for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Frank Rhodes for all the work undertaken by him in arranging the teas and for the comfort of all present, were passed with the full approval of the meeting.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Monmouth Branch at Caldicot

The Monmouth Branch meeting, held at Caldicot on September 22nd, was most enjoyable. Although the attendance was not as high as formerly, the majority were young people, and the Master, Mr. J. Alsop, saw that there was plenty of ringing for all.

The Rev. Rhys Morris, Vicar of Caldicot, and a member of the Association, welcomed everyone to the church and later conducted the service. An excellent tea was prepared in the church hall by Mrs. Hooper and her helpers.

The Rev. Rhys Morris kindly took the chair at the business meeting, and this proved to be agreeably short. Mr. J. Sims reported that half the sum necessary had been received for the restoration of Chepstow bells. Masters Colin Dodd and Roger Gale were elected new members from Caldicot, and Ronald Trigg and Michael McLoughlin from All Saints', Newport.

Magor was suggested as the place of the next meeting, with Shirenewton and Machen as alternatives.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Backway on September 22nd. Ringing commenced at 3.30, after a wedding. Tea was provided by Mrs. Gulham at the Three Horseshoes, which was followed by the business meeting in church, with Mr. J. Dean in the chair. The next meeting will be held at Codicote on October 27th, Beverley being the special method chosen.

The day was fine and the ringing above meeting standard, which included some good courses of Yorkshire Surprise.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers in Bournemouth and district lose a very good friend by the consecration of Canon A. L. E. Williams, M.A., as Bishop of Bermuda. A lover of bells, Bishop Williams, while vicar of Kirby Whiske, Yorks, gave two bells to augment the ring there. At Banbury, although the Vicarage was close to the church and the bells somewhat noisy, he freely gave permission to ring.

During his ten years' incumbency at Bournemouth visitors knew well of his cordial welcome and charming speeches at the Bournemouth dinner. There was only one condition he imposed on peal attempts at St. Peter's—the provision of 'Davis' silencers. Local ringers could not allow the soft pedal to be applied on September 22nd when ringing a peal in honour of the new Bishop.

The many friends of Mr. D. Smith, secretary of the Barnsley and District Society, and vice-president of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, will be sorry to hear that he is at present a patient in Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.

In an accident at work he sustained serious leg injuries, which are likely to keep him out of action for a considerable time. We all wish him the quickest possible return to normal health and activity.

Miss Powell (for whom a quarter peal was rung at Bedwellty on September 14th) has now left Bedwellty to take up an appointment in Southampton. Before she left, she was presented with a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris's book 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' which was signed by the local ringers, and a leather-bound Bible, which was presented to her by the Rector and churchwardens of Bedwellty. The ringers will miss her very much at Bedwellty, but hope she will be very happy at Southampton.

Mr. Ronald W. M. Clouston has obtained permission to inspect, and if necessary overhaul, the alleged ring of bells in one of the towers of the Church of San Francisco el Grande, Madrid. His present information is that there are nine bells, some at least hung for ringing, and are all from the foundry of John Warner and Sons, Birmingham. A report on these bells from Mr. Clouston will be be read with interest.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow dedicated Carlton Colville bells on September 19th.

Mr. Ralph G. Edwards is now in Birmingham. We expect to see his name among St. Martin's Guild peals during the coming winter.

Photographs of the veterans' gathering may be obtained from Mr. A. Deal, 118, Sarsfield Road, S.W.12. Prices: 'All in' 2s. 6d., separate tables 1s. 6d.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis reminds the Cumberland and Westmorland tourists that a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on July 8th, 1950, conducted by the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson. This peal was rung for the Lancashire Association.

A stalwart of the St. Michael's with St. Paul's band, Bath, Mr. Leslie W. Moses is leaving Bath to take up a new appointment as a district superintendent with an insurance company at Launceston. He has the good wishes of the band, who rang a farewell quarter on September 23rd.

The bells of All Saints', North Ferriby, Yorks, which have been silent since the war except for Ellacombe chimes, will shortly be heard again. Through the initiative of the organist, Mr. Gambie, a band of recruits and others has been collected, and they are being taught by the Kirkella ringers.

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A DERBYSHIRE RINGING WEEK

IN a county containing ancient and historic churches, mansions and buildings; agricultural, grazing, heath, forest and park land; hills and lovely dales; countless streams, waterfalls, also lakes and reservoirs; stone quarries, pit head of deep coal mines and open-cast coal mining; industry of various kinds; few straight and level roads; and above all, homely and most friendly people, the annual tour, organised by Mr. T. J. Lock, took place during the first week in September. The members of the party spent an energetic and altogether pleasant and successful time, 18 peals being scored out of 25 attempts. One sad story must however be related in the fact that the day following our first visit to Ashover Church for service ringing and meeting, Eddie Hopkinson, the local captain, our newly-formed friend, was involved in a fatal accident at his work.

After some old friends had been collected in London, the main party left Hertfordshire in the usual coach, and as the route took us through Bedford our first halt was in the Broadway, where we were able to exchange greetings with Eddie and Kath Jeffries, who unfortunately were not able to join us this time. The Derby district was our first objective as regards ringing, and the programme opened with attempts for peals of Yorkshire—Royal at Derby Cathedral and Major at West Hallam. At the former tower the attempt was lost after 2 hours 20 minutes, but at the latter tower number one success was achieved, which proved to be a favourable 'turning course' for the conductor, Roland Park, who had just arrived from Darlington with his brother Norman.

The journey to headquarters could not have been a happy one for our driver, Albert Lawrence, for it became known that of the approaches to Ashover, one was not so good as the others, and tricky to negotiate after dark. We were well received at the Ashover Country Hotel, and enjoyed an excellent evening meal and a comfortable bed. Ashover is situated in the peaceful countryside four miles north of Matlock, and we learned that the parish is the second largest in England, being 10,000 acres in extent, with a boundary of 22 miles, and the Vicar has no curate. The present church was built in the 14th century, but contains a lead font, date 1151, a 13th century wooden door, and a 400-years-old chancel screen.

The first day of residence, Sunday, was the wettest, but after a dutiful morning we set sail (almost) for a hurriedly convened meeting at Macclesfield. Through the good offices of John Worth and the other local captains we were welcomed to assist or join in service ringing at the three towers in the town—St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (10) and St. Peter's (8). The journey involved crossing the Pennine Range, which for the most part was shrouded in mist, but we did see, without close inspection, the 'Cat and Fiddle' inn, 1,690 feet above sea level, being situated higher than any other in the country.

RINGING BETWEEN CHOIR STALLS

On Monday we left for Duffield, where a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung, and Derby, St. Peter's, where an extent of Rutland was brought round for the first time on these bells. In the afternoon an attempt for Melbourne Surprise at Melbourne was stopped prematurely after 40 minutes owing to the temporary indisposition of one of the band. Here the ringing takes place between the choir stalls, the front two of which were removed for our convenience. One of the strange meetings of life occurred in this church, for as we were pulling up the bells a reverend gentleman approached us with an air of interest. After a few words in exchange we knew him to be the Rev. W. H. Bishop, of West Didsbury, near Manchester, who 14 years ago officiated at the marriage of a brother of one of our party.

The fourth peal attempt of the day was made at Derby, St. Luke's, where success was gained by what must be one of the best heavy-bell bands in the country—at any rate the ringing was such that George was proud of the tenor ringer who, we understand, may have moved to Birmingham for his own betterment and experience at turning in the big bells. Ralph made it quite clear that after this performance George should, and probably would, invite him in a few peal attempts in Brum during the coming winter.

Owing to the geographical nature of the county, and a refusal, three attempts were scheduled for Tuesday, but Ron Bullen made a fourth attempt possible by taking a band to Darley Dale, his home tower. Yorkshire was, however, lost after 1¼ hours. A second band went to Crich, situated on very high ground and 'miles from anywhere,' but Spliced Surprise Major in six methods was brought round. Of interest at Crich is the fact that the Vicar, Rev. J. W. E. Brown, is an acquaintance of Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay; the church organ, installed by a well-known trust, is valued at £12,000; and nearby is a memorial, in the form of a beacon, to past members of the Sherwood Foresters, to which present members pay an annual pilgrimage.

The remainder of the party crossed the county boundary to enjoy a short ring at Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) and then back again to ring at All Saints', Ripley (8). The two remaining peal attempts for the day were both of London, at Heanor and Ilkeston. We had the pleasure of including some friends in these efforts, but two from Derby, Denis Carlisle and Gordon Halls, were unfortunate in that the attempt in which they took part was lost through no fault of theirs after 2 hours 10 minutes. It was also hard luck for Dennis Knox, who would have liked success on this occasion, his last attempt before he left the party to return home to take the plunge. Better fortunes, Dennis! Success was registered at Ilkeston, and the report elsewhere will identify the three from Leicestershire who met us for this occasion. In the meantime, Long Eaton (8) bells were made available for an hour's ring. Should anyone be interested to see some simple mechanism which, operated from the ringing chamber, can turn the clapper of a bell pulled up wrong, they are advised to visit Ilkeston.

MEMORIES OF CRESWELL

The following day we changed our way out from Ashover and proceeded in an easterly direction to Bolsover and Creswell At the former tower Bristol had to be abandoned after 2 hours' ringing, and at the latter tower less than two courses of Hallam were completed, and it was decided to substitute with Superlative. The spare ringers were afforded a ring at Clowne (6), where the welcome included lunch in the Mission Room, served by bell-ringing members of the G.F.S. At Creswell Church is a memorial window to those who lost their lives in the 1950 mining disaster. The design incorporates miners at work, overshadowed by the Elmton elm tree, which was struck by lightning shortly before the colliery disaster and was at the time said to be a bad omen. Elmton is a nearby village and comes under the care of the parish of Creswell. Cambridge was the method for the afternoon—Royal at Chesterfield and Major at North Wingfield—and both were successful. We were pleased that the Rev. G. Gordon Graham was able to take a rope in the North Wingfield peal. On our return to headquarters we found that Andrew Sinfield and Ron Sharp had arrived according to schedule.

Thursday was a day of travel as well as ringing, a day when we were at the heart of the Peak District and, but for the weather, could have climbed to the summit of Kinder Scout. We did, however, visit 'fields'—Fairfield and Hayfield—where extents of Rutland and Superlative respectively were accomplished. Whilst our lunch was digesting, Albert guided us through some lovely countryside, past Castleton Caves to Hope, where two quartets alighted full of it; and why not, for they brought into rounds a peal of Spliced Surprise without a hitch. The coach journey on through Snake Pass, 1,680 feet above sea level at its highest point, and down into Old Glossop, where unfortunately a defective rope caused a halt to the attempt for a peal of Yorkshire after 1 hour 5 minutes. For anyone with initiative plus, we record that there are two motor cars lying deep down in the valley by the side of the Pass waiting to be recovered and probably refuelled. The 'Band of Hope' was collected and taken to Glossop, where they enjoyed participating with the local band for the early part of their practice. We were 50 miles from home, at which we eventually arrived very late (by arrangement), but an excellent cold spread was waiting. We were so rejuvenated that some of the men as well as the ladies assisted the hotel staff to wash up.

The programme for the next day was Derby Surprise at Darley Dale and New Cambridge at Bakewell, Bristol at Matlock and Spliced at Wirksworth. For the third time on this tour a local named method proved elusive, and as the records show a peal of Yorkshire was substituted. New Cambridge was not attempted at the second named tower as the conductor also was switched, so we scored with another peal of Yorkshire. In the afternoon Bristol was rung at Matlock, this being the 50th in the method for William Beeson; but four methods spliced was abandoned at Wirksworth after two attempts lasting about an hour.

THREE PEALS ON LAST DAY

We drove northwards on the last day, and once again into a neighbouring county, from where, it is said, good ringers as well as good cricketers come. Fate, however, denied us a peal attempt in Yorkshire as owing to a broken clapper at St. Marie's, Sheffield, we could make no other arrangement. Three peals were recorded for the day—Lincolnshire at Dronfield, Surprise Minor at Killamarsh—with which the local ringers as well as the tourists were most pleased—and Superlative at Dore. Two of these peals were chosen to record our regards for Dennis Knox, and we collectively wished him and his bride what other people wished us when we were in a similar plight. Three fresh personalities otherwise came into the tour, for during the morning when we were able, through the kindness of Mr. Parr, of Killamarsh, to ring on the octave at Eckington, a non-ringing gentleman was met who was a workmate of the late Arthur Craven, the well-known composer. Then at Dore we were glad to accommodate Cyril Wright, of Bolsover, in the peal band, whilst in the ringing chamber there was clear evidence that J. E. L. Cockey, now emigrated to Canada, was a churchwarden and an active member of the local band.

This was our peal ringing programme completed, during which time the usual high standard of striking was maintained, and one well-known ringer had recorded another century of peals, though too modest to set his claim. Handbells were available, but owing to the full programme, were little used, and the augmented choir seemed non-existent this year, being incomplete without the usual contralto.

On Sunday we took leave of headquarters and the hotel staff, with the main intention of arriving at our permanent homes in good time. We were, however, favoured with collecting another tower, as after we had stopped for lunch at Market Harborough, the bells of the parish church started ringing for a wedding, and the members of the local band kindly allowed us to extend the ringing with some short touches.

So we rang in a total of 34 towers during a thoroughly enjoyable week, and would like to record here our thanks to incumbents, captains, and other ringers and friends who so kindly contributed their share in our interests.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Ripon

THE September general meeting of the Association took place at Ripon Cathedral on September 15th, favoured by excellent weather and a satisfactory attendance of members and friends representative of each of the four districts. The fine ring of ten bells was put to good use shortly after 2 p.m., and further use was made of the ring of eight at the neighbouring tower at Sharow.

Due to the fact that the racing authorities had allotted an extra day's racing, difficulty was experienced in arranging a tea, but a switch in the time overcame this.

The business meeting took place at 5.45 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Mr. E. Hudson was voted to the chair for the first part of the proceedings in the unavoidable absence of the president, who was officially taking part in the Cathedral ceremony for the reopening of the Chapter House after restoration. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. F. Palmer, F. W. Dale, H. S. Morley, J. J. L. Gilbert, N. Chaddock, W. Barton, J. Pearson, P. Birkett and D. Smith.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Wakefield on January 19th, 1957, if the necessary arrangements could be made, with Pontefract as an alternative, on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

At this point the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, returned, and took over the chair, thanking Mr. Hudson for deputising for him. He (the president) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells and for his kind welcome to Ripon. This was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried with applause. The Dean of Ripon, the Very Rev. F. Ll. Hughes, in reply said how pleased he was to have this opportunity of meeting the ringers. The ringing of bells was traditionally British, and the various uses of the bells was the gateway to the souls of people. When the bells rang out again after the war they truly reflected English thought and emotion.

A similar vote of thanks to the local company for their excellent arrangements was moved by the general secretary, who said he was gratified to see so many present, as the problem of distance was always a potent factor with general meetings in the Northern District. To many, Ripon was off the beaten track in this respect, and he congratulated the local company, and in particular Mr. E. Hudson, upon the excellent arrangements made. Mrs. L. K. Marshall seconded, and this was carried with acclamation. The president reminded members that the Snowdon Dinner was to take place at the Windmill Hotel, York, on October 20th, and that the Archbishop of York, Dr. A. M. Ramsey, had kindly accepted an invitation to attend. Accommodation was limited to 100, and early application for tickets was advised.

Miss V. Gillian Schofield, of Bradford, was elected a member, and Mr. A. Capstick a non-resident member.

The president referred to the passing of Mr. Walter Bailey, of Skipton, who joined the Association in 1894 and had taken part in eight peals. As a tribute of respect, the meeting stood in silence.

A vote of thanks to the Y.M.C.A. authorities for the use of the room was moved by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. G. Benfield, and carried unanimously. Mr. E. Hudson humorously acknowledged the vote of thanks by announcing he was vice-president, and would convey their thanks to the committee, who did not as yet know they had given permission! This concluded the business and members were then able to enjoy further ringing until 9 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Some good ringing was enjoyed at a quarterly meeting of the Southern District held at Limpsfield Chart and Limpsfield on September 15th. The weather could not be regarded as brilliant, but did not account for a rather poor attendance, especially from the district. However, the rather isolated nature of 'The Chart' may have deterred some members.

Ringing was from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. at Limpsfield Chart, followed by tea at the Carpenters Arms. A brief business meeting followed, which seemed more subdued than on previous occasions. Was this because a certain gentleman (who shall remain anonymous) was not with us?

When the meeting adjourned to the church for the service, the ringers on arriving at the belfry were personally greeted by the Rev. S. Linton, priest-in-charge, who conducted the service. He afterwards showed the company some features of the church, which although only 62 years old has many points of interest.

Ringing afterwards took place at Limpsfield Parish Church. It is hoped that the district will be well represented tomorrow (Saturday) at Crawley, when a joint meeting with the Northern Disrict of the Sussex Association will be held. D. J. P.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bellringing — Aid to Longevity

The monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church, Alsager (always a happy rendezvous for Cheshire and Staffordshire ringers), and attracted more than 30 ringers, representing 11 towers, including a visitor from Perth.

Longevity is very prevalent amongst ringers, due, no doubt, to its healthy exercise and good happy company. Two veterans were present on September 22nd—Mr. George Whalley, Alsager, and Mr. John Wheadon, Wilmslow, both over 84 years of age, having given between them over 100 years of service to Sunday service ringing.

Another interested and welcome visitor was Mr. G. Parkes, bell-hanger representative of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had been looking over Liverpool Cathedral bells. Also present, though not yet ringing again, after his wonderful recovery from a broken neck, was Mr. Arthur Yorke, tower captain at Alsager. 'The Three "Minor" Musketeers' from the Bowdon Branch also received a cordial welcome.

The bells were raised at 3 o'clock and kept going till 4.30, when the Guild Office was said by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Gwynne John, former vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, who welcomed the ringers; after which, tea was served in the schools.

At the short business meeting, Mr. Derek Smith, Wistaston, in the absence of Mr. Wilfred Kerr (hon. secretary), on holiday, proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, his address and welcome; Mr. Holloway, one of the ringers, for deputising at the organ; those responsible for the tea; and the Vicar's wife, Mrs. John, and her helpers who served tea.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, in seconding the vote of thanks, congratulated the Vicar on Alsager's enterprise. The station staff had won first prize in the Stoke section for the best kept station, and the Vicar had been elected chairman of the newly-formed gramophone club. Mr. Stenson mentioned he had a 'ringing' record, dedicated and presented to him by a famous band of ringers who had visited Alsager and Church Lawton some time ago. He, however, 'put his foot in it' when he said it was 'only Minor,' meaning the method; the 'Three "Minor" Musketeers,' who are not only Minor 'fans,' but experts, soon wanted to know why 'only' Minor. However, notwithstanding, some good touches of Minor were rung and enjoyed, also Doubles, Triples and Major.



THE OLD BRIGADE assembled at the Fan Makers' Hall, Bishopsgate, on Sept. 15th for their second annual reunion. The average age of the company was 71¼ years. For story of the reunion see last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'

LETTERS

LUNDY ISLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,—An extract from a recent local news feature may be of interest to readers:

'The bells of St. Helena's Church, Lundy Island, were heard this week probably for the last time. On the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving a local inhabitant chimed seven of the octave, which is in a very bad state of repair. To mark the occasion, decorations included local mushrooms and fleece from sheep grazed on the Island. For maximum attendance the Island's public house was closed as the total population numbers only a few!'

The bells have not been rung for many years and are no longer safe to hang in the tower, salt air having almost rusted through the iron work. The vicar (resident at Appledore on the mainland) informs us that no date has yet been fixed for their removal.—Yours faithfully,

H. MALLETT.

Exeter.

COMPOSITIONS OF STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES WANTED

Dear Sir,—Now that the Central Council has agreed to publish a collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, it is desirable that the committee responsible should see as many compositions as possible with a view to inclusion. It is intended that the collection shall be as comprehensive as possible, and include peals by many composers and on all possible plans.

May I therefore appeal to all those who have compositions in their possession—particularly those of composers who are no longer living—to forward them to Mr. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey, Essex, who will return all composers' books, etc., after inspection as required. If the response to this appeal is as good as I hope, it will clearly not be possible to publish all compositions sent; but the more material we have to select from, the better.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. WOOLLEY,
Convener, Peals Collection Committee.
Bushey Heath, Herts.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Meeting at Tenby

A quarterly meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at Tenby on September 8th. The bells were available to the ringers from 2 p.m., and although the weather was not too kind, it did not prevent ringers from all parts of the diocese attending the meeting. It was also very pleasing to see so many visiting ringers present, and a very special welcome was accorded to Miss Wyman, from Sussex.

A service was held at 3.30 p.m., at which the Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. B. Hallam, officiated. The lesson was read by the Vicar of Steynton, the Rev. W. R. Nicholas. After the service, the members were entertained to a very nice tea at the Church House, where 60 members sat down.

The usual business meeting was held, with the Vicar in the chair. A tribute of respect was paid to the late president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's, who had passed on since the last meeting.

After disposing of the agenda very quickly, it was agreed that the Master of the Guild should read the lesson at future meetings. A very hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for having the Guild at Tenby, for providing the tea, and to the ladies who waited at tables, not forgetting the organist, Mr. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, who also is a ringer.

The Vicar responded and members then returned to the tower to finish off the meeting, which must have been, as far as ringing was concerned, one of the most successful meetings for some time.

C. H. H.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE

Christ Church, Crewe, ringers in the past have always been favoured with good weather on the occasion of their annual outing. This year was an exception, as on August 11th the ringers, together with friends, visited North Wales in the face of a heavy rainstorm. The route taken was via Marbury, where two more ringers joined us, and thence to Gresford. Despite the dampening effects of the weather, Mr. T. R. Griffiths and Mrs. B. D. Threlfall were waiting to accord us a very cordial welcome, and a most enjoyable hour on the beautiful eight bells of All Saints' Church passed all too quickly.

After having disposed of light refreshments at the Border Cafe we took to the road again, passing through Wrexham, where the rain ceased and the sun favoured us for the attractive run through Llangollen and Bala to Portmadoc. An excellent lunch awaited us at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, and afterwards we adjourned to St. John's Church for an hour's ringing on this very fine eight. We were welcomed by Mr. P. Roberts, and during the ringing the Vicar came to the ringing chamber to express his appreciation of our efforts.

The journey was continued along the coast road through Harlech to Barmouth. By this time we were half-an-hour behind schedule, and our stay at Barmouth was drastically curtailed. Ample compensation was provided, however, by the beauty of the scenery through which we passed as we travelled, by way of Dolgelly, to Welshpool. Dinner had been arranged at the Royal Oak Hotel, and after justice had been done to this ample repast, the homeward journey was commenced. A somewhat lengthy stop was made at Shrewsbury, but everybody eventually found the back back to the coach for the last stage of the journey, during which 'The Dean' regaled us with his annual recitation of 'The 11.69.'

Storm clouds were again threatening when a tired but happy party arrived home at 12.45 a.m. Ringing throughout the day was confined to the standard methods, but a high degree of striking was set.

We are most grateful to the incumbents for their co-operation, the local ringers who welcomed us, and to our ringer-coach-driver, Mr. George Porter, of Wistaston.

W. K.

GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Members, wives and friends made up the happy party which set out from Gloucester on September 15th on what was to be an enjoyable and most exciting outing. Gordon Corby's arrangements were excellent.

Touches of Bob Maior, Grandsire Triples and a doubtful touch of Oxford Bob were rung on St. Mary's musical ring at Chipping Norton. A bright young ringer, known affectionately as Tom, found the fair, held in the centre of the town, compared very favourably with ringing, as did his feminine counterparts.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely tea at the Fox Hotel, Chipping Norton, but apologies to the Local Water Undertaking for what must have been a great increase in water consumption—due to our teatotaller!

On then to St. Andrew's Church, Kingham, for a lighter ring of eight. Ringing followed the same pattern as at Chipping Norton, with a good touch of Bob Major.

At our last tower, Burford, the first surprisingly good touch of Bob Major revealed the Cathedral-like tone of the Parish Church bells. We must record the aptitude of the younger ringers: their ringing at these three towers did great credit to their tutors.

On the way home a stop was made at Frogmill Inn, Andoversford. Everyone arrived safely in Gloucester.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

For their outing on Sept. 15, Somerton ringers and friends chose two towers in Somerset and four in East Devon, namely, Buckland St. Mary (6), Kilmington (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8), Broadhembury (6) and Pitminster (6), the general favourites being Kilmington and Ottery.

There were plenty of rounds for the learners and several methods were also rung, including Cambridge Surprise Minor and Plain Bob Major.

Things that will be remembered are the beautiful church and bells at Ottery St. Mary, the pretty Devon village of Broadhembury with its wide street and thatched cottages, and its anti-clockwise ring of bells, and last, the approach to the ringing chamber at Pitminster—no spiral staircase, just straight steps followed by a right-angled turn and a slope up. It was at Pitminster, too, as a fitting close to the day's ringing, that the Rector came up into the ringing chamber and led prayers.

Lunch was eaten at Sidmouth and tea at Honiton; both were good, and contributed to the day's enjoyment, as also did the weather.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains for meeting the party and for allowing the use of the bells.

S. A.

WEDDING OF MISS PAMELA STEERE

The marriage of Miss Pamela M. Steere, only daughter of Mrs. W. M. Steere and the late Mr. G. W. Steere, and Mr. Peter G. W. Humphries, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Humphries, took place at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, on September 22nd.

The bride was given away by her brother, Norman G. Steere, and was attended by Miss Heather Talbot, both ringers at Croydon. The bride wore a dress of ivory figured brocade, carried red carnations, and was met at the west door by the choir. The bridesmaid was wearing a dress of floral nylon and carried white carnations.

As the bridal couple left the church a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung, and later in the afternoon a peal attempt, in honour of the occasion, took place at St. Mary's, Beddington. Unfortunately, this was unsuccessful.

The reception was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, where handbells were rung. As the couple left for their honeymoon at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, handbells were rung at the door of the hotel.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting was held at Royston on September 15th. Owing to the date being one week later than usual because of an unavoidable postponement, the meeting coincided with other meetings that would have supplied it with many members.

Nevertheless, a small but representative gathering enjoyed ringing in a variety of methods. Tea was taken and the business meeting held in the adjoining Church School.

The absence of the secretary through illness necessitated certain important business being deferred. The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield.

H. C.

LONDON.—On Sept. 16th, at Westminster Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, J. Crampion 4, A. B. Peck 5, W. Hibbert 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, C. Watts 8. Rung directly after the service of thanksgiving for the victory achieved in the Battle of Britain in the year 1940.

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PART 1. — 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION VI. (Lesson 4)

BELL BALANCING

(And introducing Rhythmic Hunting.)

(Bells silenced up to four, according to number of students.)

89. **Applied Ringing.**—The student has now reached a stage when his learning how to gain bell control, through 'bell balancing,' can usefully be supplemented by first steps in 'applied' ringing action; that is to say, by some acquaintance with the main element of method ringing, which is, of course, 'hunting.' Apart from the fact that these supplementary steps will help to maintain interest and promote a more intelligent appreciation of what is being aimed at, they become virtually a necessity of class organisation where the number of students is in excess of, say, 4 or 5. The reason becomes obvious when it is realised that in the practice of the 4-stroke cycle to gain bell control the time devoted to each student is necessarily more than for the previous exercises; and while waiting students can be directed to watch participating students for faults, and can learn much thereby at first, yet this can become dull and monotonous for them, and their attention must then be more interestingly occupied. This can be done by the introduction of an exercise known as rhythmic hunting practice, and such introduction must be given to the *whole* class, and at the *opening* of the session, in order that those students standing out for bell-practice may know exactly what to do when they return to the rhythmic hunting. (Q T)

90. **Basic Change Production.** — First state that bells are rung round in the order of the scale of notes, as 'rounds,' until the call 'Go!' is heard, warning the ringers that they are to go into 'changes.' The basis of change production is an element of bell-movement that may be conveniently known as a 'transit.' This is the interchange of position of two adjacent bells. Normally all the bells go off into changes by transits on 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, etc., thus producing the first change-row. On the blackboard the Tutor now writes, say, four rows of rounds on four bells, marking the rows as 'H. B. H. B.' to denote the handstroke and backstroke rows. Between the second and third rows he enters 'Go!', explaining that a 'whole-pull' warning of the go-off is always given. (All these markings can be at the side, with arrows or other such indicators.) Then follows the first change-row, 2143. Suitable X's in the row-interval will indicate the two transits that produce this row. Now indicate that if this transit procedure be repeated *exactly* similarly for the next row, we derive the original (rounds) row again. But if the leading unit '2' is allowed to remain undisturbed and a transit is this time effected in columns 2/3 (also in 4/5, etc., where there are more bells), we get a new order or row, 2413. Again, this second arrangement cannot be repeated, so we revert to the first arrangement of transits, yielding 4231; and so on alternately (S) (D) (writing the rows on the blackboard), until the starting row (rounds) turns up again. (Q) (Note that this occurs in twice the number of units, for 'plain hunting' only.) But now explain that while ringing it is not necessary to remember how the transits are to be made from row to row (though in a sense the expert ringer and conductor can usefully do so) since the transit action is made to be *continuous*: so that, step by step, a bell makes its transition from side to side of the group of change rows (or from 'front to back' or from 'lead to lie'), changing position only one column at a time, with no 'jumping over,' and then travelling back again, having struck two blows at the leading and lying positions. Illustrate this by joining up the positions, in successive rows, of any one unit, say, '2,' and noting that the track or path of the bell in movement runs steadily from side to side, one place at a time. (Q)

91. **Plain Hunting.** (S) This is called 'plain hunting,' and in actual practice both ear and eye, especially the former in *correct* practice, are employed in performing it, as will be explained later, in detail, when opportunity for such practice with other ringers will arise. For the present, it will be taken in the form of a rhythm-variation beat exercise; and it may be noted that a similar mental process is involved in all good method-ringing. But first we learn the meaning of such terms as 'hunting up,' 'hunting down,' 'leading whole pull,' 'lying whole pull,' 'That's all' and 'Stand.' (Q) (Reference to the blackboard diagram in Article 90 is useful for this.)

92. **Hunting by Rhythm.**—In rhythmic hunting the rhythm or beat of bell-sound is counted or tapped out (stick on floor or baton on table or chair, etc.) by the Tutor while the student(s) represent the blow-position of a bell-stroke by a hand-clap at the appropriate count or tap. (The 'Blow-placing' of Article 88.) At first, all the students will act as though on one 'bell,' i.e., they should (except for any error) clap simultaneously; later they may divide into groups, each group as on a different bell, though this becomes more difficult for the Tutor to check and control. All the normal ringing calls can be used and thus the students get familiar with them in readiness for bell-handling: 'Treble's going,' 'Go, Plain Hunting!', 'That's All,' and 'Stand!'. Reference can be made to the blackboard diagram as in Article 90, where the path of the second in four was marked in, and students take that bell as theirs to be marked by hand-claps. Tutor will first count aloud the rhythm, moderately slowly, of rounds on four bells (i.e., at about 24 to the minute, with the open-handstroke pause), and will take breath on each pause after the backstroke count. For 'rounds,' of course, the hand-claps will come on every count of '2nd' since they are on the 2nd bell), so the effect will be thus: 'First, *Second*, Third, Fourth, First, *Second*, Third, Fourth' (breath), First, *Second*, Third, Fourth, First, *Second*, Third, Fourth' (breath), and so on. **(Ex. 24.)** The italics represent the positions of the hand-claps, and the breath is taken in the handstroke opening. *Ordinal* numbers are counted so as to distinguish positions from actual bells. On the order, 'Go, plain hunting!' the effect becomes thus: 'First, *Second*, Third, Fourth, First, *Second*, Third, Fourth' (breath), '*First*, Second, Third, Fourth, *First*, Second, Third, Fourth' (breath), 'First, *Second*, Third, Fourth, First, Second, *Third*, Fourth' (breath), 'First, Second, Third, *Fourth*, First, Second, Third, *Fourth*' (breath), 'First, Second, *Third*, Fourth' (That's all), 'First, *Second*, Third, Fourth' (breath and Stand), 'First, *Second*, Third, Fourth, First, *Second*, Third, Fourth.' (Ex. 25.) The exercise can be repeated for each of the remaining bells in turn, when counting the beats aloud, by students themselves, may be introduced. (Q T)

92a. **Individual 'rhythmic' hunting.**—Practice in hunting, individually, may be had at this stage by introducing the use of handbells, one per student, in groups of four. **(Ex. 25a.)** Apart from the preparation (in handling of the bells) for handbell ringing that may be learnt later, the faculty of rhythmic hunting is further developed. Rounds, in the open handstroke beat, are first practised; then Exercise 25 is taken up, but in modified form. Instead of the hand-clap the bell is swung up and down, in the standard fashion, to represent the handstroke and backstroke respectively; and instead of the whole group marking the bell position from change to change, only one student marks any one bell position; and instead of only one bell's position being marked, all four bell positions are marked simultaneously. Once the students have grasped the idea of what is required, they will be found to pick up the rhythmic hunting fairly quickly. This is useful practice, too, for the forthcoming exercise—41a. (Q T)

(Note to Tutor.) It is more helpful if the students can be introduced to this exercise one at a time, more experienced ringers taking the other three handbells. However, if this be not possible, the exercise, as set out, will be found to be quite practicable, in due time.

93. **Class routine.** — In a sizable class, at this stage, enough has been explained to all for the first students to take their places at the ropes for bell practice, while the rest of the class continue with the rhythmic hunting exercises; but in a class of, say, three or less, such exercises may continue until all bell-positions have been mastered. Later on place-making and its consequential dodging will be explained, and this, too, can then be practised in a similar way. Experience shows that students enjoy these exercises and soon become adept. (Q T) They thus have a fair knowledge of what is to be done when they (having acquired bell-control) begin to operate a bell to the three elements of method ringing.

94. **Bell Balancing.** (D). **(Ex. 26).** Meanwhile this all-important practice can proceed from the point reached in Ex. 23—The 4-Stroke Cycle—(Article 87). The silenced bell(s) being raised and set at back, the Tutor will carefully demonstrate the complete stroke-cycle, faultless, and with bell balanced after each check-stroke. He will emphasise, as he rings, the points in turn as taught in all the previous exercises, and will remind the students that each of the indicated faults will be looked for and checked, with a warning that persistent fault-making will set the student back to the appropriate previous exercise. (See close of this Part for the Appendix on 'Faults'—for both Student and Student-Tutor.) Each student is given the full range of orders from the initial 'Take Position!'—observing Orientation, Proximity and Stance, as taught—to the 'Reach Up!', 'Grip Rope-end!' (not sally, so as to get the correct rope-end grip), and then 'On to the Balance!' before the final 'With balance after check-strokes, Pull!'. The Tutor will take his own position before the student, as in Ex. 23 (Article 87), and be on the alert to overcatch; but will encourage the student to get his bell on to the balance after each check-stroke. It should be held there for about four seconds before it is pulled off again, so as to ensure that it really is under such control; but the stay should not be allowed to make any 'rest contact.' (Q T)

95. **Bell Setting.** — When bell balancing is consistently achieved, then follows the exercise of 'bell setting.' **(Ex. 27.)** As previously, all preliminary orders are gone through and any faults checked. The bell is pulled off and allowed to rise on to the balance, where it is held for a moment, then gently eased over the balance point, on to the stay, and set. When actually set, the grip is released momentarily, then resumed, on order, and the next pull-off is taken, with the same procedure now on the other checkstroke. (So when the exercise is properly performed the bell is duly set after every check-stroke.) As soon as this proficiency has been attained (and not before), the student is told to *continue* ringing steadily for a few pulls until he gets the order 'Stand!' (given just *after* the handstroke check and just as the handstroke pull is about to start), when the student will complete the whole pull and set the bell after the next handstroke check. Repeat until certain. (Q T)

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OBITUARY

HARRY GRIEVE WAYNE

The Leicester Cathedral band suffered a further grievous loss by the sudden and untimely death of Harry G. Wayne, at the age of 55. He rang for evening service on Sunday, September 23rd, and took part in a faultless course of Yorkshire Maximus, and when he left he seemed to be his normal cheery self. He died suddenly during the same night, a post-mortem examination showing death to be due to coronary thrombosis. He had always appeared to be in excellent health. The previous weekend he had accompanied the Leicester contingent to Manchester for the annual meeting of the National Police Guild, and afterwards said how much he had enjoyed the day.

He joined the Cathedral band in 1937, shortly after the 12 bells had been installed, and his only previous experience was the ringing of the curfew bell at the church of his native village of Blaby. He started his ringing career somewhat later than is usual, but he was enthusiastic and under the expert tuition at that time available he made such rapid progress that he was able to ring his first peal, which was of Stedman Cinques, in February, 1938. He had rung in nearly 200 peals, over 60 of them being Surprise Maximus. He took part in the first peal of Bristol Maximus and rang several peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus, including one in 12 methods rung for the Coronation in 1953. He had taken part in most of the outstanding achievements of the band under the late Harold Poole. He had been secretary and treasurer of the Cathedral Society for a number of years and was in charge of the finances up to the end. He was a genial and convivial individual and it was always a pleasure to be in his company. He was a vocalist of no mean repute, and with Mrs. Wayne often contributed to the enjoyment of social functions. He was a partner in a hosiery manufacturing business and a prominent Freemason. He was held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral service, prior to cremation, was held at the Cathedral on September 26th, and there was a large attendance, including his ringing colleagues and friends, Freemasons, employees and others. There were numerous floral tributes. On September 27th a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Cathedral in tribute to his memory.

He has left a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn their great loss, and the deepest sympathy of his ringing comrades and a host of friends is extended to them in this rude disturbance of happy family life.

The Cathedral Society has lost a beloved and faithful servant, who will be very much missed.

H. G. J.

WILLIAM T. ELSON

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. William T. Elson, on September 25th in hospital, following an operation. The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church, Putney, last Monday.

REDEDICATION

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

After a silence of nearly five months, the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were rededicated on September 23rd by the Dean, the Very Rev. W. C. de Pauley. The bells have been rehung and extensively overhauled by John Taylor and Co.

The address was given by Canon J. W. Armstrong, rector of Christ Church, Leeson Park, Dublin, who recalled that the cathedral tower was destroyed by fire in 1362. He said that the first mention of the bells was in the following year, when an appeal was made for funds to replace both them and the tower. In 1443, the Dean and Chapter added another bell, and then, in 1670, there was the first mention of a ring of eight bells. These were recast in 1863, and seven of them were sent as gifts to various churches around the country. The eighth bell was retained, and it still remains in the cathedral.

Shortly before the close of the last century a ring of 11 bells was placed in the cathedral and, said Canon Armstrong, the tenor bell weighed 2½ tons. The ring was raised to its present level of 14 by an addition of a further two in 1909 and a final bell in 1923.

Canon Armstrong said that people were inclined to take too much for granted in the physical adornment of the cathedrals and churches in the country. 'We must offer God the best of our gifts,' he said. 'These bells are an outward sign that we, in this cathedral, are prepared to have only the best for calling the people to worship.'

The enthusiasm and service which have been, and are being, given to the cathedral by the St. Patrick's Society of Change Ringers was praised by Canon Armstrong. On behalf of the Dean and Chapter and the congregation of the cathedral, he thanked them.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Broadwindsor on September 15th, when towers represented were Beaminster, Broadwindsor, Evershot, Hawkchurch, Loders, Lyme Regis, Netherbury and Whitechurch Canonicorum. Visitors were present from Westminster, Yeovil, Crewkerne and South Petherton.

A touch of Stedman Doubles preceded the Guild service, conducted by the lay reader of Broadwindsor (Mr. Cape). Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson and the address was given by the Vicar, Rev. R. W. Rodda.

In his address the Vicar told of the way in which the parishioners had worked to get the money so quickly for the rehanging of their pre-Reformation bells. He welcomed the Branch on this their first visit to the church since the work had been completed.

A company of 34 sat down to tea, served by the Broadwindsor ringers' wives in the Reading Room.

A by-meeting was fixed for Whitechurch Canonicorum on Wednesday, October 17th, starting at 6.30 p.m., and the annual meeting on December 1st at Beaminster.

The attention of the members was drawn to Rule 5 (in the 1954-55 reports), which stated that 6d. per person should be paid to the Guild before a peal would be recorded. Discussion on this matter was left for the annual meeting.

Canon Cox, in thanking the Vicar for the use of the church and tower, the lay reader, and the ladies for their ample tea, congratulated Broadwindsor on the splendid work done in having the bells rehung and the alterations to the ringing chamber.

The Lyme Regis band then entertained with a touch of Grandsire Caters on Canon Cox's handbells, followed by a touch on Mr. Pannell's maiden bells. These were much appreciated.

Further ringing then took place on the tower bells. Methods during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor.

E. G. P.

The footnote to the peal rung at Barsham, Suffolk, in our last issue, should have read: 'First peal on the bells since 1912,' and not as submitted.

MANUAL—Continued

96. **Pulling to a beat.** (S) This exercise is to condition the student to the beat of ringing on a non-hunting bell; that is, a preparation for ringing in rounds and/or on a 'covering' bell. (Explain.) Tutor first demonstrates by ringing a bell and calling the 'beat' as he does so, thus: 'Pull-and-Check-and-Pull-and-Check-and-Pause,' repeating this phrase of nine words in steady rhythm to nine beats—one for each word of the phrase. **(Ex. 28.)** The strokes coincide with the timing thus: On the first two words 'Pull-and' comes the handstroke pull, on the third and fourth words 'Check-and' comes the backstroke check, on the fifth and sixth words 'Pull-and' comes the backstroke pull, and on the seventh and eight words 'Check-and' comes the handstroke check. Then, on the ninth word 'Pause' the bell is held momentarily on the handstroke balance. (This represents the open handstroke pause.) The exercise is then repeated. Continue until the student has the bell well under control in ringing to this 'beat.' (Q)

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DEATH

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2.30 p.m. Committee 4 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 9030

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Orwell, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church School. Barton (5) in the evening.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9018

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner to be held in the Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 11s. 6d. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong, 4 p.m.; bells available afterwards. — F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 8906

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Service and tea.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 9007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8910

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Ashford (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Parish Room) 5.15 p.m.—W. P. Garner. 8950

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements in nearby cafes.—C. D. Cowley and J. W. Cotton, Secs. 8998

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and OXFORD GUILD.—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10), afternoon and evening. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea and evening social in St. John's Hall. Book F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—F. A. Finch and W. Butler, Hon. Dis. Secs. 8994

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR. Saturday, Oct. 6th, St. Leodegarius, Old Basford (8). Bells available 3 to 6 p.m. Names for those requiring tea by 4 p.m. in the belfry. Trolley buses passing Nottingham Midland Station every three minutes. Nos. 41 and 43; Old Market Square, 41, 42 and 43—ask for Valley Road. Old Basford one minute from church, one mile from fairground. All welcome. 8985

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Tetsworth, Oxon, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. —H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 8995

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton, Saturday, Oct. 6th.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9024

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Shirley (8). Bells available 3.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 8952

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 9021

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 6th. Ringing arrangements: St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E.1 (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3 to 5 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 9061

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined meeting with Northern District, Sussex Association, Crawley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea. 8966

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern), Crawley (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8946

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — First practice of Michaelmas term, St. Bene't's, at 8 p.m on Thursday, October 11th. Freshmen welcome. 9039

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Ecclesfield, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, Gatty Hall, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.—H. Chant, Hon. Treasurer. 9057

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's with St. Mark's on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Perry, Lynwood, Lyncombe Vale, Bath. 8955

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrington, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Usual arrangements. 9050

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stogumber on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tea for notifications received by Oct. 9th.—A. R. Tudball, Sec. 9058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mells (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9049

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9041

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Meeting at Patrington, Saturday, Oct. 13th Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names for tea to Mr. L. Rodmell, Highfields, Patrington. 9033

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Huntsham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton.—W. H. Ware, Sec. 8983

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All at Newcastle Cathedral. Bells: Gosforth, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Fenham, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. John's, 3 to 4 p.m. and 8.15 to 9 p.m.; Gateshead, 7 to 9 p.m. and Cathedral 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea (price 5s.) must be sent by Oct. 10th to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 9023

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Pentrich and Swanwick. Pentrich 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Swanwick after tea. Names to Mr. Brighouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9053

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—C. A. Bassett. 9059

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden and J. D. Painter. 9056

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9065

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8982

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine Avenue, Thorpe Bay.—J. Willmington, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9010

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Highworth (8), on Saturday, Oct. 13th. For tea advise Mr. J. Hill, 1, Brewery Street, Highworth.—W. B. Kynaston. 9047

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Great Gaddesden (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 10th to R. Shutter, Church House, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 9027

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, Oct. 13th, Aspenden, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to F. Aldridge, 14, Council Houses, Aspenden, Buntingford, Herts.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service at St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m. These bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head.

Names, with cash please, together with nominations for officers, to me, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th. St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells after business meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9003

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting, St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Catering difficult. Names for tea not later than Monday, Oct. 8th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 9022

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 13th. All Saints' bells (10) available from 3 p.m. St. Michael's Tonbridge Road (6), from 3 to 4 p.m. only. Service at All Saints', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in College Room. Please send names for tea to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9004

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Usk, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names, please, to Mr. Lionel Jones, Heathfield, Monmouth Road, Usk, Mon. 8897

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary, Walton, 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea (price 1s.) before Wednesday, to A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—G. I. Howlett. 9051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, St. Chad's, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 11th to A. Smith, 11, Greenbank Road, Rochdale.—F. Pritchard. 9048

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Blackburn, Fylde and Preston Branches, Preston Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 13th. The president and general secretary are expected at this meeting. Good attendance requested, please. Tea, at nominal charge, for those sending names by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston.—C. Blakey, J. Turner, L. Walmsley, Branch Secs. 8957

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in café 5 p.m. Notify by Wednesday, Oct. 10th, Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 9067

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Eccleshall, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th, to A. Whittall, Ivy Mount, High Street, Eccleshall, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9054

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cropredy (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 8987

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea to H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, Berks. 9068

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Deeping St. James, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential by Oct. 9th. No names, no tea. 9040

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Tutbury, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 9013

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Revised cup contest and meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 12.30 and 2.15. Names for tea by 9th to Mrs. D. Beecroft, Royal Oak, Rampton, Retford.—H. Denman. 9017

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Haleworth District.—Meeting at Wissett (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 9001

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Thakeham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 9060

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Catherington (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Farmer's Inn 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Bessant, Allendale, Victory Avenue, Catherington. 9006

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. at The Dolphin Inn. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th, Tanfield, St. Margaret's, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 9036

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Special meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th, Wotton-under-Edge (8), bicentenary of bells. All ringers welcome; 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Mary Drew. 9055

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 20th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Application for tickets (13s. 6d.), enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 8978

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Oct. 20th. St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 9037

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Brockdish, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Oct. 15th to Mr. E. Chilver, Bridge Street, Brockdish, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 9046

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby (6), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Partridge, The Bakery, Wilby, Wellingborough. 9034

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Amesbury bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 16th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9045

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting of Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts at Fornham St. Martin, on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to K. G. Brown, 21, Peasecroft Road, Ixworth.—K. G. Brown and E. M. Peachey, Dis. Secs. 9066

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 6 for 6.15 p.m. Applications for tickets by first post on Oct. 15th to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. Ringing arrangements: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30 p.m.; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 3 to 5.30 p.m. 9038

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Association Dinner at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets, 8s 6d., from your District secretary or myself. Everyone welcome.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 9064

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 9s. 6d. each, from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. Early application is advised as accommodation is limited to 100. Ringing arrangements: St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), from 3 p.m. 9052

QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pegler 1, Miss J. Roper 2, R. Reeves 3, C. Clarke 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, J. Wyatt 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First in the method for 2, 3 and 5 and first as conductor. Also first for the tower by a local band. Rung as a tribute to the late Mr. E. C. Pearson, hon. treasurer and secretary of the Banbury Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ellis 1, Miss G. Hawkins 2, C. Smith (first of Triples) 3, G. Pickavance 4, Mrs. M. James 5, M. S. Hart 6, C. J. B. Taylor (first as cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung as a farewell to the curate (the Rev. C. J. L. Walters), who is leaving the parish. Also on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Ellis (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. James 2, M. S. Hart 3, G. Pickavance 4, Miss G. Hawkins 5, C. Smith 6, H. Hughes (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. For harvest festival.

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A TALE OF A TOWER

THE visitor whose hobby was old brasses looked into the village church one Saturday afternoon. Gathered in the tower were a dozen or so ringers watching with critical interest the solo practice of a youngster standing on a box. One old chap moved along a bench, beckoning to the visitor to sit, one or two others nodded and grunted a word of greeting. Nobody knew him, but at these district gatherings it was usual enough for a ringer on holiday in the neighbourhood to come along for a ring, and very welcome such visitors were, whether they were Surprise method enthusiasts or came from towers content with call changes.

The boy rang confidently. A pull on the sally and up went the rope, a rewarding note sounding from above. A pull on the end of the rope and the bell gave tongue again, the rope falling straight and rising again in a smooth rhythm. Easy enough, it seemed.

A few more pulls, then the leader stopped the lad, saying: 'He's all right. Fill in for rounds.' Five men, after solemnly removing coats, and in two cases collars and ties, each took a rope, waiting for the lad to start them off with 'Treble's going, she's gone!' Next moment six ropes were rising and falling and six bells were heard running merrily down the scale. 'Get your back-stroke in,' said tenor to treble. 'Hold up on your hand-stroke.' This didn't mean a thing to the visitor, who merely thought the ringing both looked and sounded jolly, and required nothing more to produce it than a little muscle.

'Stand!' said the leader. The ropes ceased moving; the bells were silent. 'Do you ring Stedman?' the newcomer was asked. ''Fraid not,' was the answer, 'but I enjoy listening.' No need to tell everyone he hadn't a clue what Stedman was. It sounded pretty enough. Not a tune exactly, but more of a tune than what they rang with the boy. 'Rounds,' he remembered they called that. Obviously this wasn't as easy. Each ringer was looking from one to the other; several seemed to be muttering to themselves in rather an imbecile manner. Somebody barked: 'Four, you're going in slow,' though four didn't really look slower than the others.

Suddenly the sound was ugly; there was a jangle as two bells sounded together and several bells followed each other at irregular intervals. Odd-sounding instructions were shouted; several ringers looked unhappy, and the leader, after letting the horrid din continue for a few moments, cried: 'Stand!' Although the bells were immediately silent, quite a heated argument ensued among the ringers. Number Two, apparently, was at fault. Two looked somewhat abashed at having mucked things up, but was promised another chance.

'Where are you from?' someone asked the visitor, and on hearing the name of a small town in a distant county, one said: 'Very pretty eight you have at St. Mary's. Two sixteenth century, aren't they? Rang there myself thirty years ago.' Agreement was safe enough; no need to mention that he knew nothing of the bells of St. Mary's, save as a song title. It was decent of them to be so friendly, and he'd rather like to have a go at this ringing himself. Nothing fancy, only what that youngster had been doing. He was about to ask if they would let him try his hand when the old chap touched his knee and whispered 'Grandsire?'

A bit baffled he replied: 'Er, no, not yet, but soon, I hope,' then realised the old fellow maybe didn't mean that at all. 'I'd better be getting along,' he added to the company in general, feeling that the conversation was getting beyond him. 'Oh, have some rounds with us before you go! Mustn't come to a meeting and not have a ring. Take the third, she's a grand bell. The boy can ring treble again.'

Well, there was no sense in missing the chance, everyone around being so encouraging, so in a moment his coat was off, a rope was in his hand, and he grasped the sally, waiting innocently for the signal to pull.

If the next ten seconds were a considerable surprise to all in the tower, to Number Three it was the wildest nightmare. First the sally rushed up unexpectedly fast, nearly throwing him off his feet before he had the sense to let go. Next moment the rope tautened, jerking his left arm violently above his head so that the rope's end flew out of his grasp. A fleeting glimpse of astonished faces, shouts mingled with the noise of the bells, and now coils of rope dropping on his head, the end lashing about like the tail of an angry alligator. A hasty step backwards in self-preservation — into the very unresilient tower wall. A frantic grab at the reappearing sally, but he missed and half caught the rope below, which immediately shot through his fingers removing portions of skin. The confounded rope was everywhere; Number Three helpless.

Just as suddenly the nightmare ended. The other ropes were still; he heard a voice: 'Leave her to me!' and saw an expert hand catch the flying rope firmly, make it taut, and with a few strong pulls bring it to rest.

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There was a moment of acute silence with looks of marked disapproval, then gently the old man said: 'Maybe it's a long time since you handled a bell?'

From the shaken visitor, aware of smarting hand, sore shoulder and deep shame came the confession: 'I—I haven't before. I thought you invited me to try. I only came in to look at the church brasses.'

Astonished gasps were quickly followed by explanations and apologies as the ringers realised their mistake in assuming the visitor was a ringer himself. Soon the tower was full of laughter, the unfortunate Number Three joining in heartily and vowing that he'd learn to do it properly one day. Before all went down the hill for tea the tower record book was presented to him for signature and date, the captain laughingly adding the significant word, 'ROUNDS.'

J. D. K.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

*LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	7
†GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	8
†THOMAS LEE	3	ERNEST R. BENNETT	9
THOMAS R. BUTLER	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	10
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	5	JOHN E. SPICE	11
THOMAS W. HESKETH	6	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* 50th peal in the tower. † First attempt for a peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	6
*SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
STELLA HUGHES	3	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5	CHARLES F. W. EYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
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Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GREENWICH, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	6
FRANK E. DARBY	2	PHILIP A. CHALK	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
DONALD G. CLIFT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
MICHAEL P. MORETON	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*DIANA J. PERRINS	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Rutland.

LOUTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
*MIRIAM A. HIGDON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	ALLAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 67 lb. in F.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	GEORGE SKELLAND	5
JOHN LUNHAM	2	WILLIAM DEACON	6
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	3	ROBERT GUY	7
ROBERT LARKEY	4	HARRY MOORCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D., on the golden jubilee of his ordination; also for his silver jubilee as Rector of Sefton.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	*PETER BORDER	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*DERRICK LATCHFORD	2	GILES C. GALLEY	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*DELIA MILLER	*Treble*	ERIC NOBLES	5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	2	BERNARD E. FROST	6
MORRIS A. TURNER	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	7
ROBERT F. TURNER	4	STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN J. IVIN.
* First peal on eight bells.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS	*Treble*	*JOHN J. GIPSON	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 100th peal for the Association. First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival; also to welcome Justine Gregory Le Saux, grandson of the conductor.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. B. Dollar, who is retiring after 27 years as Rector of this parish.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE S. WIGGINS	*Treble*	*DAVID BEACHAM	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
ALBERT DISERENS	3	*HAROLD P. REED	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN	*Treble*	*DAVID R. REED	5
*FRANK L. HARRIS	2	*JOHN HARTLESS	6
*JAMES E. DANIELS	3	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.
The first peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also a first birthday compliment to Andrew Harris.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5344 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK STEAD	*Treble*	THOMAS BARKER	5
*RICHARD PRICE	2	STANLEY WALMSLEY	6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	3	*PHILIP DUNDERDALE	7
FRED HOWARTH	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of T.B. Major.
Rung to mark the 20th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. Schofield, M.A.
The composition, rung for the first time, contains the full extents of 5 and 6 in 5ths, and 4, 5 and 6 in 6ths.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

RONALD BIRCH	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
FRANCIS WARD	2	JOHN S. SEAGER	6
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	7
WILLIAM HOLLAND	4	*BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
* 50th peal.
Rung to mark the ordination of the Rev. Frank Carless, B.D., for ten years hon. lay reader at the above church, ordained Deacon at Wakefield Cathedral the Sunday previous.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*JOYCE LUCK	*Treble*	GEORGE W. JEFFS	5
ERIC NOBLES	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	6
JOHN KING	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS	7
ERNEST G. ORLAND	4	DR. RICHARD PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DR. RICHARD PRICE.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert Wright Stopford, Bishop of Peterborough, which took place the same afternoon.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
*JOE E. G. ROAST	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN F. W. READ	3
*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	4
WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* 75th peal. First peal in the method of Doubles by all the band and by the Guild. First peal on the bells by the Guild.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALAN SHEPPARD	*Treble*	JOHN POTTS	4
WILLIAM GRAVES	2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
Rung on the back six bells.

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RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Sept. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's of Plain Bob, eight 120's of Spliced Plain Bob and Grandsire (singles), and ten 120's and ten 240's of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 25½ lb.

JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. .. *Treble*	ERIC EDGINTON 4
ANNE WARD 2	JOHN H. JOYNER 5
CECIL A. BRASS 3	E. HAROLD NORMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Alva G. Harding, a member of the local band, who was interred on August 27th, 1956. The band would also like it to be associated with the memory of the three miners killed in the disaster at Brereton Colliery the day before the peal was rung.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 5 cwt.

SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. .. *Treble*	ERNEST ROWE 4
CYRIL SAVAGE 2	CYRIL C. DEEM 5
M. A. TURNER 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

Rung in honour of the visit of the ringer of the third, Mr. M. A. Turner, of Philadelphia, U.S.A.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master J. A. Lewis, grandson of the conductor.

IGHTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE FRY .. .. .. *Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER 4
*ERIC J. BRUNGER 2	STANLEY JENNER 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. *Treble*	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
LOUIS WILLDERS 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Antelope, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and All Saints'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE .. *Treble*	EDWARD SMART 3
*CHRISTINE COLEMAN .. 2	REX LINE 4
NORMAN LINE .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by REX LINE.

* First peal.

Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Stopford as Bishop of Peterborough.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

PERCY BRAY .. .. .. *Treble*	KENNETH E. MOON 4
EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. 2	ERNEST E. BRAY 5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN 3	HENRY DOEL .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*P. A. RICHARDSON (11½) *Treble*	LEWIS HEMSTOCK 4
*MARY E. BARLOW 2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 5
S. LESLIE BARLOW 3	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. CHAMBERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at Creswell.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. .. *Treble*	ALLAN SIMPSON 4
MRS. A. SIMPSON 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
JOHN F. W. READ 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung for the Feast of Michaelmas, and on the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Briggs, of Newark.

LAXTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*JOSEPH SAXTON .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 2	*HAROLD WAGSTAFF 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*W. LEEDEN .. .. .. *Treble*	*A. W. PALMER 4
*R. TAYLOR 2	T. A. BEVIS 5
*W. MOORE 3	F. S. PARSONS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local Sunday service team of bellringers since 1819.

A compliment to Mr. H. Giddings, verger-bellringer at this church, on the occasion of his 79th birthday on October 4th, and rung at the conclusion of the church's special Harvest Festival Campaign.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. .. *Treble*	PETER J. EVES 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

An engagement compliment to the conductor and Miss M. Dowsett; also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John West, and a birthday compliment to Miss M. Dowsett, and Tom Roast, brother of the conductor.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

FELIX H. ERITH .. .. *Treble*	JOHN H. GOULD 4
*DONALD B. MUNRO.. .. 2	FRANK H. PIKE 5
ALAN R. ANDREW 3	ROY DUESBURY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Arthur Chaplin, one of the local company, and Miss Mary Barton, sacristan at this church, who were married here this day.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (six callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

MERVYN DAY .. .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS F. STONE 4
MRS. W. A. GODWIN .. 2	JOYCE MORSE 5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 3	JOHN DOWDESWELL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. W. A. GODWIN.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Miss Susan L. Godwin.

WING, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

PHILIP MEHEW .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD 4
RALPH BIRD 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
BRIAN BLADON 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

The first peal in 12 methods on the bells, which are the third heaviest ring of six in the country.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 and ten extents of Grandsire, six extents of April Day, four extents of Reverse Canterbury and 20 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*JOHN E. ADAMS (14) .. *Treble*	FRANK R. MORTON (16) .. 4
†R. ANTHONY TRICKETT (16) 2	J. DEREK SMITH 5
*G. BRIAN PORTER (15) .. 3	*KEITH J. COLLIER (15) .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. DEREK SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles First peal as conductor.

Rung by members of the local band for the Festival of Michaelmas.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Combined Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Court. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JACK KING .. .. .. *Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON 4
*RAYMOND BALLS 2	BERT GOGLE 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight methods on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding by Sir William Paston of the Grammar School at North Walsham. Ringers of 1, 2 and 6 are Old Pastonians.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Sept. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 11, EXTON ROAD, BOSCOMBE.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1—2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6
*ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4	*†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 7—8

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal 'in hand' on eight bells. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept 16, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 45 methods, viz.: (1) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Sandal, Oxford, Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, Treble Bob; (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate Delight; (4) London Bob, Double Court, College Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree College; Stratton, Stanhoe, Blaxhall Alliance; (5) Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob, St Clement's Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob; Sharnbrook, Hayes, Stonehouse Alliance; (6) Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Crayford Little Court; Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham, Chalfont Alliance; (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Little Bob; Walsingham, Lammas, Olney, Fulmer Alliance; with 113 changes of method.

Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.. 1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4
	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

Greatest number of methods rung to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 1—2	JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3—4	VIVIEN BARNES .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*VALERIE WILLARD .. .. 1—2	MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 5—6
JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 3—4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. 7—8
VIVIEN BARNES .. .. 9—10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION TOUR

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

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

*AUDREY GLADWELL.. .. *Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY 4
†M. JO ROPER 2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE.. 5
MARIE R. CROSS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*M. JO ROPER .. .. .. *Treble*	A. YORK-BRAMBLE 6
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT.. .. 7
DEREK OGDEN 3	R. ROGER SAVORY 8
PETER E. PARRY 4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 9
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 5	EWART H. EDGE.. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Morgan (first quarter) 1, David Kerley 2, T. Templeman 3, B. Gladwyn 4, Desmond Kerley 5, D. Evans 6, G. Kerley (cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. Rung in honour of one of the tower's lady ringer's wedding on Sept. 29th.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Piper 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, J. T. Symonds 3, P. Jackson 4, E. A. Lewis 5, J. Hayns 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For harvest festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. B. Clayton (first quarter) 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, J. P. Schoolden 3, D. F. Yates 4, J. Coffey (first as cond.) 5, S. N. Davis 6. For Matins. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Coffey 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, Miss J. Halliday 3, J. P. Schoolden 4, N. Bennett 5, A. W. Stone 6, R. M. Edwards 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Malloch (first quarter) 1, Adele Bagnall 2, Joan Carter (first as cond.) 3, L. Hill 4, D. Yates 5, N. Bennett 6. For harvest festival.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss M. Noble 1, G. R. Ball 2, Miss J. Williams 3, Miss B. N. White (first as cond.) 4, C. W. Reed 5, B. E. White 6. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Turner 1, H. Turner 2, P. Tomsett 3, S. Brook 4, P. J. Brook (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, Miss V. E. Dupre 2, Miss I. M. Weddell 3, J. G. Gipson 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. W. Ward (cond.) 7, J. H. Lott 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Herridge 1, B. Story 2, Mrs. E. Weaver 3, C. Osler 4, H. Balaam 5, J. Weaver 6, J. Chesterman 7, E. F. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8 Rung for Michaelmas.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Meads (first quarter) 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. Harrison, and in honour of the wedding of Miss Judith Bennett, grand-daughter of the late Sir Charles Bennett. Also on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Broadley 1, Ann Shiels (first 'inside') 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove (cond.) 4, R. Buckland 5, Dorothy Fletcher 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Meads 8. For Evensong.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Stenton 1, A. B. Cordon 2, J. Mossop (first quarter) 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. Meager 6, H. Sear (cond.) 7, J. Marks 8.

BROOKFIELD, N.—At St. Anne's Church on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. M. Payton 1, F. A. Barker 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, T. Bevan 4, J. T. O'Dell 5, P. G. Foote 6, G. F. Carter 7. Rung as a compliment to Anne Clarke, a former member, on her marriage to Peter Broadhurst.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): B. Cheesman 1, P. Cox 2, R. J. Vardy 3, J. Rose 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For harvest festival.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. T. Bartlett 1, J. W. Ward 2, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 3, R. S. Long 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. B. Peck 6, A. F. Udall 7, T. F. V. Neil 8. Rung for evening service and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rector and Mrs. Ross Hook.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Miss J. George 1, J. Parker 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. First in three methods by all. Rung for harvest festival.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, W. Jarvis 4, D. Neal 5, G. Parsons (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, H. W. Barnard 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Peter, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, R. H. Duke 2, J. H. Hayne 3, F. B. Stedman 4, J. W. Rose 5, Betty J. Dyke 6, H. J. Ford (cond.) 7, E. H. Amey 8. Rung as a compliment to Canon A. W. Markby (branch chairman) on his retirement from the ministry.

HAMPSTEAD, N.W.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Deverill 1, G. F. Carter 2, T. Bevan 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, J. M. Payton 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6, V. Williams 7, P. G. Foote 8. For harvest festival.

HARPFORD, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. Skinner (cond.) 1, C. Deem 2, C. Webb (first in method) 3, E. W. Rowe 4, J. Quick 5, W. Webb 6.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, B. Ridout 2, A. E. Woods 3, W. J. Foot 4, F. Hilliar 5, M. Hallett 6. A compliment to Sheila Dacombe and Maurice Whalley, who were married at Hilton earlier in the day.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. E. Bissat 1, R. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Heard 5, H. Sanders 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Lyle 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. Lyle and Miss P. Hards.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 960 All Saints'): R. G. Jones (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, E. M. Baker 4, C. E. Hill 5. For Evensong.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): H. Ivings 1, L. Pierce 2, M. King 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, E. Bishop 5. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, C. W. Powell 5, H. G. Keeley 6, Canon C. C. Cox 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For the patronal festival.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Chilcott (first of Triples) 1, W. Baker 2, P. J. Bird 3, S. N. Bristow 4, F. Casley 5, G. Sparks 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Commins 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. Albert Tout, a former member of the local band, and Mrs. Tout; also an 18th birthday compliment to Margaret Alderman, who was to have rung in the above. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Chilcott 1, Margaret Alderman (first on eight bells) 2, P. J. Bird 3, S. N. Bristow 4, F. Casley 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Commins 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Williams 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss D. Miller 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, B. Linnell 6. Rung for harvest festival; also a 54th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings. Also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss N. Williams (first 'inside') 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, G. Burton 6. Rung to mark the restoration of the church spire. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): C. Hill 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss D. Miller 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, Miss B. Barron (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. Hunter; also a compliment to Miss B. Barron and Mr. W. G. Beesley on their engagement.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Wendy Bowak 1, L. Cordell 2, S. King 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Peacock 1, Janet Evans 2, R. Stevens 3, R. Bridges 4, S. King (cond.) 5, J. Lodge 6. For evening prayer. Both for harvest thanksgiving.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): C. H. Kinch (cond.) 1, E. G. Jones 2, Miss A. M. L. Greenway (first quarter) 3, L. A. Busby 4, J. W. Eustace 5. For harvest festival.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. Sharratt 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner 5, E. H. Norman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. G. Harding, a ringer at St. Augustine's Church for many years, who was interred earlier in the day.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. L. Jones (first quarter) 1, J. Foster (first 'inside') 2, E. Walklate 3, A. Whiting 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5. Rung for the dedication of the new ropes.

SWANWICK, DERBYS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: P. Sewry 1, J. Faulkner (first 'inside') 2, K. Faulkner 3, R. Stretton (cond.) 4, K. M. Durow 5.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Mills (first on eight bells) 1, Heather Hood 2, Capt. A. R. Pontz 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5, D. J. Cross 6, W. J. Harvey 7, K. Shelley 8. Rung for Evensong on the eve of the patronal festival.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): P. Roynon (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Kemp 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, I. Titt 5, H. Tudgay 6, T. E. Mallard 7, A. Bull 8. For harvest festival.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Mudford 1, J. Bartram 2, W. Coates 3, R. Hobbs (cond.) 4, J. Morris 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung before Sung Mass on the Feast of the Dedication.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Oram (first quarter) 1, H. Huxley 2, L. F. Kinchen 3, H. C. Burt 4, R. J. Edden (cond.) 5, F. Ford 6. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. Hanley, of Whitnash, who has been a ringer for about 75 years. Mr. Hanley rang the treble to a '120' following the quarter peal.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, M. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, H. Cox 5, P. Devenish 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. T. Elson, who was cremated this day at Mortlake. The composition was his own.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Nurcombe 1, W. Baker 2, F. Eggleton 3, P. J. Bird 4, C. Bellew 5, W. Hartnell 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. A farewell compliment to the ringer of the fourth on his departure for Bristol University on October 3rd.

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REDEDICATION OF KNEBWORTH BELLS

It was in May, 1955, that a report on the condition of the bells of Knebworth showed an expenditure of approximately £300 was necessary if they were to be made safe for ringing to continue. Coming very soon after other heavy expenditure on the tower, the raising of such a sum seemed a formidable task, but nevertheless, owing to the urgency of the work, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry were instructed to proceed with the restoration, and the bells were dismantled in April of this year.

A service of thanksgiving, which will surely remain a memorable occasion to the large congregation present, was held on Sunday evening, July 22nd, at which officials of the Hertford County Association and representatives of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank participated.

The procession of Rector, churchwardens and representatives to the ringing chamber was the prelude to the offering of thanks, by prayer, for the restoration, after which the bells were rung in rounds by members of the local band.

Ringing after the service, in which visitors from other towers took part, continued for an hour, and the first touch of change-ringing on the rehung bells (Grandsire Triples) was rung by officials of the County Association and of the local band, and two representatives of the Bell Foundry, and was called by the Association's president in office for the current year.

The bells have been rehung on modern bearings and are now in excellent condition.

The generosity of many who have made donations, and participation in the proceeds of the annual bazaar and summer fete, has contributed considerably towards the cost of the work, and an expression of thanks is due to all.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A rather smaller number of members than usual attended the Society's September meeting, held at Idle on the 29th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock and continued until tea time, when an adjournment was made to the local school, where a very enjoyable tea had been prepared by the ladies.

At the short business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mr. I. Slack, in the absence of the president, who was ill. The vote of thanks to the local company and ladies, to the Vicar and churchwardens, was ably proposed by Mr. F. Rayment. In his reply, Mr. T. Hill welcomed the Society to Idle and said, with some regret, that the bells were not now regularly rung.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Liversedge on October 27th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on September 30th, when the attendance was rather lower than usual owing to several ringers being engaged in harvest operations. About 24 ringers were present and the service was conducted by the Vicar.

The business meeting followed tea in the Church Hall, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Mr. T. H. Barham, of Beverley Minster, was elected a member. Howden was selected for the next meeting. The usual votes of thanks were passed and the Vicar responded, welcoming the Association to Sherburn. Mr. E. M. Bradley, of Sherburn, was congratulated on completing his 100 peals. Good use was made of the recently rehung ring of eight, the 'go' now being very good.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

For their autumn meeting the Eastern Branch visited Halvergate, a village at the marsh edge and somewhat isolated so far as rail or 'bus is concerned. This may have accounted for the small attendance, although the weather was excellent.

The six bells were rung to suit all tastes and talents. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. Byrom); the organist was Mr. S. Gall, a local ringer for many years.

The Vicar in his address said it was his first living where there was a ring of bells; hitherto his churches had only possessed one or two bells and he was very happy to hear change-ringing close at hand.

In the unavoidable absence of the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) the Association president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston) took the chair at the business meeting, and made the passing of votes of thanks the first item on the agenda.

Subject to the usual permission being obtained, the members voted Acle as the venue for their next meeting on December 1st.

Mr. H. Tooke announced that next year would be the 850th anniversary of Wymondham Abbey Church, and that a programme of peal attempts was being drawn up. He issued an invitation to the Eastern Branch to make its attempt on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The meeting decided that those wishing to take part should contact the Branch secretary, and the project be thoroughly discussed at the Acle meeting. The Branch committee was given the task of picking the band if necessary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. M. A. Turner, of Philadelphia, U.S.A., who emigrated in 1909, and as previously reported in these columns is 'home' on holiday, having rung a peal of Superlative at Kettering in 1908 has, after a period of 48 years, 'broken the ice' with a peal of Bob Minor at Brampford Speke, Devon.

The death of Mr. Harry G. Wayne, reported in our last issue, is the third sudden death Leicester Cathedral band has sustained in the short space of 14 months.

In connection with the peal at Bridgend, Glam, Mr. T. M. Roderick writes that although well over 100 peals have been rung on these bells since 1906, Mrs. John Thomas is the first lady to ring a peal on them.

Candle-light peal ringing is comparatively rare in these days. This was experienced at Staunton-in-the-Vale, on September 7th, and it seemed to the ringers, as the rope danced up and down in the flickering light, that they had stepped back into the last century.

Three members of Cambridge University Guild, F. B. Cookson, A. J. Howard and J. D. Painter, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand' to celebrate the victory of County Wexford in the All-Ireland hurling final on September 23rd. We hope hurling enthusiasts in Eire were duly impressed with the compliment!

The peal of Bob Minor at March, Cambs, reported in this issue, which was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Giddings, was a notable achievement for the local team, it being the first peal on the bells by March ringers for 137 years. Without doubt, the original peal, rung on November 5th, 1819, would be accompanied with the banging of fireworks and the crackling of bonfires! Four of the team, Messrs. R. Taylor, W. Moore, A. W. Palmer and W. Leeden (66), were ringing their first peal.

The best wishes of St. Luke's, Chelsea, Society and many other ringers throughout the country go with Dr. Jean M. Weddell, who recently left for a spell of duty in Korea, where she will take charge of the children's wing at the National Sanatorium in Masan. She took with her a set of 15 handbells, a few tunes, and a copy of standard methods, and these, plus a copy of 'The Ringing World,' which she will receive every week, will be her only contact with ringing for some time. We hope she will be able to raise sufficient enthusiasm amongst her colleagues to ring the first handbell peal in Korea, and look forward to seeing publication of the first quarter peal rung in that country.

The ringers of the quarter peal at Whitnash would like to congratulate 91-years-old Mr. Hanley for the way he rang the treble to a '120,' and extend their thanks to him and his family for the refreshments following the quarter peal.

U.S.A. jet aircraft prevented ringers hearing their own bells at the Suffolk Guild meeting at Tunstall on September 22nd. Was this an American protest against English change-ringing? asks our correspondent.

We are informed by the Rev. C. G. Challenger, of Neen Savage Vicarage, Cleobury Mortimer, Worcs, that the bells of Kinlet Church, Shropshire, have been overhauled. No. 4 bell, he writes, has been put in order by the local blacksmith.

Mr. J. W. Harrison, who has been a member of the band at St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Beaconsfield, for 30 years, celebrated his golden wedding on September 22nd by conducting a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. He and Mrs. Harrison were married at All Saints' Church, Fulham, on September 22nd, 1906. He began his ringing career at Dunsfold, Surrey, in 1901, and was taught to ring by the late A. J. Bartlett.

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CORONATION PEAL TABLET

Gloucester & Bristol Association Dedication

Coinciding with the 270th anniversary of the Society of Painswick Youths, a tablet commemorating a peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by a representative band of the Association and conducted by the then Master, Mr. A. L. Barry, in honour of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, was dedicated in Painswick tower on September 22nd. The tablet, the work of Messrs. A. W. Ursell, Ltd., of Ross-on-Wye, is of superb craftsmanship.

The dedication by the Archdeacon of Gloucester took place during a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Heal). A bobbed course of Grandsire Cinques followed the dedication. It had been hoped that the actual band who rang the peal would have rung this course, but Mr. F. G. Leaker and Mr. J. M. Stallard, of the Bristol City Branch, were not present and their places were taken by Mr. C. W. Martin and Mr. Eric Sutton.

The Archdeacon in his address congratulated the Association on having rung this memorable peal and for having placed in the belfry at Painswick such an exquisite tablet, which would be a permanent record for generations to come. He thanked the Association for its work and the ringers for their untiring efforts Sunday by Sunday. The bells, he said, were a definite challenge to remind people what the Church was endeavouring to do

At the tea, a warm welcome to the visitors was given by the Vicar, who remarked how very pleased he was to have the tablet placed in Painswick Church tower, and added that if the Association contemplated ringing any more peals which they wished to commemorate they had better hurry up, as the space available was very limited. He thanked Mr. F. Skidmore, who had completed all the details and arrangements in connection with the tablet, and Messrs. Ursell, on their fine craftsmanship.

The Master of the Association (Mr. C. B. Harding) said the tablet would remind ringers of the future what ringers of this generation had done. He thanked the Archdeacon for dedicating the tablet, and also the Vicar and Mr. Skidmore for their services.

The tablet is laid out as follows:—

CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II
2nd June, 1953.

To commemorate which a peal of 5104 Grandsire Cinques was rung at this church on 20th June, 1953, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes, by these ringers:

S. T. Price, Stroud, Treble.
F. G. Leaker, Bristol City, 2nd.
W. B. Kynaston, Swindon, 3rd.
R. G. Hooper, Bristol Rural, 4th.
E. T. Newbury, Tewkesbury, 5th.
J. M. Stallard, Bristol City, 6th.
W. T. Daniell, Swindon, 7th.
G. Kilmister, Cheltenham, 8th.
T. Boreham, Cheltenham, 9th.
W. Hayward, Cirencester, 10th.
A. L. Barry, Gloucester, 11th.
W. F. Scudamore, Bristol Rural, Tenor.

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by A. L. Barry, Master. Rev. R. G. Jackson, Vicar. S. G. Goulding, Belfry Master. G. D. Insley, Admiral A. J. L. Phillips, churchwardens.

Mr. William Clark, whose 85th birthday the peal at Birstall, Yorks, honours, has been a ringer at Birstall for 60 years and rang there for the relief of Mafeking.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S 50th 'WEEK'

'O yes, Broadway, England's loveliest village,' so thought the writer as he sped towards it. Arriving, he found he'd been thinking of Bibury, though Broadway is a lovely place, too—what you can see from behind the motor coaches. A dull Victorian church with no bells. But the real church with its lovely six gave itself away by its distant sound, and soon we found ourselves amongst the old familiar group, with a most welcome admixture of new faces. After a touch or so on the six here, we gathered that the week had started pleasantly for the earlier comers, at Hinton-on-the-Green for Sunday Evensong, and the three pleasant sixes at Little Comberton, Great Comberton and Elmley Castle on the Monday morning, August 27th. Meanwhile, Double Norwich was being rung at Hinton-on-the-Green, an excellent 'peal' if it hadn't been false! However, achievement would be pointless if it were always a foregone conclusion. Tea in a grand hotel at Broadway, surrounded by arms and armour. Then to our headquarters, 'The Old House,' Cropthorne, the Diocesan Retreat House, near Evesham, where the warden was quite charming and tireless in her efforts towards our comfort. That evening to Hampton, close to Evesham, to ring Cambridge, etc., with old friends and new. (A very fine skittle alley in the nearby pub!)

Tuesday, 28th: a splendid morning of achievement; Ealing was brought round at Badsey in 2 hours 50 minutes, and Bob Major at Salford Priors in 2 hours 50 minutes also—imagine this happening during Guild weeks 20, 30 or 49 years ago—but foundations are an essential preliminary to superstructure. A well-earned lunch at Wickhamford. Then to Bretforton, whose incumbent is a ringer and who kindly piloted us round for a bit; Little Bob, etc., on a nice eight. Then Cambridge, etc., on a nice six at Cleeve Prior, a charming village near the Avon; tea at the Mill House there. Double Norwich at Norton on the way home, and after dinner a glorious time on the now magnificent 12 (tenor 36 cwt.) at Evesham—Stedman Cinques, Treble twelve, Little Bob Royal, etc. The bell tower was built by Clement Lichfield, the last but one—for all practical purposes the last—of the priors of the great Abbey founded 800 years before. He seems to have built the tower, to lock up as much as possible of the Abbey's wealth in the locality, before a rapacious king should steal it. Sad to say, the presence of two parish churches near by made the preservation of the great Abbey church (as at Tewkesbury) unnecessary, so little remains of the Abbey except the tower.

WORCESTER MEMORIES

On the 29th, the day began with Holy Communion, celebrated by the president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, at Cropthorne Church at 7.30, preceded by a 720 Cambridge on the pleasant six. Then for the second time in his life the writer rang the tenor to Stedman Caters at Claines (this time in 3 hours 8 minutes, last time 3 hours 17 minutes; jet propulsion next time, no doubt!). 'Others more mild' sampled the eights at St. John's in Bredwardine and Hallow. Lunch at Worcester. Then the glorious 12 at Worcester Cathedral, about which much might be written (and no doubt has). What bells! What a tower!! What a frame!!! What feats there in the past! We did our best, much of it well up to standard. Then to tea nearby. Afterwards one member paid for (as he thought) his guest's lunch, whilst the cashier and three of us thought he'd paid for our tea. All ended well eventually. Then to the eight at All Saints', Worcester—one of the eights which remind us of the nature of the feats men were performing when such 'go' was more frequently met with than today. Finally to Pershore Abbey. Here the bells were said to be immersed in cog wheels, wire, clock weights, pendula, and the other intricacies which come to light when one is rash enough to take a clock to pieces. So instead of imprisoning ourselves in the meat safe strung high up terrifyingly on a beam in the lantern, we adjourned to Pershore St. Andrew, where is a nice light six. After this the writer left, and now has to rely like many historians on the evidence of others—in particular the Master, Desmond Painter.

It seems that on the 30th, London Surprise went well for two hours at Mickleton, before a pile-up occurred. Others, attempting less, worked harder at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, where the wheels of treble and second rub against each other, and the frame floats on naught. After various ups and (rapid) downs, Grandsire was rung until the second slipped wheel and stuck. Then to Blockley, where despite recent work things aren't perfect (they never are on earth). At Chipping Campden a glorious church houses an eight with a variously estimated tenor (22-28 cwt.); here Bristol and Spliced occurred. After lunch at the Antique Café and tea at the Treasure House, folk were prepared for the glories of Stratford-on-Avon. 'And those boils (sic "bells," take your choice) did run! Say so—did not the General run then—Dog—thou bitch-wolf's son, canst thou not hear? Feel then.' (Strikes him.)—Troilus and Cressida, Act II, Scene 1. Splendid bells in a grand central tower; a memorable place, quite apart from Shakespeare. Then to Bidford-on-Avon where choir practice seemed to fit in well with ringing. At the annual meeting that evening it was decided if possible to have the 1957 week in Essex—based on Pleshey, near where the writer first saw the light—and many other things. Date: August 25th to 31st.

Friday started at Upton-on-Severn, where is a good eight (16 cwt.); then to Bishop's Cleeve, where Ealing, etc., came round on the eight (19¼ cwt.). Little Bob Royal at Tewkesbury Abbey didn't go too well and was stopped half way; the other tower that afternoon was a mere Ripple, with a nice six (was it nice or not?—I've got so used to that ambiguous adjective); then to Twyning (6). But things brightened up for the last tower with anything like a full company, for Pershore Abbey got freed of its coils at last, and imprisoning themselves in the fearsome eyrie where one rings, they had an exciting time with magnificent bells.

On Saturday morning, despite fearfully complicated transport arrangements for dispersing the company, Grandsire Triples was got at Norton in 2 hours 59 minutes. Thence all dispersed from what had proved a memorable week, both in being our 50th, in the amount and quality of the ringing, and in the number present, 20 men and four 'women' (which term covers all girls, ladies, females—everything not male—which goes up to Cambridge).

Very deep gratitude to all who helped with the arrangements, to clergy for use of the bells, to tower keepers and others who met us or helped in any other way, and to Geoffrey Benson who shouldered the vast task of 'running' the week.

G. T.

Don't Let Your Subscription Lapse

We welcomed last week 34 *new postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' We do not want to nullify this good work by tardy renewal of postal subscriptions. These should be paid at once to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: One quarter* 7*s.* 6*d., six months* 14*s.* 6*d.,* 12 *months* £1 8*s.*

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SUMMER TOUR

THIS year, during the ten days July 28th to August 6th, the University of London Society of Change-ringers held its annual summer tour in Shropshire and East Staffordshire, in some places following closely in the wake of the Manchester University Guild's tour. Wolverhampton was chosen as a base for the daily sorties, partly because of its central position and partly because of the difficulty of finding accommodation for so large a party (29) outside a large town. However, as we were staying in what E. H. Brooks would describe as the 'gentleman's end of Wolverhampton,' and as the local medicinal waters were both good and readily accessible, little complaint was heard.

In its early days (the middle 1940's), when the Society's membership was almost entirely undergraduate, the annual tour demanded a high standard of physical stamina from all those who ventured upon it. Our old stagers who remember those days never tire of recalling, for example, the time when they had to walk 14 miles across the Yorkshire moors from one tower to the next; and our admiration for our founder members grows (as indeed grow the figures for the distances walked) with each succeeding reminiscence. With the passage of years, however, growing numbers have enabled adequate mechanical transport to be provided. This year's convoy was particularly long and impressive, and its arrival at a quiet village church was a stirring sight.

The first tower of the tour was that of St. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, which we visited on the first Saturday afternoon. Although the bells were a handy eight and pleasant to ring, it was the church itself that captured everyone's chief interest. The church is brand new, having only recently been rebuilt after the previous building had been destroyed by fire; it is a beautiful example of 20th century design and craftsmanship at its very best.

On Sunday, assistance in service ringing was given to the local bands at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Coseley, Claverley and Lichfield Cathedral. It also rained.

After these preliminary skirmishes, the main frontal attack began on Monday, when our general direction lay towards Stafford and Newport. The finest ring of bells was almost certainly the eight at Brewood, and it was a very unkind fate that, in the form of a broken rope, stepped in to curtail our ringing here. From Brewood we advanced via Penkridge (8) to the light ten at Stafford, where a grim but determined course of Cambridge Royal lasted well into the lunch hour and made us wish that someone would invent a kind of Cambridge Royal that only lasts five minutes! After a hurried 'fall' we hastened away from Stafford in search of a pub that allowed sandwiches. A strenuous pace was maintained throughout the afternoon, and when we reached Newport discipline was so undermined that everyone was still idling brazenly in the local teashops half-an-hour after the time scheduled for arrival in the belfry.

PRESIDENTIAL PUNCTURES

On Tuesday we journeyed eastwards via Walsall to Tamworth and Lichfield. Ringing on the eight (St. Mary's) and the six (St. Michael's) at Lichfield was rather unsatisfactory owing to a lack of co-operation between the ringers and the bells, but we were able to continue the sight-seeing that the rain had so rudely interrupted on Sunday. On the return journey, after playing hide-and-seek with St. Michael and All Angels, Rushall, which seems to be nowhere near Rushall, the party was turned loose on the 12 at Walsall. Very few of us were regular 12-bell ringers, but nevertheless some quite passable touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung. Tuesday also saw the first of a long line of presidential punctures, and during the course of the week many students of the 'Useful Arts' were able to add another to their repertoire.

A peal attempt had been proposed for Wednesday morning, spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire. The better part of Tuesday evening, spent knee-deep in false courses, proved too much for our composers, however, and so with barely ten minutes to go before closing time the Yorkshire was replaced by Superlative. Of course, we *all* knew a calling for spliced Cambridge and Superlative. The following morning we attempted Cambridge and Superlative with a fair degree of success for about 40 minutes and then, at the instigation of the ringers of the third and fifth, adjourned for coffee. We joined the others for lunch at Claverley—rather a late lunch for some of us—due to a further display of temperament by the presidential tyre.

Thursday was our longest day: we covered over 90 miles, in addition to ringing at six towers. The local press caught up with us at Rugeley, and we were photographed in the most unlikely attitudes ringing bells which were 'down.' I cannot recall any recent summer tour during which we have not fallen victim at least once to the local press. The annual touch of Original Minor was brought round at Rugeley. A healthy opposition was put up by the band but this year the conductor won fairly easily. Original is an excellent game for a band, that thinks it can plain hunt, to play with its conductor.

AN ELUSIVE MANOR HOUSE

That evening a small party set out, by private invitation, to pay a visit to Benthall Hall, which is a fine old Elizabethan manor house near Bridgnorth and about 20 miles from Wolverhampton. The journey, simple though it appeared on the map, was long and tortuous. Our hotel passed us by twice—once upon our right hand and once upon our left before we were able even to shake ourselves free from Wolverhampton; and as our route also included a social call on the coal-yard of the Bridgnorth Town Gasworks, we did not arrive at the manor till well past 10 o'clock. Nevertheless the visit was more than worth the journey, and we were made most welcome by our hostess, who showed us over her beautiful home and endured until a very late hour the sound of the handbells that we chanced to have with us.

Thursday's late night had the usual effect on Friday morning, and the best compliment that we could pay to the excellent ten at Coalbrookdale was a most un-regal Cambridge Royal and an almost somnambulant Caters. Matters improved later, however, and the striking on the eight at Much Wenlock was probably the best of the tour: even Bristol went well for six leads until two keen young ringers thought they heard a 'Bob.'

For many years now, no U.L.S.C.R. annual tour has been without its traditional course of London Scholars' Pleasure. After some hard missionary work over Saturday's lunch the ritual was duly observed at Hoar Cross, where the magnificent six was rung to a course which was truly a pleasure to those who took part. Saturday's ringing concluded at Burton-on-Trent with some excellent Stedman Caters and an erudite course of Rutland.

On Sunday evening we rang for Evensong at Kinver, where we had darkened the doors once before in 1953 on the Worcester tour. When the service was over (again following the precedent of 1953) we set out on safari to explore the beautiful Kinver Edge. We were just able to scuttle back to the cars before the rain came, and the evening ended in the shelter of a café, to the accompaniment of a juke-box, egg and chips. Four very urban towers on Monday concluded the week's ringing, and the tour closed untidily in the pouring rain at Old Hill.

The tour was certainly the best attended in the Society's history, and many old friendships were renewed. We were privileged to have with us

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a very strong contingent from Australia (almost enough to ring Aboriginal?), and we were especially pleased to welcome back Philip and Joan Gray who, together with Valerie Willard, had until recently been doing a great deal of campanological evangelism 'down under.' The success of the week was due chiefly to the efforts of our organiser, Rex Agg, who always seemed prepared for his wayward flock to indulge in truantly coffees and to linger pleasantly over its tea, but still succeeded in marshalling the towers to coincide with our movements with an uncanny competence. Our thanks are also due to all the incumbents who kindly allowed us the use of their bells during the week.

N. D. R.

A CORNISH RINGING CONTEST

For some weeks, bands of six bellringers from towers in south-east Cornwall have been making journeys to get some practice on the delightful ring of Lostwithiel Parish Church, to be in top form for the ringing contest of September 22nd. More than 100 ringers attended the contest, mainly middle-aged and old men. First arrivals were at the church at 9.30 a.m. in time to get a practice pull before lunch. At 2 p.m. all ringers assembled in the church for the usual service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Sykes; this was where the congregation showed us that as well as ring bells, they could fill the church with their singing of hymns.

The next item was to draw lots for the order of ringing in the test, which was to raise the bells, ring rouunds at 32 to the minute for eight minutes and fall; and at 3.30 p.m. the contest was on. Little groups of men were seen standing in various positions around the church and narrow streets of Lostwithiel, all eyes focused on the tower, and ears alert for the slightest error or hesitation. Sixteen sets of ringers rang, following each other at close intervals, and four peals an hour were rung. The only young band of ringers present came from St. Veep, and they put up a very good show; their rounds were good and also the fall.

As the hands of the clock moved on, so the ringing went on and more and more people stood in the street below, listening to the beautiful music of this Gillett and Johnston six. Passing visitors stopped their cars to enquire what was the attraction, which often brought forth the remark: 'Well, how can you tell if one band of ringers are better than another?' Away in a little room the judges jotted down the faults, which were very few in some peals, and as 8 o'clock drew near, we all knew that the winners of the contest would soon be known; when, alas, two sets had to ring off again before the final placings were made.

The result announced by Mr. G. Stephens, the local tower captain, was as follows: 1 St. Merryn, 2 Lansallos, 3 Lansallos B, 4 St. Minver, 5 St. Veep, 6 St. Minver B, 7 Roche, 8 Egloshayle.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and the fine band of ladies who made us feel at home by providing such good refreshments.

D. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

At the quarterly meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch at Withycombe Raleigh on September 22nd, about 40 members and friends were present, including the president of the Guild, Preb. E. V. Cox.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Withycombe Raleigh (the Rev. J. S. Hawkins), who gave a short address of welcome before commencing the service.

At the meeting which followed, two certificates were presented by the president. Topsham was chosen for the annual meeting to be held on December 1st.

The bells were rung for the service and again during the evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DEATH WARNING

Dear Sir,—From time to time I visit the church on the hill to attend service there; the tower contains six Rudhall bells, and there is a band of call-change ringers.

I usually go in good time so that I can help the ringers if they are short-handed, and they always give me a welcome.

On a recent occasion they had two lads in, and as these were not yet proficient at falling in peal the bells were lowered singly.

The tenor was lowered first by the captain, and when it was about frame height, one of the ringers suddenly exclaimed: 'Hello! hear that?' 'Hear what?', I asked. 'A death,' he answered. 'Why?', I enquired.

'Can't you hear it?', he said, 'it always makes that dull sound when there's a death.'

'Perhaps it's the clapper coming out,' I remarked somewhat facetiously, as the clapper fell out of the second bell not very long ago.

'No it isn't, it's a death,' he replied. 'It always sounds like that when there's a death doesn't it, Tom.' 'Yes,' replied the captain with solemn face.

Later on as we walked out of church together they brought up the subject again. 'I wonder who it can be?', they said. I felt convinced they firmly believed the bell had sounded a death warning.

It seemed like something from the old days, when people believed in omens such as the tapping of the death watch beetle, and other morbid things, and not of these enlightened days of rock 'n' roll.—Yours sincerely,

ED. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

TOUR PEALS — A PROTEST

Dear Sir,—At the half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, held at Dalton-in-Furness on September 29th, the members present asked me to protest through 'The Ringing World' against two peals rung during the Cumberland and Westmorland tour.

These are the two peals rung at Kendal and Dalton-in-Furness. Both these towers are in our Branch of the Lancashire Association and the members feel that these should have been credited to the Lancashire Association and not the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Yours sincerely,

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY,
Secretary, Furness and Lake District Branch,
Lancashire Association.

STRIKING — A DEFENCE OF YOUTH

Dear Sir,—I notice in the Editorial about the veterans' reunion that Mr. J. F. Smallwood had to mention that 'from the point of view of striking the youngsters had a lot to learn.' This is one of those generalisations which has always been levelled at youth, and which has never been true of any generation.

I am quite certain that the youth of today are equal to the youth of Mr. Smallwood's day, and in many respects much in advance. Each decade seems to produce young ringers who are able to do things which their elders have thought impossible. It is only by their ability and enthusiasm that ringing has progressed to its present high standard.

There appears to be no dearth of young men able to handle heavy bells with considerable skill. When it comes to ringing a vast collection of intricate methods, the youth of today are far ahead of their predecessors. There are youngsters today who can put a band together to equal the striking of any band of the older generations. There have always been 'rabbits' since change-ringing started, but we don't judge standards by them. Let's give our youth the credit they deserve.—Yours, etc.,

Dorking. A. PATRICK CANNON.

ST. NICHOLAS', GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK

Dear Sir,—This, 'the biggest parish church in England,' was destroyed by fire (incendiary bombs) during the war. It still remains a shell. The bells and spire fell but the tower shell remains.

The well-known ringer, Rev. A. G. G. (Gilbert) Thurlow, is the vicar, carrying on in another church pro tempore. He wants to see a ring of 13 put into St. Nicholas' in due course.

Recently I was looking at a book written by John Preston in 1819. It is entitled 'Picture of Yarmouth.' Preston was comptroller of His Majesty's Customs at Great Yarmouth then. On page 40 we read the following concerning St. Nicholas':—

'In the year 1807 a new clock was furnished, fixed and completed by Mr. W. Stanford of this town, clock and watch maker, for the sum of £170 15s., and it is to be somewhat regretted that the original chimes were discontinued at the time this clock was erected.

On March 25th, 1808, the trustees entered into a contract with Messrs. Thomas Mears and Co., of London, bell-founders, for casting the present new and musical ring of ten bells. An extract of the particulars of the said contract is as follows:

Estimate to cast a new musical ring of ten church bells: the tenor to weigh about 28 cwt. (the actual weight is 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.)—

125 cwt. at 17d. per lb., £991 13s. 4d.

Ten new clappers, £14.

Ten new stocks, ten new wheels, ten new pairs of brasses and gudgeons, ten new sets of ironwork, with nuts, screws etc., also a new oak frame made in such a manner as to ease the tower: putting up ditto and hanging the bells complete, £159 10s. Total £1,161 3s. 4d.

Allowance for old bells, computed to weigh 93 cwt. at 13d. per lb., £558 2s. 8d. Net cost £603 0s. 8d.

These bells are justly esteemed as exceedingly harmonious; and the first ring was opened the second day of May, 1808, by the Yarmouth Company of Change-ringers, and on March 13th, 1809, was rung a complete peal of five thousand and forty changes of Bob Major Royal' [I quote as printed!] 'in three hours and fifty-eight minutes by the following persons: No. 1 bell Mr. John Jones, 2 Mr. John Goodman, 3 Mr. Walter Jones, 4 Mr. Samuel Brooks, 5 Mr. Charles Brown, 6 Mr. T. Stolworthy, sen., 7 Mr. P. Aldis, 8 Mr. J. Lamb (conductor), 9 Mr. William Brown, 10 Mr. T. Stolworthy, jun.'

We long to hear at least ten ringing out from this tower again. Sixteen years' silence is a long time—and obviously it will be another few years at any rate before we have that pleasure.—Yours, etc.,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

LONDON SURPRISE IN CUMBERLAND

Dear Sir,—Re the claim of first peal of London Surprise Major in Cumberland, the late William Pye called a 5,088 composed by G. Lindoff on Friday, September 25th, 1931, at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, which was at the time claimed as the first in the county.—Yours sincerely,

LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Braintree.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Dear Sir,—Claiming no particular credit for the achievement, two Northamptonshire characters are curious as to whether they are the first to ring at both Rock (Worcs) and Roll (Rothwell, Northants) in one week.—Yours faithfully,

B. S. COPE.

Kettering.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—It is surely discourteous to the Central Council that the columns of its official journal should have been used so extensively to launch a private project that is evidently intended to usurp the functions of the Council.

The Council has many weaknesses and failings but it does at least enjoy the official support of practically all the Guilds and Associations, and is therefore reasonably representative of all ringers, both at home and overseas, except those who have no wish to be represented.

It is an interesting feature of ringing activity that the majority of ringers look to the Council to establish and maintain the principles and standards that shall be accepted in our art. What then is to be our attitude to the activities of an individual, or group of individuals who, without reference to the Council, seek to set up a series of arbitrary standards for the conduct of ringing activity which may, or may not, be acceptable to the Council, and to impose them upon the Exercise whether we like it or not?

If this piece of nonsense is allowed to go forward I shall certainly make a point, if re-elected next year, of putting forward a suitable resolution on the subject for consideration by the Council at its next meeting.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray, Leics.

Wedding at Apsley End

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Apsley End, Herts, on September 22nd of two members of Apsley belfry—Keith Brian Good, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Good, and Joyce Ann Philps, only daughter of Mrs. C. Washer, and stepdaughter of Mr. C. Washer.

Various methods were rung before the service, in which the bridegroom took part. The service was choral and the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Dominey) officiated. The bride was given away by her stepfather and attended by two bridesmaids. Mr. C. Hawks was the best man. Another Apsley ringer, Mr. R. Goldsney, was the organist.

The bells rang out merrily as the happy couple left the church. The reception was held in Nash Mills Village Hall, and later Mr. and Mrs. K. Good left for a honeymoon at Torquay. The couple were the recipients of many presents, including a coffee set from the ringers.

Two days later, a peal in seven Surprise methods was attempted, but unfortunately was not successful. W. C. H.

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Mr. W. Leslie Weller, secretary of the Western Division of the Sussex Association, has now started his National Service with the R.A.F. Until the next A.G.M. he will be assisted in his secretarial duties by Mr. George Francis. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Weller at the usual address.

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION VII. (Lesson 5)

RINGING IN CONCERT

(Silenced).

97. **Following.** (S) With bells prepared as previously, the Tutor explains that the stage is now reached for practising ringing the bell in concert with others, and that this may be achieved in steps, the first of which is 'Following,' or ringing closely after another bell at a set interval. He emphasises that normally (in 'open' ringing) the ear plays the more important part in gauging this interval consistently, with the eye used as a check in keeping the rope-movements just behind those of the bell being followed. But in this silent practice, the eye has it all, and he demonstrates with an assistant just how close the 'following' movement is kept. Maintaining the beat attained in Ex. 28 (Article 96), they show the students how this is done; but the Tutor points out that if the 'leader' varies his beat slightly the 'follower' (student) should, for the purpose of this exercise, follow suit. (Q) Before the students take this exercise, however, he now explains that, as in previous lessons, there being unavoidable waiting time for the turn of the later ones, an assistant Tutor (if available) will continue with rhythm practice in the elements of method ringing. So this is first explained to the whole class. (Q T)

98. **Dodging by Rhythm.**—Rhythmic hunting practice was carried out as in Exs. 24, 25 and 25a, after noting how the units or bells move as shown in the writing out of the change-rows. There it was seen that plain hunting alone brings a repeat row, after rows to twice the number of bells engaged. To obtain further rows (since twice the number of bells is not the 'extent' of them, except on three units giving six rows), a variation in the plain hunting known as 'place-making' is introduced, and this involves what is known as 'dodging.' (These two other elements of change-production were mentioned in Article 93 as due for explanation later.) So the first of these to be practised (although it is consequential upon place-making) is dodging. At this stage all that is needed is to show just the variation in the plain-hunt path that constitutes the 'dodge,' and this is usefully illustrated on the blackboard by a few change-rows on four units, thus:

Here the treble is seen hunting, without interruption, down to lead and up behind again. The second is seen to come off the lead, and then, instead of hunting straight up, to stop in one place (second's) for another blow, and then to return to lead. This is 'place-making.' The effect of this is to interrupt the plain hunting of the other two units, 3 and 4. Three is seen hunting up to back and then, instead of lying there for two blows before hunting down again, it 'dodges' back into third's place first. (S) Since this dodge occurs on the way UP to the lying behind (i.e., before it), it is called dodging UP. Now as to the other bell, 4, it is seen to lie behind for a whole pull in the normal way and then to start hunting down; but having got as far as third's place, it is now forced (by that same place-making of No. 2 bell) to work with 3 and to dodge back into fourth's place, before hunting on down to lead. Since this dodge occurs on the way DOWN from lying behind (i.e., after it), it is called dodging DOWN. (Q) In passing, it may be noted that the whole structure of method design is based on these three main elements of change-production—hunting, place-making and dodging; but the subject is dealt with more fully in Part Two of the Manual. Our present concern with these elements is merely to learn something of how they are carried out in practice; the actual ringing of the methods which they build up being learnt in courses on Part Three. (Q) The Tutor now refers the class to the blackboard again and to bell 3 in particular, calling upon them to give the hand-clap (as in Exs. 24 and 25) to correspond with three's hunting and dodging movement, as he counts 'First, Second, Third, Fourth, etc.' **(Ex. 29.).** They will clap, of course, on 'First,' until he calls 'Go!', because 3 starts by hunting up from first's place; then they will move up into second's place and so on, following the changing positions as written up on the blackboard for each successive row. This, then, is the exercise for dodging up, rhythmically. (Q T) Next, the exercise for dodging down **(Ex. 30)** is taken by marking the movement of bell 4, which, starting from third's place as on the blackboard rows, calls for the starting claps on the count of 'Third,' and on 'Go!' evokes the clap on 'Fourth,' etc. These two exercises must be practised until all students can mark the dodging up and dodging down without clap-error. (Q T)

1 2 3 4	
2 1 3 4	
2 1 4 3	
2 4 1 3	
4 2 3 1	

99. **Place-making.**—Continuing the 'rhythm' exercises, next comes place-making. **(Ex. 31.)** [It may be queried as to why it was not taken before the dodging exercise, and the reason is that when these elements are practised on the bells themselves, students seem able the more easily to acquire the knack of changing position for one blow only (at first), then dodging back into the original position.] So, for this exercise, the Tutor refers the class to bell '2' on the blackboard, which, starting in the top row in second's place, requires the initial clap on the call of 'Second.' Then, on 'Go!', the clap comes on 'First,' etc. The bell, and therefore the clapping, makes second's place and returns to lead again before continuing its hunting up that was interrupted by the place-making. (Q)

100. **Bell practice continued.**—Meanwhile, all students having had the explanation for these rhythmic exercises, bell practice is resumed, as described in Article 97, with the exercise on 'Following.' **(Ex. 32.)** It should be continued, as far as time permits, until all students are quite proficient in it. (Q T)

101. **Leading off last bell down.**—This most important preliminary exercise follows easily upon the previous one. Tutor and assistant first demonstrate, by exchanging bell-ropes. That is, the assistant (representing the pupil) takes the rope which the Tutor had for 'leading,' while the Tutor takes the rope the assistant had for 'following.' **(Ex. 33.)** The exercise begins by the 'pupil' pulling off and ringing with the beat acquired in Ex. 28 (Article 96), i.e., the pulling to the beat, while the Tutor merely follows the 'pupil.' When the pulling has settled down (after, say, three whole pulls or so) the Tutor calls 'Lead from backstroke!'. Whereupon the student turns his attention to the Tutor's rope, following the precise pulling 'beat' of the Tutor's, but making the 'pause' (which represents the 'open handstroke' with which he is already familiar from the rhythm clapping exercises) BEFORE HE PULLS HIS OWN HANDSTROKE, which will be, of course, after the Tutor's BACKSTROKE. This procedure, the Tutor will explain, is what happens when a bell comes to the leading position, and applies whether following a 'covering' bell, as with tenor behind, or the last bell down, as in methods with the tenor 'turned in.' (Explain and show carefully.) (Q)

101a. **Covering.**—This is the act of ringing a bell so that it strikes always behind or after all other bells have sounded in the order of a 'change.' These changes vary at each new stroke, thus presenting a different bell in the penultimate position at every new stroke; or at every other new stroke, according to what method it is. So that the ultimate bell, or the bell 'behind,' or the 'covering' bell, as it is generally called (the tenor bell, as a rule), although striking over different bells as the changes are produced, remains always in the same position—behind all the others. **(Ex. 33a.)** For this exercise the student takes the fourth bell and the Tutor No. 3, with assistants on 1 and 2. After a few rounds, to get the rhythm of the fixed-bell beat, 'Go, Singles!' is called, and the first three bells go through the six plain-hunt changes. (Reference can already have been made to Article 90 and to the word 'transit' introduced there, to remind the student what the name 'Singles' means—i.e., change-rows produced by single transits only.) Meanwhile the student keeps his bell in the fourth place throughout. He will be familiar with the rhythmic process of keeping in a given place from the hand-clap exercises already taken; but he is required, now, to SEE his place among the ropes by looking round for the last of the three ropes down before his. He must, of course, keep reasonably close to the others, throughout, bells being silenced. (Q)

102. **Dodging. (Bell).** — Although familiar from the rhythm exercises which correspond — Exs. 29 and 30—with this one, yet the Tutor explains that in order to acquire facility in dodging, the practice movement will go on continuously, and three bells will be used. **(Ex. 34.)** The assistant takes No. 1, the Tutor No. 2 and the student No. 3. They start as in Ex. 28 (Article 96) while ringing 'rounds' on three, and when settled down the Tutor calls 'Dodging at hand, Go!'. Completing the usual whole pull as in rounds, the student next checks his bell more than usual as it comes up to the next handstroke check, and thus pulls off again in front of the Tutor's bell, i.e., he follows No. 1, thus dodging with No. 2 at handstroke. Then as his bell rises to the backstroke check position he allows it to come on to the balance (with which he is familiar from such action in most previous exercises) and thus 'holds up' a little while the Tutor 'cuts' under him to strike in 2nds place again, leaving the student back in 3rds place as at the start. This continues until the Tutor calls 'Rounds!'. (Q T)

(Ex. 35.) The exercise is repeated with the dodging on the backstroke, which involves, of course, the student's making his first variation in the striking on the backstroke check, checking it more than usual and thus 'cutting under' the second bell 'at back' to strike after its predecessor. Similarly, he 'Holds up' at hand, reverting to the starting place of '3.' (Q T.)

103. **Place-making (Bell). (Ex. 36.)** In this exercise the student (still on No. 3) works as in Ex. 34 by 'cutting under at hand' on the call 'Place-making in 2-3 Go!', but completes the whole pull there, over No. 1, while the Tutor on No. 2 makes 3rds over him. Then, as the bell rises on the handstroke check, the student allows it to go on to the balance and thus holds up a little while the Tutor cuts under him to make 2nds place, as the student makes 3rds over him. The whole is repeated until Tutor gives the call 'Rounds!'. (Q T)

104. **Place-making Wrong.**—The Tutor now explains that just as in dodging, the first variation blow can be either at hand or at back, so, while normally places may be considered as made 'hand then back,' still they can be made 'back then hand,' sometimes called 'place-making wrong.' **(Ex. 37.)** So in this exercise the student, on the call 'Place-making, wrong, in 2-3 Go!', cuts under at back and makes his first blow in 2nds with the backstroke pull, the second blow there being the handstroke pull, while the Tutor makes 3rds, wrong, over him. Then the student holds up at the following back-

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OBITUARY

MR. WALTER H. CHALK

Langford, Essex, has lost a highly respected inhabitant by the death of Mr. Walter Harry Chalk, in his 80th year, on September 18th at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. L. Bird, of Deans Hall, Little Maplestead, Halstead. He was the last surviving son of the late William Chalk, who was for many years an active member of All Saints', Maldon, band, and one of the founders of the Essex Association in 1879.

He was a life member of the Maldon band, but for the last few years his ringing activities were curtailed by defective vision. He was not able to devote as much time to ringing as his brothers William, Fred and Philip, but he was always welcomed at district meetings. He took part in the 'Chalk' peal of Minor at St. Nicholas', Witham, in December, 1913, and after the installation of the 'Chalk' and 'Wadley' bells in September, 1932, he stood in the first peal of Major (Kent Treble Bob) in the following month. On this occasion three old friends completed the band, viz.: E. Bright (Witham), H. J. Mansfield (Maldon) and W. Keeble (Feering), conductor.

He loved music in its best forms, vocal and instrumental, and had a pleasant tenor voice, being a chorister at St. Giles' Church, Langford, for over 70 years. It was in the musical evenings in the family home in his early life that he was seen at his best, for the Sunday evening services were often followed by unaccompanied quartets from the well-known oratorios, and touches and tunes on handbells. He was well versed in the scriptures, and could quote freely from poems dealing with country life, with a strong love of the writings of Thomas Gray and William Cowper. Maldon ringers can recall that when visiting Stoke Poges tower, Walter lined them up near the famous yew trees and quoted several verses from Gray's 'Elegy.'

Mr. Chalk was estate bailiff for the late Lord Byron for more than 40 years, and for the last 20 years, with his sons, had farmed Stock Hall, Ulting, Essex. He served as an overseer, school manager, rate collector and clerk to the parish meetings.

He was laid to rest at Langford on September 22nd, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. E. Bolsin, Vicar of Heybridge and Langford, with Mrs. N. Wakelin as organist. The church was filled to capacity. Ringers present were Mr. P. A. F. Chalk (nephew) and Mr. J. Chalk (Woodford), Messrs. H. J. Mansfield, A. Hubble, S. Easter, S. Linnett (All Saints', Maldon), W. Mellin and Miss W. Mellin (Witham), P. G. Sayer (Great Totham) and E. Johnson (Goldhanger). After the interment the four members of the All Saints', Maldon, band rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

MR. WILLIAM T. ELSON

As briefly reported in 'The Ringing World,' dated October 5th, Mr. William T. Elson, of Putney, died in hospital on September 25th. The funeral service, prior to cremation at Mortlake, was held in St. Mary's Church, Putney, on October 1st, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. D. Pearce-Higgins.

Although in his 90th year, Mr. Elson was widely known for his youthful outlook and activity. He was not a prolific peal ringer, having about 50 peals to his credit, but was extremely keen on maintaining Sunday service ringing, and he took considerable pains to encourage and establish a regular band at Putney. He had composed a number of peals, mainly of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich Major. His ready sense of humour never deserted him, even at a time when he must have been suffering extreme pain. The annual outing which he organised from Putney was a model, and many London ringers will not hesitate to agree that his was the best they had ever attended.

It is not only in London that Mr. Elson will be missed; he had of latter years been a regular visitor to Birmingham on the occasion of the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, and was always warmly welcomed in that city.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Elson's death reached 'The Ringing World' too late to publicise the arrangements, there were present at the service, in addition to relatives and other friends, a large number of ringers. The bells were rung unmuffled both before and after the service, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

Among those present at the service were Miss F. C. Brown, Messrs. J. W. Chapman, F. E. Corfield, H. Cox, R. F. Deal, J. Euston, F. W. Goodfellow (representing Mr. E. C. S. Turner and the Middlesex County Association), J. S. Hawkins, N. G. Hollingworth, W. S. Langdon, H. W. Rogers, M. H. Sinden, J. F. Smallwood, J. Tomsett, F. W. Wicks and W. G. Wilson.

Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the local bands of Wimbledon and Putney.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss F. C. Brown 1, J. W. Chapman 2, B. D. Dibben 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, P. J. Hutchings 5, W. G. Wilson (conductor) 6, F. E. Corfield 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

MR. A. MASON

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. A. Mason, aged 77, a member of the Ludlow Parish Church band and of the Hereford Guild since 1901. He rang in 69 peals for the Hereford Guild.

MR. ALVA G. HARDING

A faithful member of the Rugeley band for some 20 years, Mr. Alva G. Harding passed away on August 22nd, after a long and painful illness, at the early age of 46 years. He was a most regular Sunday service ringer until his health compelled him to take an outdoor job which involved a great deal of Sunday work, but even then he never missed an opportunity of ringing when his duties permitted.

He was not a great peal ringer, but he was always proud of the fact that he took part in the first peal ever rung on the Rugeley bells.

The funeral took place on August 27th, and the Rugeley ringers were represented by Messrs. J. H. Joyner and E. H. Norman. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from his fellow ringers, in the shape of a figure 4, the fourth bell having always been his special favourite in the Rugeley ring. As the coffin left the church, this was the bell that was tolled.

A quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled on the evening of the funeral, but owing to holidays it was not possible to arrange a band for a full peal to his memory until September 12th. Details of these appear elsewhere in this issue.

May he rest in peace. J. A. J.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

The Society held its annual meeting at Wateringbury on September 15th, when members enjoyed ringing on the light six—a change from Maidstone's heavy ten.

Canon Soar conducted the service and welcomed the Society to Wateringbury. Mr. Baker presided at the business meeting, when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. G. I. F. Thomson; co-president, Miss Parkinson (subject to her consent); treasurer, M. E. Downs; secretary, P. Y. Butcher; Ringing Master, C. Dring; committee—B. Brooks, E. King, S. Scott and A. Gammon. It was agreed that the committee should be responsible for arranging tea for the K.C.A. annual meeting and that they co-opt helpers from available members. Upon the proposition of B. Brooks, seconded by Y. Spice, it was decided that the Society should have honorary members (i.e., ringers who have never attended Maidstone Grammar School). The subscription will be 2s. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Boxley on January 5th.

With the help of Mr. Baker, Mr. H. Usborne and Wateringbury ringers, ringing was continued until 8 p.m. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Grandsire and Oxford Bob. The Society extends its thanks to these non-members and also to Canon Soar and the organist.

MANUAL—Continued

stroke into 3rds place over the Tutor now in 2nds, and completes the whole pull with the handstroke in 3rds. The whole is then repeated until the call 'Rounds!'. (No. 1 leads throughout, but explain that place-making is not always over one bell only.) (Q T)

105. **Questions.** — Although a questions item was not specifically mentioned at the close of Lesson 4 (on account of time), yet a short interval should always be reserved for these if possible; and particularly after the work of the current lesson, which has seen the first ringing in concert, although, of course, it is still silenced ringing. The Tutor should evoke further interest by reminding students that progress will be made, in the next session, to the first bit of method ringing on a bell, i.e., plain hunting, though this will require some further preliminary explanation. (Q T)

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OSWESTRY

There seem to have been a number of unusual outings this summer, and the Oswestry ringers' effort on September 1st was no exception, when nine ringers squeezed themselves hopefully into Roger Morris' notorious conveyance, 'Ichabod,' which is a 1932 London taxi painted yellow and, of course, Cambridge blue, for those not already acquainted with it. The appearance of 'Ichabod' outside the parish church excited much speculative comment, especially when the press arrived and took a photo or two and copious notes on the back of an envelope! We were duly rewarded by the publication of the photo and a full but slightly inaccurate report which, amongst other things, described Grandsire Triples as a 'complicated peal.'

The delay cost us 15 minutes, and this, with our sudden arrival in a muddy expanse dotted with ducks somewhere between Ellesmere and Wem—the result of an error of judgment in navigation—contrived to make us 25 minutes late at our first tower, Wem (8, 13 cwt.).

We hurried on to Clive, where the local captain and 'Benny,' with his also notorious 'Ariel,' met us. A long ring was thoroughly enjoyed on this glorious six (25 cwt.) before the most hazardous part of the trip was tackled. Clive and Hodnet appear to be linked on the map, at least, but before the latter was reached 'Ichabod' surmounted boulders, beds of nettles and various other hazards on a byway which must have disappeared with the coaching days. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the lovely octave at Hodnet (14 cwt.), where the Vicar, having been on holiday, readily agreed to our ringing at very short notice.

The last tower of the day, High Ercall (8, 11 cwt.), was again reached late, and difficulty was found in striking this anti-clockwise ring, because of the long draught and the loud swishing of the ropes, which certainly held its own with the noise of the bells.

'Benny' guided us to Shrewsbury and we eventually reached home at 9.45 after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, P.B. Minor and Major, Kent T.B. Minor and Cambridge Minor.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers who allowed us to ring so willingly; 'Benny' and, of course, Roger and 'Ichabod,' a combination which 'made' the outing.

C. T.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The Saxmundham District had one of the best days of the summer for its meeting on September 22nd. Ringing commenced at Tunstall in the afternoon with Blaxhall bells available in the evening. Among the many methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge and London.

Some competition was experienced during the afternoon in the form of jet aircraft (U.S.A.) from a nearby air station, during which the roar of the engines drowned the sound of the bells to the ringers.

A very good tea for the 15 members present was provided at the Ship Inn, Blaxhall. At the business meeting Miss Molly Mayhew, of Blaxhall, was elected a member of the Guild. A tribute was also paid to the memory of Mr. George Berry, who rarely missed attending district meetings. A vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells and tea, and the next meeting fixed for November 24th at Kelsale.

The bells of St. Margaret's, Hemingford Abbots, will be heard on the air prior to morning service on Sunday, October 21st, at 9.30.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's with St. Mark's on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 8955

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mells (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9049

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names to E. Eade, Beacon View, Buxted.—C. A. Bassett. 9059

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden and J. D. Painter. 9056

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9065

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall. 8982

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine Avenue, Thorpe Bay.—J. Willmington, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9010

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Note changes: Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Shere (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. (Prince of Wales). Shere and Albury (6) bells available after tea.—A. M. Cox and M. E. Collins, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9098

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, Oct. 13th, Aspenden, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to F. Aldridge, 14, Council Houses, Aspenden, Buntingford, Herts.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 13th. All Saints' bells (10) available from 3 p.m. St. Michael's Tonbridge Road (6), from 3 to 4 p.m. only. Service at All Saints', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in College Room.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9004

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General body meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business 6 p.m. at St. John's, South Hackney. Ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. From Liverpool Street Station: Buses Nos. 8 and 60 to St. Matthew's Row for Bethnal Green, and No. 6 to King Edward Road for South Hackney. Visitors are specially welcomed.—Rogers. 9029

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church Road, Hendon, on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 9079

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea to H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, Berks. 9068

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Catherington (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Farmer's Inn 5 p.m. 9006

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. at The Dolphin Inn. Names to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 8993

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—By-meeting, Whitechurch Canonicorum (8 bells), Wednesday, Oct. 17th, at 6.30 p.m.—Mrs. Pannell, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9077

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Oct. 20th. Streatham, Immanuel 3.30 p.m. St. Leonard's, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting in Immanuel Church vestry 5.30 p.m. Nomination of officers. Own arrangements for tea: plenty of teashops in district—Zeeta recommended.—A. B. Peck. 9080

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9085

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Flitton, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names essential to Mrs. Munday, The Old Vicarage, Flitton, Beds. 9088

BLANDFORD BELLRINGING FESTIVAL.—All Dorset ringers welcome. Saturday, Oct. 20th, Blandford Parish Church, 2 to 8.30 p.m. Tea (under the 'Pond' bequest) if requested by Oct. 15th from the Town Clerk, Blandford. 9072

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Oct. 17th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9075

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Saltburn (8) on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 9062

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available: Stoke, St. Michael's, and All Saints', Allesley, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Meeting at Savings Centre, entrance in Pepper Lane, at 6 p.m. Dinner at The Wine Lodge, The Burges, 7 for 7.15 p.m. Tickets 10s., from the Branch secretaries or J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9090

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of memorial tablet to the late Herbert Fields, of St. Neots, 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9083

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Special meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bi-centenary of bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 16th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9092

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 20th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Application for tickets (13s. 6d.), enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 8978

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Saturday, Oct. 20th, combined practice, Stanton Lacy. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 9095

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Meeting at Aston Ingham (6), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Oct. 17th, to Miss M. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow. 9081

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9105

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Names for tea as early as possible to Mr. G. Kenward, at Cemetery Lodge, 46, Bell Road, Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Dis. Sec. 9084

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Swinton, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9097

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9078

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Medbourne, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9091

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Syston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Red Cross. Names by Oct. 17th to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green. 9093

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Oct. 20th. St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 9037

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Brockdish, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Oct. 15th to Mr. E. Chilver, Bridge Street, Brockdish, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 9046

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 6 p.m. —B. C. Castle. 9071

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Amesbury bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 16th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9045

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 9094

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Dundee on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, Castlehill (8), 3.30 to 5 p.m., and at Old Steeple, Nethergate (8), 6 to 7.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 9099

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting of Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts at Fornham St. Martin, on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to K. G. Brown, 21, Peasecroft Road, Ixworth.—K. G. Brown and E. M. Peachey, Dis. Secs. 9066

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, Saturday, Oct. 20th, 6 p.m. Ringing 3. Service 4.30 p.m.—D. Priestley. 9070

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish (6), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Names for tea by the previous Tuesday to G. K. Dodd, Ball Hill, Woolton Hill, near Newbury. 9069

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 16th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9101

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 6 for 6.15 p.m. Applications for tickets by first post on Oct. 15th to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. Ringing arrangements: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30 p.m.; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 3 to 5.30 p.m. 9038

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinder, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, Oct. 23rd.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 9087

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in bowls pavilion afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 24th to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, will be appreciated by the ladies. 9076

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Association Dinner at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets, 8s 6d., from your District secretary or myself. Everyone welcome.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Dirton, Maidstone. 9064

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Scothern (6) Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3 Altham Terrace, Lincoln (20236). 9100

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Stow on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. —Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9082

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 23rd, please, to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 9096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Enstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 9104

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Tuesday, Oct. 23rd.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec., 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill. 9089

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Kingston Seymour, Sunday, Oct. 28th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by Oct. 26th.—Mr. E. R. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, near Clevedon. 9086

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 19th annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 5.45 p.m. Ample seating accommodation. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to Evensong: All Saints' (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each available up to Tuesday, Oct. 30th, from any member of Dinner Committee, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9102

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 9s. 6d. each, from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. Early application is advised as accommodation is limited to 100. Ringing arrangements: St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), from 3 p.m. 9052

QUARTER PEALS

TICEHURST, SUSSEX. — On July 28th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: A. Relfe (cond.) 1, F. J. Lambert 2, S. G. Ponting 3, F. H. Hicks 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, C. A. Bassett 6. First in method for all except the conductor.

COLYTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, C. Manley 2, C. Webb 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton 1, W. H. Curson 2, J. A. Cotton 3, W. G. Hair 4, J. W. Cotton 5, H. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. For the patronal and choir festivals.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Draper 1, D. M. Sawyer (first quarter as cond.) 2, G. L. Lovett 3, D. Lewin 4, W. W. Draper 5, T. Dexter 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. R. J. Hunting.

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PAST AND PRESENT

WHEN Hilaire Belloc wrote, 'And the men that were boys when I was a boy shall sit and drink with me,' he had in mind not only the return to his native soil but also those gatherings of old friends so well beloved of English people, and indeed of people all over the world (for did not old Omar write of the meeting of cronies and the turning down of an empty glass for the absent one?).

Ringers are not for the most part demonstrative folk, nor are they given to sentimentality, but they like social gatherings and a chance to talk together on ringing matters of past time and the incidents, adventures and accidents attendant on ringing occasions. At no social gathering of ringers has this harmless trait been so pleasingly revealed as at the recent reunion (the second of its kind) of the veterans of the Exercise. Nothing perhaps shows so clearly the essential vitality of change ringing and the virility of so large a body of its devotees as this concourse of men who link the past with the present.

There are in the world to-day those who affect to despise the past, and for whom the contemptuous pronouncement, 'He lives in the past,' suffices to sum up anyone reaching advanced years. Such an attitude is not only completely mistaken but is also selfish. Every sensible man knows that his knowledge, his powers, his opportunities for advancement, even his very existence itself, depends on the past, and that to scorn those of past time is to refuse to acknowledge the debt to those who have worked for him and made sacrifices for him.

Our lusty veterans, who met at the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers, assuredly spent much of that precious time living in the past, and for this they will certainly make no apology, nor need they do so. Recollection in tranquillity is one of the great gifts of God, a pleasure enjoyed by young and old, and none has more right to a full enjoyment of it than these men with their long and varied (and in many cases illustrious) ringing careers.

But a study of the names of the company present on this occasion reveals that, far from being content to live in the past, there are among the veterans men who are leading the Exercise at the present time and can still successfully challenge our brilliant young men in certain essential particulars. Here are first-rate handbell ringers whose double-handed skill has not been lost over the years; here is an active composer, here a regular and virile contributor to 'The Ringing World.' This man leads in the deliberations of the Central Council, that man assumes responsibilities that many shrink from. And among these old friends are men who, a year or two ago, handled those mighty bells at Liverpool Cathedral with a calm assurance and technical skill that called forth the admiration of younger ringers who had the privilege of watching.

It has been pointed out by many speakers and writers that the privileges of the present are part of a heritage from the past, and nowhere is this so true as in the world of change ringing. Generations arise and pass away, and the young men of to-day are the old men of to-morrow. Therefore we hail our veterans. They may perhaps echo the words of Tennyson's Ulysses:

> 'Tho' we are not now that strength which in old days
> Moved earth and heaven . . .,'

yet we, who have been privileged to know them, may still look upon many of them as our natural leaders. Long may they continue to meet, and (if they wish) to live in the past.

E. C. S.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

Peter J. Staniforth	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
Redvers F. Elkington	2	Shirley Burton	8
Alfred Ballard	3	S. Anthony Jesson	9
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Richard Grant	10
Herrick B. Bowley	5	William J. Root	11
Harold G. Jenney	6	E. Charles Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the esteemed memory of Harry G. Wayne, ringer and treasurer of the Leicester Cathedral Society.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 4 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

*Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Frank E. Darby	8
Wilfred Williams	2	Ralph G. Edwards	9
G. William Critchley	3	Peter Border	10
George W. Massey	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
Alan F. Thirst	5	Edward P. Duffield	*Tenor*
Charles H. Kippin	6	Richard E. Price	
*Michael P. Moreton	7		

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Maximus in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus in the county and by the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Thomas E. Davies	*Treble*	A. St. John Boyack	6
*Bernard G. Moore	2	*Barwell B. Dibben	7
Mrs. K. F. J. Parr	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	4	Walter Lee	9
Nevil G. Hollingworth	5	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
A birthday compliment to Christopher Rogers; wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers; golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Taffender.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

*David Cubitt	*Treble*	*James H. Kirby	6
Harold Chant	2	*Vernon Bottomley	7
Fred Bennett	3	*John E. Kirby	8
Thomas W. Strangeway	4	J. Martin Thorley	9
Mark L. Lockwood	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	Richard I. Warrilow	6
Alfred Ballard	2	Ivor R. Nichols	7
F. Hector Bennett	3	Neil D. Lomas	8
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	4	Arthur Prichard	9
Barnabas G. Key	5	Fredk. Wm. Grocott	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.
Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*Pamela Jenks	*Treble*	Jean Powell	6
Nelia M. Leahy	2	Adrian J. Tumber	7
Robert C. Kippin	3	Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	8
J. Michael Lakin	4	Charles H. Kippin	9
R. Roger Savory	5	Maurice J. Butler	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First attempt for a peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and for the visit of the Bishop of Southampton on the occasion of the anniversary of his consecration.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

John J. L. Gilbert	*Treble*	Gordon Benfield	6
Norman Chaddock	2	Vernon Bottomley	7
Howard Scott	3	W. Eric Critchley	8
Alexander E. Marsh	4	William H. Jackson	9
Leslie W. G Morris	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	7
Gwen I. Rusby	3	Walter Tomlinson	8
Jack L. Millhouse	4	John Walden	9
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	Raymond F. Smith	*Tenor*

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

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	*Ernest Stitch	6
Herbert Knight	2	Francis Brotherton	7
William Davies	3	Arthur S. Williams	8
Stella Hughes	4	George W. Hughes	9
Christopher Wallater	5	George Dean	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* 50th peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the Harvest Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Raymond A. Clist	*Treble*	E. John Wells	5
*Hazel Hancock	2	William H. J. Parker	6
Sylvia Sherwood	3	Rex J. Corke	7
Muriel Brown	4	Dugald M. MacPherson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Dugald M. MacPherson.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
Rung on Michaelmas Day to mark the Patronal Festival; also to mark the launching of the church restoration appeal this day.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars'. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*Alan Sharples	*Treble*	Derek Taylor	5
†David F. Manning	2	‡Trevor Taylor	6
*Neil Bennett	3	*G. David Fearnehough	7
†Brian Rothwell	4	*Colin Rothwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First in an odd-bell method. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Grandsire 'inside' and as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES F. CLARKE	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
DAVID A. CARPENTER	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
Rung to mark the anniversary of the reopening of the church after rebuilding.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	*Treble*	*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	5
*BERNARD G. MOORE	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	6
†GEORGE FRANCIS	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	‡REGINALD T. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ First on eight bells
A birthday compliment to B. G. Moore. Also to celebrate the marriage this day of Mr. David Salvage, of Isleworth, and Miss Sheila Collins, of Liverpool.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY H. C. BRAZIER	*Treble*	†WINIFRED WHEELER	5
†MERVYN FROMM	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	HENRY C. WEAVER	7
RICHARD WILSON	4	DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the 78th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	JACK HUGHES	5
MARJORIE JAMES	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	HENRY O. BAKER	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

PAMELA E. LATCHFORD	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	5
*JANE THORPE	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
†FRANCES HOWISON	3	DEREK LATCHFORD	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	PETER NASH	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
First peal of Painswick on the bells, and by all except ringers of treble and seventh.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN LISTER	5
WALTER HUNT	2	A. JAMES GLASS	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	ERNEST E. GOSLING	7
GEOFFREY LISTER	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal on the bells since being rehung by John Taylor and Co.
Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev. Eric Perkins, B.A., for 12 years' Vicar at Boyne Hill, who was this day instituted and inducted as the Rector of Slough, Bucks, by the Bishops of Oxford and of Buckingham.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Albans Cathedral Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	†J. LESLIE COX	5
*PATRICIA DOORN	2	*JOHN E. EWER	6
LESLIE T. HANSELL	3	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	7
*GERALD PENNEY	4	*MICHAEL D. FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.
* First peal in method. † First peal.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

REGINALD WOODYATT	*Treble*	*JOHN C. SLATER	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	*JOHN J. STANIER	6
JOSEPH L. STANIER	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	GEORGE E. EVENDON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Arranged and rung in honour of 50 years' service as ringers at St. Michael's Church by Mr. T. Pritchard and Mr. A. Taylor. Also as a birthday compliment to them.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
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THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G.

BRO. ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS, Lodge of Harmony, No. 220	*Treble*
BRO. NORMAN HEAPS, Lodge of Unity, No. 613	2
WOR. BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Minerva Lodge, No. 4002	3
BRO. THOMAS C. LARKEY, Apollo Lodge, No. 2042	4
BRO. FREDERICK S. ALMOND, Stanley Lodge, No. 1325	5
WOR. BRO. EDWIN C. BIRKETT, P.PR.A.G.D.C., Thermopylæ Lodge, No. 4386	6
BRO. JACK N. BROWN, Adeste Fideles Lodge, No. 7425	7
*BRO. ALLEN P. SANDFORD, Adeste Fideles Lodge, No. 7425	*Tenor*

Conducted by WOR. BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

JOYCE DODDS	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
A. REX AGG	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
*J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	FRANK W. CROFT	7
GEOFFREY DODDS	4	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of St. Alban, Warner's End, Hemel Hempstead.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*LESLIE SHENTON	*Treble*	JAMES WALLEY	5
ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	FRANK TRINER	6
ALBAN J. JACK	3	J. MICHAEL JACK	7
*DAVID JACK	4	CHARLES S. RYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
* First peal. First peal of Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. R. B. McKenzie, M.A. (Oxon.), Rector of Norton-le-Moors.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

ELSIE K. HART	*Treble*	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	5
MARION J. SKINNER	2	†E. ROY WILKINSON	6
*SHIRLEY M. CLAYTON	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the engagement of Rev. A. Beck to Miss S. M. Clayton, and also to celebrate the birth of a grandson to E. R. Wilkinson.

PUTNEY, S.W.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb. in F.
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

FRANK R. L. BLEWER	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.
In memoriam William T. Elson.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,472 each of Painswick, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 736 of Cambridge, with 138 changes of method.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PHILIP N. TUBBS	*Treble*	*DAVID R. REED	5
JAMES E. DANIELS	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
JOHN HARTLESS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Arranged by L. W. G. MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods for the remainder of the band. The first peal of Spliced on the bells.
Specially arranged and rung to mark the conclusion of the centenary celebrations of this church.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	†COLIN SMITH	5
*HARRY EDGE	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
*HAROLD F. WHITE	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	*BENJAMIN JARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First peal.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. M. G. Clark.

SIX BELL PEALS

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*BERNICE A. MANNING	*Treble*	‡JOHN E. COLLINS	4
*†JILL G. DRAPER	2	*BRIAN R. MANNING	5
*PAMELA J. PEARSON	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*JOHN G. CLICK	*Treble*	DESMOND PAINTER	4
†F. BRIAN COOKSON	2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	5
†TONY HOWARD	3	*VICTOR CRAWFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal by all for the Association, except conductor.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Court and Single Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

TRACY H. YOUNG	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	CHARLES G. JONES	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
JANET FRENCH	2	GEORGE FRY	5
STANLEY JENNER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal.
In memoriam W. E. Leigh, of Edenbridge.

ENFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores and 240 Thompson's Arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt.

F. W. T. PHILLIMORE ..	*Treble*	R. WILSON	4
H. BARDELL..	2	A. E. PHILLIMORE	5
D. BEAUFOY	3	W. OFFER	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. BEAUFOY.
First peal by all the band, who are the Sunday service ringers.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury and 15 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

MARJORIE LEGG..	*Treble*	HOWARD COLLINGS	4
*HAROLD HOOPER	2	FRANK PARRAMORE	5
GEORGE PRESCOTT	3	ALGY HOOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon S. J. Christelow, Rector of Loxton, on his retirement.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

GILBERT COWLIN	*Treble*	RONALD PATTRICK	4
RUTH MORGAN	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
HERBERT GOAKES	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Stopford as 33rd Bishop of Peterborough, which took place in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday, Septemeber 29th, 1956.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
STANLEY GILBERT	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD ..	3	A. THOMAS HOWES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor. Second 'circle' of tower for treble ringer.
Rung to commemorate the 325th anniversary of Stedman's birth.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, viz.: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

*PETER NASH	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	4
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER.. ..	5
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal. First peal in eight methods on the bells and by all.

COLWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, and ten extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	*Treble*	†RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	4
†PAMELA PEARSON	2	†FRANK H. ELEY	5
†SHELAGH SEERY	3	*COLIN EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in nine methods.
Rung for Harvest Festival and as a welcome to the Rev. B. Mathews, B.A., who is to be inducted to the living of Colwich on October 29th.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Kent and St. Clement's. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	4
ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	JOHN E. BROUGH	5
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Sage, and for the celebration of harvest-tide.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON, N.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and and Childwall; (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

MARTIN CUBITT	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
*JANET SECKER (17) ..	2	†MICHAEL J. ROWE (14) ..	5
*FRANCES SECKER (15) ..	3	ERNEST J. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor. First in ten methods by all except conductor.
Rung by a local Sunday service band.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

A WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	4
JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	2	PETER KINDRED	5
GODFREY G. WALPOLE ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* 25th peal. 70th peal on the bells and the first for 20 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

ALAN G. FOSTER	1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5—6
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT ..	3—4	E. MARION KEY	7—8

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples on handbells.
A birthday compliment to Stephanie Wright, sister of A. R. Wright.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT 21, GIPSY LANE.
A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	1—2	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH..	5—6
*MAURICE J. BUTLER ..	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
		†J. MICHAEL LAKIN.. ..	9—10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Caters and first on ten handbells.

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 7, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT..	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal as conductor 'in hand,' on six bells, and in more than one method. 50th peal for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. A. Manning 1, Miss J. G. Draper 2, E. Walklate 3, J. Collins 4, B. R. Manning 5, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except the conductor.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. J. Prescott 2, S. A. Read 3, W. H. Hurford 4, H. D. Taylor 5, G. J. Hawkins (comp. and cond.) 6, R. Stubbs 7, T. T. Jones 8, M. Helps 9, E. Naylor and H. J. Merrett 10. First quarter of Caters for 3, 7 and 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Galyer 1, J. Pink 2, Kathleen Weller 3, Joyce A. Parsons 4, F. D. Jennings 5, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, E. G. Talbot 7, L. A. Reece 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Lucy Allen (cond.) 1, F. Baker 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Maureen Allen. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,280 St. Simon's Doubles: J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. For Lucy Allen's 18th birthday. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. First of Stedman for 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong, also remembering the birth of Stedman 325 years ago.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. R. H. Easton 1, R. G. Hooper 2, F. Skidmore 3, G. M. Nichols 4, D. J. Hunt (first as cond.) 5, V. E. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker 7, F. Hussey (first quarter) 8. For opening of Missionary Week.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1 260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Harrison 1, R. Chafer 2, A. Tomlinson 3, H. Hall 4, C. A. Hewitt 5, J. Bray (cond.) 6, P. Barnes 7, G. Thompson 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Divers 1, A. Butler 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. W. Unwin 4, J. Stockbridge 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 London Surprise Major: E. J. Butler (78) 1, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, J. H. Edwards 6, C. A. Andrews 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. H. D. Woods and Miss J. K. Everett.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 All Saints'): R. Line (cond.) 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, N. Line 3, J. J. Partridge 4, E. Smart 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. E. Sutton and Miss D. B. Wright.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Fry (first quarter) 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, I. Templeton (first 'inside') 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen (first quarter) 8. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, A. Haynes 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, Mrs. K. K. Ketteringham 4, B. Hunt 5, K. K. Ketteringham 6, R. Stephenson 7, T. O. Greasley 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. D. Clarke 10. First of Royal by 2, 4, 8 and 10.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stuart 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, A. W. Cole 3, T. Cole 4, P. W. Mills 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, J. H. Cox 2, A. Greenhall 3, L. Clissett 4, B. E. Woodall 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilvock (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. For harvest festival.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Biggs 1, A. E. Cox 2, J. Kape 3, W. Lee (cond.) 4, C. Wilkinson (first 'inside') 5, W. Jemmett 6. Rung for the christening of the son of the ringer of the 5th.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia J. Heasman 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, R. E. Waters 3, M. Chamberlain 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, B. W. Huntley 6. For harvest festival.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, W. J. Ridgman 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, B. Pattison 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. L. Parkins, for many years a local ringer, interred this day R.I.P.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Papworth 1, W. Papworth 2, W. Ransom 3, O. Norman 4, C. Goodger 5, J. Parish (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Papworth, W. Papworth 2, J. Parish 3, O. Norman 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, A. Chaplin 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. Gargrave (first away from treble) 4, F. G. Richardson 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, A. J. 'Salisbury 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Colchester on the occasion of the dedication of the new west window and commissioning a band of missioners from Cambridge University. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, G. W. Cecil 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, T. D. Belben (first quarter) 5, J. Fowler 6, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8. For a mission service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Ashtead Surprise Major: K. Biggs 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, R. Biggs 3, D. Cornwall 4, P. Newton 5, A. Newton 6, J. D. Kape 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Foxall 3, D. Cornwall 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. E. Cox 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. For harvest festival.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, L. Melton 4, E. Bishop 5, L. Sharpe 6. For morning service and a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Coombes 1, C. Watson 2, W. Welling (cond.) 3, A. E. Hartley 4, A. Cross 5, D. W. Stone 6, G. Cousins 7, A. H. Bates 8. First of Major for 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6, G. A. Lucas (cover).

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): F. Osbaldiston 1, A. Osbaldiston 2, R. Smith 3, B. Groves 4, A. McFall (cond.) 5, M. J. Pryor 6. First of Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, C. F. Andrews 2, S. R. Cockell 3, Marion Hunt 4, H. Heath 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, E. Hitchens 8. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. A. W. Angel, a ringer at Melksham for more than 60 years.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Parris 1, H. King (cond.) 2, R. Stevens 3, L. Cordell 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Bingham 6. First quarter for 1 and 6, who were members of the old North Weald band. For evening prayer.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Moore 1, C. Coles 2, N. Chamberlain 3, A. Gammon 4, D. J. Roaf 5, F. A. Barrett 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, J. Wilks 8. First in method for 3 and 5. For Evensong.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wixey 1, P. Clarkson 2, C. Wixey (first of Triples) 3, P. Hurcombe 4, J. Watts (first of Triples) 5, F. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, S. Pugh 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. W. James, member of the Parochial Church Council, and Mr. W. H. Pryke.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hawksworth (first quarter) 1, Miss A. S. Noble 2, J. Stead (first quarter) 3, Mrs. S. H. Jones 4, J. H. Brittan 5, P. Marriott 6, S. H. Jones (cond.) 7, W. E. Minor 8. A farewell to Mrs. S. Campbell, a ringer at the above church, who has left for Hingham, Norfolk.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Layland (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Henderson 2, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 3, D. Bounds 4, R. E. G. Luton 5, P. Henderson (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Morey 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, I. Templeton 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 3,780 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, J. N. Chaddock 4, G. S. Lee 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Coate 8. Longest length of Grandsire Triples by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Murden (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, A. Barlow 3, S. Osborne (cond.) 4, P. Howitt 5, C. Underwood 6, J. Underwood 7, P. Fisher 8. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to J. Underwood, who is leaving Rugby for Nottingham.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. T. Pritchard (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, W. Fairbeard 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, P. Page 5, R. G. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, P. L. Dadds 8. A farewell to John Palmer, a regular ringer of St. Peter's band, who is moving to Berkshire.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Phillips 1, B. J. Luff 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, L. Stilwell 4, G. Francis 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. Wells prior to the induction service.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. J. Attwater 1, W. J. Bowden 2, M. Carter 3, R. G. Cross (cond.) 4, A. Warren 5, S. G. Peck 6, A. J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge (first of Major) 8. Rung at the conclusion of the church's gift day.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Hall 1, Miss M. Goodenough 2, Mrs. V. Glascodine (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Clarke 4, S. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough the previous Saturday.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, Elizabeth Yeld 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, J. N. Lindon 7, R. Smith 8. For Evensong.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, E. Brunger 2, S. Jenner 3, A. F. Wellington 4, G. Fry 5, E. J. Jenner 6, H. R. Harris 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Porter (first of Doubles) 1, A. S. Richards 2, I. Couch (first 'inside') 3, A. S. D. Graham (first of Doubles) 4, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 5, D. Holland (first quarter) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, A. Bishop 4, H. Cox 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, A. Bagworth (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Amor 1, H. Brooks 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, Miss P. Gray 4, A. Smith 5, J. Long 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, C. T. Hillis 6. For Matins. Also 1,272 Oswald Delight: Miss R. E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: Miss B. Philpot 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gower (first in method) 3, E. S. Ruck 4, C. T. Hillis 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. Also 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. A. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 St. Clement's: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss B. Philpot 3, L. C. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY HEATH OUTING

A really successful outing was enjoyed by the Bushey Heath band and their friends on September 22nd. All the towers visited had rings of eight, and four out of the six were rung from the floor. The band included some beginners, but these were never forgotten, but were encouraged to ring rounds and so increase their experience by ringing bells to which they were unaccustomed. The rest of the band contented themselves with Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. In the last tower of all a most satisfying course of Kent was successfully accomplished by several of the band for the first time.

The first tower visited was Knebworth. To reach the church we walked past the ornamental house of Lord Bulwer Lytton. From there we went to Bennington, which has a most interesting bell-ringing history within the memory of some of our ringers. The squire, himself an enthusiastic ringer, insisted that the people who worked for him became the same. It was one of his conditions of employment!

We had a first-class lunch at Royston and then went to the church where a wedding service was beginning. Afterwards the band rang the bride and bridegroom out with a touch of Bob Major. This report would not be complete without a special word of commendation for the bells. They went better than any rung during the day.

The last three towers were Much Hadham, Hunsdon and Hoddesdon. The homeward journey was enlivened by some tune playing on handbells. It was such an enjoyable day that there is not one who is not already looking forward to next year's outing.

THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Western District

In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' the question was asked: 'What happens to the ladies when there is a Ladies' Guild meeting?'. At Bowdon, Cheshire, on September 29th, the questioner would have seen, during the afternoon and evening, an attendance of 26 members of the Ladies' Guild, when a meeting of the North-Western District was held jointly with the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Guild. This was considered to be quite a satisfactory number, but even larger attendances in the future are hoped for.

At the business meeting, held in the Church Vestry by kind invitation of the Vicar, nine new members were elected. Afterwards, the ladies joined in the ringers' service, and then partook of a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, the head ringer, and the ladies who prepared such an enjoyable and satisfying tea.

The annual meeting of the district will be held at Manchester Town Hall on January 19th,

Sussex Division

A meeting of the Sussex Division was held at Bexhill-on-Sea on September 29th. Owing to two weddings during the afternoon, ringing did not commence until 3.30. At 4.45 p.m. a break was made for tea, followed by a short business meeting for the ladies, while the gentlemen rang for Evensong at 6 p.m.

At the business meeting six new members were elected, and thanks were extended to Miss C. Matthews for making arrangements for tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting (A.G.M.) on January 12th at St. Nicholas', Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held at Pentre on September 29th. The music of this grand ring of eight was heard very early in the afternoon. The Branch Master, Mr. Tim Yeomans, saw to it that all had a chance to ring.

Following a delightful service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Spencer Jones, visitors were invited to tea at the nearby Church Hall. A vote of thanks for the excellent refreshments, provided by the ladies of the church, was given by the Rev. V. G. Rees.

The Rev. R. Spencer Jones took the chair for the business meeting. Thirteen new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting, to be held jointly with the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, was fixed for Aberavon, probably on December 1st.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at North Bradley on October 6th was one of the best held for a long time. Some 55 ringers attended, including visitors from Bath, Frome, Weston-super-Mare, Nailsea, Chippenham, Radstock and Swindon. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar.

Tea was provided by the ringers and friends of North Bradley, for which special thanks were given. The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Weeks, who extended a welcome to the Vicar. In his reply, the Vicar said he would be pleased to see the Guild at North Bradley at any time.

Fifteen new members were elected, 14 of them being from Hilperton. The members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Derham, an old ringer from Holt, who had passed away.

Meetings were fixed for Holt and Warminster.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

During their tour of Ireland Desmond Painter (Master), Tony Howard (librarian) and Brian Cookson (secretary) of Cambridge University Guild called into Radio Eireann and were interviewed for the weekly feature 'Who's News?'. The interview was relayed for seven minutes on September 22nd, during which a perfect course of Bob Minor was rung on handbells.

In connection with the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner at Stoke Hotel, Guildford, tomorrow, at 6.30 p.m., there will be ringing at Stoke Parish Church from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Now with the R.A.F. at Habbaniya, Iraq, A.C. Martin, J., of Horsell, Surrey, writes expressing his thanks to all Wellington, Somerset, ringers for their kindness to him during his stay with the R.A.F. at Locking.

Mr. W. H. Male, of Warwick, on October 1st tapped Holt's Original in 3 hours 2 minutes. This is the 13th peal he has tapped on his bells without figures or any mental aid. These performances were witnessed by Mr. T. Male.

Extensive repairs are being carried out to Worksop church and tower, and ringing will be discontinued for about nine months. The Monday practice at Cuckney is being attended by Worksop ringers.

The peal of Doubles at Kirdford (Sussex) on September 15th was Sylvia Streater's (not Streeter) first peal of Doubles, and not her first peal, as erroneously stated. She has previously rung peals of Minor and Major methods.

The entire band at Marple, Stockport, have been taught from scratch by Mr. M. J. Pryer in 2½ years. There are now 14 ringers, of whom nine have rung quarter peals. All but two of the ringers are between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Unfortunately a recent peal attempt was lost after two hours' ringing, owing to a miscall.

Ronald Russell, late of Hallaton, Leics, and now of Corby, Northants, has just completed his 200 peals. Practically all of these have been rung in the 'hinterlands' on the borders of Leics, Lines, Northants and Rutland, and at towers where in the normal way little or no change-ringing is done. This total was only achieved after much hard work, long journeys and many disappointing setbacks. It speaks much for his enthusiasm and continued keenness. His total was only achieved with the help of many friends from Leicester, Billesdon, Stamford and Northants. Here are the totals:— Doubles 67, Minor 95, Triples 22, Major 16.

In connection with the rededication of the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, as reported on October 5th, Radio Eireann recorded the entire proceedings, and relayed extracts of the dedication, sermon and ringing in 'City Feature' on Monday, September 24th.

Over 30 members have been enrolled in the College of Campanology, ten of whom are members of the Central Council. The idea of a college or an institution of campanology was by a coincidence ventilated by Mr. F. E. Dukes in the spring issue of the 'Irish Bell News.' Mr. Dukes is an hon. examiner I for the College.

The peal rung at Ibstock, Leicestershire, on September 22nd, was arranged for the 30th anniversary of Mr. Ronald H. Dove's first peal, which was rung on these bells. Two of the original band, Messrs. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and Joseph W. Cotton, of Overseale, took part.

Arising out of the appeal in 'The Manchester Guardian' by the Dean of Lichfield for £200,000 for the famous 'Three Spire Cathedral,' the Dean received a donation of £1 from 'Just a ringer' for the supreme pleasure he had had of ringing the bells. Any other ringers had that very great pleasure? There must be hundreds.

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CUMBERLANDS OUT OF THE DOLDRUMS

ENCOURAGING REPORT AT ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, the Master, was a genial chairman at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at 'The Old Bell,' Holborn, on October 6th. He was in the happy position of being able to report a successful year and that the Society was out of the doldrums. Mr. Audsley is the first Master of the Society who has rung in 1,000 peals, and he was the recipient of many congratulations.

After the toast of 'The Queen,' Mr. W. R. Winterton proposed the toast of 'The Church.' In a witty speech he said they would like to express their gratitude to the Church authorities for making ringing possible. After all, bells were not absolutely necessary for the Church, and it was almost impossible to pass any of the old churches without hearing the tick-tack of the death-watch beetle. Since the last dinner the Rev. Charles Edwardes, their Vicar of St. Martin's, had been appointed Bishop of Worcester. He wrote and congratulated him on his appointment.

The Rev. Gordon Blacktop, Vicar of Thames Ditton, replied, and said that throughout the centuries the Church had mothered the arts, such as music, painting and sculpture, and he supposed that campanology was one of the youngest of the arts the Church had mothered. He thought a mother had her greatest affection for her youngest, and that probably accounted for the affectionate feeling that existed towards bell-ringers. He would not say that bell-ringers had been tied to the Mother-Church's bell-ropes, but they had been very close friends.

THE EXAMPLE OF THE PAST

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, who recalled some of the achievements of the past. On March 27th, 1784, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the Society rang 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, which if the records he had were true was the first peal rung by only ten men. That was a great feat because ringing was very different in those days and such a performance was something for our young ringers to strive for.

There were many other notable performances. In 1801 they rang the only peal of Court Bob Royal, which until the end of 1932 was the only peal recorded in the method. In 1807 the Society must have been in a very good position as far as money was concerned, because they presented two new trebles to Shoreditch to make it a ring of 12. There were two other peals of merit rung during that period—7,104 Treble Bob Maximus, rung by 12 men, and 5,200 Treble Bob Royal, at St. Mary-le-Bow.

The Society also did valuable work in writing on the art, and he would mention the publication of George Gross and his two sons, Shipway, Jones, Reeves and Blackmore. In the field of composition they should also mention Joseph Riley, John Cox and Henry Dains. The modern age was well represented by George Cross, J. D. Matthews and their present Master, and it was an honour to think that the present Master was one of the few who had rung more than 1,000 peals during their lives. Of Mr. Audsley's achievement, over 300 peals were rung in three adjacent towers.

The Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he did not claim to have rung 1,000 peals, but to have rung in 1,000 peals with the assistance of ringers up and down the country. He thanked those ringers who took part for their assistance, and also the clergy who granted their permission.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

So far the Society had had a very successful year. They had a good meeting at Westerham in conjunction with the Tonbridge District, and also at Great Waltham and Chelmsford. The meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill was also very successful. Peals rung so far this year were Stedman Caters at St. Martin's, Double Norwich at Portsmouth, seven Minor methods at Bosham, Minor at Preston Candover, two peals of Doubles at Stoke D'Abernon, Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral and Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's.

Members stood in remembrance of Messrs. W. H. Theobald, S. Shellock, W. J. Nudds, F. May (who died in Cape Town) and W. T. Elson (who although not a member of the Society frequently attended their dinners). New members made during the year more than compensated for their losses by death.

The Master said there was a question as to whether they had had a successful year. Personally he thought they had. Although ringing at St. Martin's and Shoreditch was not as prominent as in the old days, members were fulfilling their commitments in the suburban towers. They must thank Mr. Tom Francis for making a great effort in maintaining ringing in St. Martin's.

A FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Exford ringers on their peal! This new band has only been ringing two years. Mr. F. W. T. Phillimore, who could himself handle a bell and was the only one who could, was asked by a former captain if he would try and get a company together.

They got 'The Ringer's Handbook' and taught themselves change-ringing with, Salisbury Guild officers believe, no outside help.

Last February they asked if they could join the Guild, and the eight members of the team were elected at the next meeting when their standard of ringing was very good. Now comes the news of their triumph—their first peal.

He was afraid ringing in the Metropolis so far as the Society was concerned was on the down grade, but as long as they had country members ringing and maintaining their service ringing and standard of striking, he was sure the Cumberlands would still do good work.

That day they had pleasure in ringing at St. Martin's and St. John's, Waterloo Road, and he would like to express the Society's thanks to the incumbents.

Mr. F. J. Cullum proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He accorded a special welcome to the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and hoped they were having a successful year. They welcomed members from Newark and also experts from Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Birmingham. They were also pleased to have with them the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was a Cumberland.

Squadron Leader J. S. Mason and Mr. T. W. White replied to the toast.

An enjoyable entertainment was provided by Betty Chapman (songs), Dorothy Brown (piano), Peter Brown (monologues), Stan Brown (compere) and Bunny Chapman (comedian).

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Audsley were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Sqdn. Leader J. S. Mason (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. W. R. Winterton and Mr. P. N. Bond (hon. secretary of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), the Rev. G. Blacktop, the Rev. G. Greig (Vicar of Walton); Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. G. Verrill, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. N. North, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mrs. E. Matthews; Messrs. G. Paul, D. Bartholomew, F. W. Burnett, A. House, T. Clark, C. J. Matthews, F. W. Midwinter, D. T. Matkin, C. Copp, A. G. Mason, C. E. Slade, J. Cone, N. Steere, J. Leeming, G. Carter, A. Butler; the Misses J. W. Garner, E. W. Keys, M. Reay, E. Fletcher, N. Shorter, B. Mason, P. Miller, Nolan, S. H. Dovey, Wooller, J. Peacock, E. Arthur, Green, B. Thompson, M. Prockson.

Apologies were received from the Rev. Meredith Davis, Messrs. A. Harding, A. R. Ling and Ian Oram. The Essex Association, who were holding their dinner that evening, sent their fraternal greetings.

THE MAN FROM PHILADELPHIA

A Devon Welcome

When a lady approached me recently and said she had a cousin coming from America to stay in Sidmouth for a few days, could I kindly arrange some ringing, as he was interested in bell-ringing, I agreed to do so with a certain amount of diffidence.

A few days later Mr. Morris A. Turner, of Philadelphia, was introduced to me, and on spotting the badge of the Peterborough Guild in his coat lapel, any qualms regarding the ringing quickly disappeared.

'Get cracking' seemed to be the next move, so the following evening (Wednesday) we were ringing at East Budleigh (6, tenor 9 cwt.) and Otterton (6, 12 cwt.). Friday evening a quarter peal in three methods was attempted at Harpford (6, 7 cwt.), and after ringing 360 of Plain Bob Minor and 720 Grandsire Doubles a trip in the last 180 of Stedman Doubles brought the well-struck effort to an end. As Mr. Turner remarked in a 'slight drawl': 'Gee, that was good striking, and I sure guess we were going places.' Those taking part were G. C. Woodley 1, Betty Smith 2, M. A. Turner 3, P. Davis 4, E. W. Rowe (conductor) 5, K. Clarke 6.

On Saturday Exeter Cathedral was visited, where Mr. Turner had a touch of Grandsire Caters, strapped the 72¼ cwt. tenor to a 12-bell touch and lowered the treble, 11th and 10th (all singly). Sunday morning, Sidmouth (8, 12 cwt.) and Sidbury (8, 16 cwt.) were visited, and in the evening St. Mark's, Exeter (8, 12½ cwt.) and Alphington (8, 16 cwt.), where call-changes were rung.

Monday evening found us at Ottery St. Mary (8, 18 cwt.), where we also met the president of the Devon Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox). Tuesday evening a quarter peal, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, was rung at Honiton Clyst (8, 19 cwt.), those taking part being E. R. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, M. A. Turner 4, A. Holway 5, E. W. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (conductor) 7, E. Morgan 8. The first quarter peal for Mr. Turner since 1908. Then on to Sowton (8, 9¾ cwt.) for touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. Wednesday we visited St. Paul's, Honiton (8, 12½ cwt.) and Offwell (6, 9 cwt.). Thursday was the last evening for Mr. Turner in Devonshire and it proved a grand climax as we rang a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor at Brampford Speke (6, 5½ cwt.), this being Mr. Turner's first peal since 1908.

On behalf of Mr. Turner and myself I would like to thank the incumbents for granting permission to ring at short notice, also the ringers of East Devon for their kind and ready co-operation.

E. W. R.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION SUFFOLK TOUR

The Story of Lost Peals

THERE are memorable features about each U.A. tour. Members who were present often recall the wonderful accommodation at Wortley Hall, Nottingham, or the number of handbell peals rung at Oxford in 1953. This year's tour was something of an anti-climax, the most outstanding features being the number of peals lost and the fact that no one had more than one sheet on his or her bed.

The tour was held from Saturday, August 25th, to Saturday, September 1st, based on Leiston Abbey, Suffolk, a restored abbey owned by the local diocesan authorities. Members assembled during the day in Ipswich, where arrangements had been made for ringing in four churches, including St. Mary-le-Tower, then at 6 p.m. set off by car and motor-cycle on the 20-mile trip to Leiston.

A HANDBELL RACE

On Sunday morning the Rev. Malcolm Melville officiated at Communion in the abbey's Lady Chapel, allowing people to lie abed a little later than would have been possible if they had had to go to Leiston. It had been arranged that we should help local companies with their ringing for morning service, and this gave tower snatchers an opportunity to ring at some churches which would not be visited at any other time during the week. During the rest of the day some swam, a few visited Dunwich where a church recently fell over the cliff edge and where, some say, the bells can still be heard beneath the waves; a peal of Minor was rung at Blythburgh and another was lost through bad conducting at Aldeburgh. The evening's handbell ringing was enlivened by a race in which two teams in the same room with equal-sized bells each rang a course of Bob Major: the result was a dead heat.

The tour proper began well. We arrived at Halesworth, the first of Monday's churches, ten minutes early, in fact before the Rector and the member of the local company who came to welcome us. Our next stop was Beccles, a place well known to several of the members: Jumbo Seager had lived there for several years, and Malcolm Melville had rung there in a rather fast U.A. peal to celebrate V.J. Day (which peal was later discussed at length in the correspondence column of 'The Ringing World'). After lunch the mob went off to Lowestoft and Pakefield while a select band visited Stradbroke and lost a peal of Little Bob Royal. When we revisited Stradbroke later in the week we found that there were trapdoors by which sound entering the belfry could be adjusted—if only we had realised. Losing the peal did, however, enable us to have some tea and join the main party at Southwold, where we arrived in time to witness a course of Yorkshire Major for a 'beginner' in which every other member of the band made a mistake, while the learner went serenely on without a trip.

In the evening we held what was probably our quickest ever general meeting. The most important decision was that next year's tour should be held in Yorkshire, probably based on Bingley but with Sheffield as a second possibility.

HYBRID No. 6

Tuesday was a day to which some of us had been looking forward for quite a long time, the day for an attempt to ring a peal of York's new method, Hybrid No. 6. We had arranged to attempt this method last January, but had to cancel our try at the last minute, so immediately upon our arrival at Leiston we decided that it should be our Debenham effort. At Debenham we were very pleased to meet Mr. Peter Laflin, of Cheshire—well known to most of us— who was on holiday in Suffolk and had rung in a peal in this tower the previous Saturday. After adjusting the ropes to suit us, we set off and rang for about half-an-hour: reasons given for the failure are various: some hold the view that a stat was omitted, while others aver that someone forgot to make a place—probably we shall never know the truth. We realised that we could not join the rest of the party who had gone to visit Laxfield, Fressingfield and Wingfield before lunch, so we headed for the local coffee house which, we discovered, was open every day except Tuesday.

In the afternoon a few of those who had unhappy memories of Stradbroke went on a private visit to Oakley, and later another party set out for an evening ring at Lavenham. Most of us spent the evening at Leiston practice where, helped by members of the local company, we rang methods up to Spliced Surprise.

That Subscription Business

Perhaps this might catch the eye of one of those who have neglected to renew their postal subscription! This is a last reminder. Please send at once to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: One quarter 7s. 6d, six months 14s. 6d., 12 months £1 8s. New subscribers should also note the above rates. They are welcome.

Wednesday began with Corporate Communion, again celebrated by Malcolm Melville in the Lady Chapel. The morning then saw a continuation of our peal losing activities, when Double Norwich came to grief after two hours of good ringing at Leiston. The remainder of the party visited Dennington and Framlingham before lunch, which was eaten at a tavern about a mile from Framlingham on the road toward Debenham. For the second successive day the handbells were produced and a course of Stedman Cinques brought round. This was done in the open air to give the performers more room and the photographers a sporting chance of taking a decent picture. Ringing in the afternoon was at Debenham, Stonham Aspal and Henley officially, and unofficially at Coddenham.

A WATERSPOUT

Only two-thirds of the party went back for supper; the others had been bribed by Paul Taylor into making the hundred and odd mile trip to Coggeshall in Essex to inspect his firm's most recent handiwork. Those who did return to Leiston were amazed by the accuracy of York-Bramble's weather forecasting service. His predicted storm came with such violence as to flood the roads in many places and fill the drains in Saxmundham so that a manhole cover was blown off and a waterspout appeared in the middle of the main street. The evening was a quiet one for most, but four who hadn't had enough went upstairs to ring a handbell peal of St. Clement's and, having forgotten to open the windows, fell asleep.

By Thursday, the speed of the tour was beginning to tell, and there was considerable difficulty in finding ten people who wanted to ring in the peal attempt at Stonham Aspal. Eventually ten willing ringers were found, and after a false start Roger Savory brought the peal of Grandsire Caters safely home in 3 hours and 5 minutes. Gus Edge, on the tenor, had the misfortune to find himself with an untucked rope-end after three-quarters of an hour, but though he collected a handful of blisters he kept the bell in its place to the end of the peal. Meanwhile, the main party had visited Tunstall, where five and six were rung kneeling down; then Hollesley and Woodbridge.

Thursday was easily the best day of the tour as far as weather was concerned, so good, in fact, that in the afternoon there were people sitting out in the churchyard when they could have been ringing on a ten as good as Grundisburgh.

Our last full day began with a visit to Eye where, after enjoying the good bells, we saw the site of Mr. Day's old bell foundry and drank coffee. While we were in the tower someone had been busy labelling the cars; most of the names reflected the character of the occupants, one the character of the car.

A WORD FOR THE TENOR MAN

After an hour on the light eight at Palgrave we had lunch, then went on to the fine ring at Diss, where we would have liked to stay longer. Next came Pulham St. Mary. Mrs. McGuiness, though not ringing, had not been wasting her time, and announced that tea had been arranged at Harleston. On then to Redenhall, where immediately opposite the tenor box is the notice: 'Use no bad words, this is a sacred place.' We finished the tour's ringing with a listener's special request, a touch of four spliced which required no bad words to be used.

After supper we had our usual social evening. We missed the professional services of Geoffrey Carter, but York and Charlie McGuiness had laid in a fair supply and Jumbo obviously knew how to serve it out. Entertainment included a demonstration of telepathy (or was it clairvoyance?) by that eminent mind reader Professor A. Y-B. Presentations of a dolls' tea service to Mrs. McGuiness (champion tea organiser) and a dog collar and lead to Brian Threlfall (for his wife's use) were made; Stedman Cinques and Bristol Major were lapped on handbells, and Wilf Moreton demonstrated his expertness in the bathing of babies. The evening ended with an hilarious game of musical arms with A. Y-B. at the piano.

On Saturday morning there was no hurry to rise; goodbyes were said, and a band of eight stalwarts set off for Woodbridge to try to ring Superlative. They failed, but learned that 'Andrew Fosdike went up and down this steeple seven times in 27 minutes in the 67th year of his age, March 15th, 1753.'

So ended a successful tour, successful even if there were no sheets. W. L. R.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob Minor: Miss D. Robinson 1, I. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Reasonable people welcome criticism; but on behalf of the several members of the Central Council who are Governors of the College, may we protest against the utterly untrue and malicious attack of Mr. Philip Corby?

The first article (see page 492, middle column) actually made clear an objective of the College as being work for, and aimed at receiving the commendation of (based on achievement), the Central Council. If Mr. Corby had really looked into the matter he would have found no basis for his accusations, but that—

(1) This is *not* a 'private project launched in these columns,' but one born of years of endeavour and sponsored by many leading ringers who have the *future* of ringing, dependent upon *training*, at heart. And we all support the paper because its columns are open for such objectives.

(2) It is *not* (as he says) 'intended to usurp the functions of the Council.' On the contrary, it exists to implement them, particularly by fostering efforts to approach more nearly to the Council's standards and dicta.

(3) It is *not* 'imposing arbitrary standards on the Exercise whether we like it or not.' But its members (all voluntary!) work to certain standards essential for the maintenance of a reasonable level of attainment and efficiency, embodied in a manual of reference. Its content is being openly offered for the information and help of those interested in maintaining our art in the future, that is, in the field of training.

(4) The content of the first Part of the Manual (now being serialised) is the collated evidence of good teaching and good performance of ringing as observed and noted down over nearly 50 years; and has been proved in the practice of instruction. It is in no sense regarded as 'the last word,' but rather as a provisional working basis of the College in 'Part I.' It invites comment and constructive criticism, so that the Governors may review, in the light of the further experience thus gained, the complete serialisation.

It is, of course, of no benefit to anyone that such ill-founded statements as Mr. Corby's should be made; but the College is not deterred. Publication, in due course, of the measure of widespread support by responsible and well-known ringers may surprise him. But then, progress is hardly attained by looking no further than the end of one's nose—where almost anything may appear as 'nonsense.'—Yours very truly.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

UTILISING AN IDEA

Dear Sir,—A peal composition of Plain Bob published recently in 'The Ringing World,' utilising sixths and fourths place bobs, brought to mind a composition that I produced some years ago and which might be of interest to readers. It contains the extent with 7-8 unaffected, if used to clean proof Surprise Major methods (which, of course, is unobtainable with one type of bob).

I give here the original composition of 13,440 Bristol Surprise Major and example of using the same idea with the other types of method.

1	0	0	1	W	H
2	—	—	—	2	—
2	—	3	—	2	—
3	2	2	—	3	2
—	2	3	2	—	2
—	—	—	—	—	—
	4	4			6

Repeat each one four times.

N.B.—6ths place bobs in 8ths place methods. 4th place bobs in 2nds place methods. 4 means 4 place bob; 6 means 6 place bob.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN CATTELL.

Leicester.

DERBYSHIRE PEAL TOUR

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the committee and members of the Derbyshire Association I wish publicly to acknowledge the generosity of the members of the party which recently visited Derbyshire and who so readily agreed to honour the gentleman's agreement for the payment of 6d. per rope as a peal fee towards Association funds.

The success of the tour ensured a very welcome addition to Association funds, and the handsome payment came at a time when the committee had considered it necessary to warn members that in the very near future attention would have to be paid to the financial position of the Association.

It was with much pleasure that 22 of the party were unanimously elected to non-resident life membership of the Association, and the sincere hope is expressed that the facilities offered for peal ringing in Derbyshire fulfilled all the expectations of the visitors.

The report of the tour in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' was certainly very impressive, and proved of great interest to ringers in the district. Perhaps local peal ringers may now be spurred to greater efforts in future.—Yours, etc.,

A. B. COOPER.

WE OWE AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—The gently ironical 'dead pan' humour of George Fearn has claimed another victim—yourself.

Based, no doubt, on the hostelry badinage of a Derbyshire ringing week, Belfry Gossip announces that Ralph Edwards is now in Birmingham and his name expected to be seen among St. Martin's Guild peals during the coming winter. All over the country wild-eyed wives and frustrated fiancées are flourishing 'The Ringing World' at their cowering menfolk: 'So much for that tale about a weekend ringing in Birmingham at Ralph's last winter. Well, where *did* you go?'

During his 3½ years in Birmingham, Ralph Edwards may occasionally have shown minimum enthusiasm towards first peals of Surprise Major, from Alaska to Zanzibar, or 'a good peal of Cambridge' amid the ice-strewn wastes of Bishop Ryder's church. His annual contribution to the St. Martin's Guild peal total has been a mere two-score or so. Just a guest artiste, George Fearn would consider. But at least, sir, a local guest artiste.—Yours in consternation,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Bath.

HIGHEST INN IN ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—With the report of the activities of the Derbyshire tourists, the need for a Bell-ringers' Guide to the Inns of Britain becomes increasingly apparent. Next year, they must journey to Yorkshire and climb the extra 42 ft. from which the 'Tan Hill' looks down upon the 'Cat and Fiddle.' Sorry, Tom, but this is one record you cannot have this year.—Yours sincerely,

D. W. BEARD.

Cheltenham.

A Quiz For Handbells

The Witney Ringing Society is running a competition of a not-too-serious supply-the-missing-word quiz to raise funds for their handbells, which have just arrived from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where they have been augmented and retuned. If anyone would like to test his skill, competition forms may be obtained, price one shilling, from the secretary, Mr. David J. Smith, Merryfield House, Witney. Three prizes of book tokens, amounting in all to 30s., are offered.

RAVEN HAS BEEN DEAD 50 YEARS

A peal board in Eye Church ringing chamber reads:—

'On September 24th, 1906, was rung here a true peal of Bob Major, 5,056 changes in 3 hours 17 minutes, a funeral peal for the Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D., bell historian. Frederick Brunning treble, Hubert J. Day 2nd, Elijah Broom 3rd, George E. Day 4th, William Stannard 5th, Frederick Day 6th, Ernest F. Poppy (conductor) 7th, David Whiting tenor.

'The peal by C. H. Martin, of London, have only 5-6 in 5-6 at course-ends. Rev. J. F. Stephen Pritchitt, M.A., Vicar. Charles Tacon, Esq., Frederick Whaite, Esq., churchwardens.'

Note the name of the treble ringer—Fred Brunning. He was then 22 and it was his first peal. Note George Day, the bell-hanger, and his son Fred, and Fred's son Hubert, also in the business.

On the evening of September 24th—50 years after the peal—eight ringers rang touches of Bob Major on the same bells. Fred Brunning, now tower captain, was on the treble as before, the others being Charles Catchpole (Dickleburgh), John Girt (Eye). Arthur Cook (Rickinghall Superior), Ernest Chilvers (Brockdish), Harry Moss (Scole) (conductor), Tom Ford (Palgrave) and Ted Etheridge (Fressingfield) (tenor).

It was appropriate that a Fressingfield ringer should take part because Dr. Raven was vicar of Fressingfield at one time. 'Church Bells of Suffolk,' 'Bells of England,' etc., are Raven's works, and only a week ago his daughter, Miss Raven, who had been living at Fressingfield, moved to Southwold, and some of her household items she left for sale for Fressingfield Church funds. They realised £103.

The only two ringers, still living, of those in the 1906 peal are Fred Brunning and William Stannard, the latter now residing in the Bury St. Edmunds district.

C. R.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Youth Support Ashtead Meeting

The feature of the Northern District's quarterly meeting at Ashtead on September 29th was the large proportion of young people present. Ashtead's pretty setting in the park was enhanced by a fine autumn afternoon, and the interior of the church was beautifully decorated for Harvest Festival.

Mr. F. E. Collins, the District Master, was in charge of the ringing. This was in the more elementary methods, but a good level of striking was maintained. The service was followed by an excellent tea, provided by Mr. J. T. Symonds and his band of local ringers.

The routine business was quickly dealt with, and two new members were elected. The date of the nomination meeting was advised as being November 10th, and not as originally planned. After the votes of thanks, which were stressed with more than usual enthusiasm, the company adjourned to the belfry for more ringing.

W. P.

The Rev. Eric Perkins

Ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, will very much miss their very good friend the Rev. Eric Perkins, who on October 6th was inducted to the benefice of Slough Parish Church. It was mainly due to his interest in the bells that Boyne Hill bells were rehung in 1954. Ringers of St. Mary's, Slough, will find in him a very sincere and understanding friend. An attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters to welcome him to Slough unfortunately came to grief after 1¼ hours' good ringing.

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

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PART I. — 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

(Continued from page 653)

SECTION VIII. (Lesson 6)
PLAIN HUNTING (Silenced) AND TONE RECOGNITION

106. **Taking Stock.** — For ringers perusing these notes with genuine interest in ringing training, this would seem to be an appropriate moment to invite them to 'take stock' of their own position as members of a tower band, especially where instruction is contemplated or being attempted. In any case, no matter how good the ringing in any tower may be at any given time, unless the band has trainees the future of the ringing in that tower is threatened. This is a categoric statement, the truth of which may be argued convincingly with factual examples of the general law. In short, it is every ringer's responsibility (and privilege) to devote some time to assisting in training beginners. Properly discharged, this duty never fails to pay dividends. When ringing instruction has reached the stage now being described, such assistance is indispensable to the Tutor; and if the desired minimum of three ringer assistants cannot attend the next two tutorial sessions, then these sessions must now be transferred to the tower's regular practice night, and at least the first half-hour of it must be devoted to the advancement of this work with the student-ringers. For the current lesson, four bells need to be silenced, raised and set at back, ready to begin. But, as previously, since only one student at a time can participate in the ringing, others can be usefully occupied meanwhile in other work—this time it is 'Tone Recognition.' And this is first introduced to the whole class. (Q T)

107. **Tone Recognition.** (S) It is important, from the outset, for the student to realise the value of using the ear, and that this is essential for good striking. Obviously a ringer must be able to recognise the sound of his own bell amongst the others before he can begin to aim at precision of its timing of sounding, since time intervals of ¼-second or less are of the normal order in change-ringing. Bells are tuned to give their dominant tones, each according to the notes of the diatonic scale; and they are numbered from those of the higher notes downwards, the treble being No. 1. So what must now be acquired is the ability to distinguish the bell-tone intervals. (Q)

108. **Use of Handbells.** (D) For this handbells may be used. (If not available the small, cheap dulcimer toy may be employed to good effect.) Suspend an octave of handbells on a broom-handle resting on the backs of two chairs, and use a wooden tapper if a padded one be not available. For the purpose of the exercise two well-known changes in conjunction with rounds will be used. If bells numbered 1, 3, 5, 7 (all the 'odds') be followed by 2, 4, 6, 8 (all the 'evens'), the well recognised change called 'Queens' is produced. If the two rows are written out in 'column form' they can be compared as to order of transposition of the numbers. Obviously the second row is obtained by transposing the numbers of the first row to this order: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th. If we now repeat this transposition we get the row 15263748. This is the well recognised change of 'Tittums.' If we again repeat the transposition, we obtain rounds once more. Apart from this interesting fact of transposition the 'tune' of each of these two changes is one easily recognised and is useful for our present purpose because of that fact. (The change-rows as given should be written on the blackboard for ready reference.) (Q)

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12345678 R
13572468 Q
15263748 T
12345678 R
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109. **The Common Chord.** — Having tapped out Rounds, Queens and Tittums, the Tutor next taps the four notes of the common chord, from the top downwards, that is upper doh, soh, me and doh (in the tonic sol-fa notation), repeated three or four times. **(Ex. 38.)** Then by questioning he elicits the numbers of the bells whose sounds correspond to these notes, i.e., treble, 4th, 6th and tenor. These tones can thus be 'fixed' in mind, and from this 'framework,' so to speak, the sounds or tones of other bells can be gauged. Reverting now to 'Queens,' the intervals can be gauged in turn, tapping two bells at a time; that is, first 1/3, then 3/5, then 5/7, and so on, comparing the tone intervals with those of the common chord. For example, the first interval of Queens, 1/3, can be heard to be one tone short of the first interval of the common chord, 1/4. (Bells 3 and 4 can then be tapped in turn to illustrate this fact.) The same process is repeated with Tittums. Eventually students will come to realise that the intervals in Queens are all thirds except the middle one which is a sixth; and that in Tittums they are fifths and fourths alternately. But by this time most students will be able to tell the number of any bell which is being tapped, i.e., in relation to the keynote of its scale, or, to the note of the tenor. This is synonymous with picking out the sound of your bell in the scale when you know which bell number it is; in other words, this is bell recognition in practice. (Q)

110. **Mental tone-telling.**—Most students will find it useful practice to try fixing notes 'in the head,' or quietly hummed or whistled, according to the keynote of the scale, or treble. **(Ex. 39.)** This can be done at odd moments when, for example, out walking, dressing, etc. The whole idea is to become 'automatic' in identifying any one note of the scale in relation to that scale, so that striking becomes precise. (Q)

111. **Plain Hunting (Silenced).** — Reverting now to the bell practice, the Tutor has his three assistants on bells 1, 2 and 3, and a student on the 4th. (The ringer on the 3rd will take charge when the Tutor returns to the rest of the class for tone recognition exercises.) Tutor first explains that the student will take his bell through the plain hunt path that he has already practised with hand-claps; that is, at 'Go!' he will hunt down to lead, make the whole pull there, and then hunt up again to finish with a whole pull behind. These movements, however, will be taken in stages, as three separate exercises. Before beginning these exercises, however, it is essential that the student realises, and puts into practice, the beat variation arising from the differences in rhythm between the steady beat of rounds (refer to Ex. 28, Article 96), and those of hunting down (quicker) and hunting up (slower). (Q T)

112. **Quicker and Slower Beats.** (S) Clearly, then, in the 'cutting under' of hunting down, the arc of bell-swing, and therefore the time interval between bell strokes, is less, so the beat is quicker. Similarly in the 'holding up' over the bell following, whilst hunting up, the arc of bell-swing, and therefore the time interval between strokes, is greater, so the beat is slower. In hunting then, the bell is manipulated at three different rates of beat. The first is at the normal beat—as when leading, place-making, lying. (And as in rounds.) The second is the quicker, as when hunting down. And the third is the slower, as when hunting up. This beat variation was not indicated—and probably not realised—during the hand-clapping exercises for hunting, etc.; but its observance in correct manipulation of what is, after all, a relatively heavy bell-mass, now becomes essential for good striking. (Q)

113. **Hunting down (Silenced). (Ex. 40.)** The exercise opens with a few rounds and after settling down to a steady beat, 'Go. Plain Hunting!' is given by No. 3 ringer. The student, having his bell to look after (for the first time) in conjunction with hunting, may find it helpful to recall the dodging and place-making exercises (34 and 36) he has recently taken on the third bell, when he had, at the start, to 'cut under' the bell he was following. Here he will be starting in the same way, and will then continue, at each stroke, cutting under the bell *he finds himself following* (there are only three, of course), until he finds himself at the lead. From what was established in Article 112 the beat will be quicker than the normal rounds beat he was pulling to, before 'Go!', until he actually strikes the lead, when his second blow there will be at the original (normal) beat. Here, No. 3 calls 'That's all' and 'Stand!'. The pupil has merely attempted hunting down, and the bells have come to rest after the change '4321.' The exercise is now repeated from the beginning. (Q)

114. **Rules (And Reasons!).** — So far the student may have been hunting by rhythm, and if he has done so without fault, he is making good progress. But now he may be given rules for hunting down: (S)

(1) 'Cut under the bell you are following, but INSTANTLY look round for the bell you are following on the cut stroke.' (Emphasise the utmost importance of this instantaneous look-round as the cut-under stroke begins, so that the next-to-follow rope is spotted before it gets under way. This is a secret of good 'rope-sight.') (Q)

(2) 'On higher numbers of bells (than four as now) you may keep in view the rope of the bell that you 'turned from behind' (explain fully), using it as your 'course' bell on the way down.' (Q)

Now repeat Ex. 40, but tacitly vary the order of 1 and 2 when in 1/2, so as to hinder student from 'ringing by numbers' only. (Q T)

Attention is drawn particularly to this order of tackling the hunting process, i.e., hunting *down* first, and to be mastered *before* hunting up is tried. (Hence the 'Stand' when student has led.) The reason is that most pupils are first put on the treble for hunting practice, starting with hunting UP, of course, and which they seem to find so much easier than hunting down that they tend to neglect to persevere with the latter. In this Cathedral system, hunting down ability is assured first. (Q T)

115. **Hunting Up.**—For this exercise the student takes No. 1 bell, and the ringer-in-charge No. 2. Ringers on 3 and 4 are tacitly told to vary their order of pulling in 3/4, so that (as in previous exercise) the student may not tend to 'ring by numbers.' **(Ex. 41.)** Opening with rounds until the beat settles down, the student is now gaining practice in 'leading off the last down' (as in Ex. 33, Article 101). On 'Go!' he makes his first move as in Ex. 35 (Article 102), where the dodging was performed by 'holding up at hand' over the bell following him. Here, he continues to 'hold up' at each stroke, over the bell following him, until he is lying behind and the row '4321' turns up again, when 'That's All' and 'Stand!' are called. All through these strokes after leaving the lead his beat has been the slower one of hunting up, of course. The exercise is then repeated until he is proficient. (Q)

116. **Hunting (silenced) both ways. (Ex. 41a.)** Student now returns to bell 4 with ringer-in-charge on bell 3. Exercises 40 and 41 are now combined and repeated without break between them, so that all four bells do plain hunting, and rounds repeats after the eight change-rows.

(Questions. Registration. Next week—last silent practice—'Bell raising and lowering.' Lower bells and 'open.' Clock ON.)

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

The annual gathering of the local districts of the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on October 6th. A fair day brought visitors from a wide area, of all ages from 2 to 82!

It was nice to see Reuben Sanders and his wife ringing together, with Reuben turning in the ninth to Cambridge Royal with his customary ease. Other veterans we were pleased to see included Walter Wolstencroft, Frank Smallwood, Jim Chapman and Tom Collins. Among the very younger generation were Bronwen Coles and Moira Turley, and very well behaved, too. Somewhere between these extremes was our old friend Bill Coles, complete with wooden leg! Well, anyway, it wouldn't bend, but perhaps we ought to say that he swings a fine leg in plaster. It was good to see him about again and to note the splendid recovery he is making after his recent accident. When he casts off his crutches, no doubt he will soon be climbing belfry stairs again.

With such a good sprinkling of the old hands, ringing was of a very good standard, and the half-course of Cambridge Royal after tea was excellent. The old 'uns said it was too fast—can't hear the beauty of the bells. The ten are Gillett and Johnston's. Simpson-tuned (1911), and to the listener a slower beat is, we think, preferable. The younger generation were said to be averse to having a bell on their arms and the cry goes up—push 'em along! At the Uxbridge tower earlier in the day, quick ringing seemed to suit the recently recast bells. They are much better than the old lot, which contained, we are told, a leather bell at number 7! The sound it gave did not disprove this contention. The ringing during the day ranged from Rounds to London Surprise.

The usual Hillingdon service, attended by choir and organ, with Ringing Master-cum-deputy organist Frank Price in charge. The Vicar being on holiday, our spiritual praise and thanksgiving was led by the curate. Mr. Cooper, in a few well-chosen words, also gave a warning about the demon of bellringing who can enter our lives until ringing becomes a complete end in itself. We turned this over in our minds and we had to admit that many of us allow ringing to rule our lives in that way. Remember the old saying—ringers and singers are no home bringers! The singing was as good as the ringing, and many visitors remarked how much they enjoyed the whole service.

The rest of the story is of the social side. A good tea, with unlimited cups of *hot* tea, was very welcome and much enjoyed. During this break, the curate took the opportunity to welcome the two Guilds to Hillingdon, while Fred Goodfellow conveyed to the meeting a message of greeting from Ernest Turner, the Middlesex Association's general secretary, whom he had visited a day or two before and found him looking well and of good spirit. (Some readers may possibly care to drop him a line to help break the monotony and undoubted weariness that a long spell in hospital entails. He is in D.2 Ward, Edgware Hospital, Middlesex.)

The evening social went with the usual swing, thanks to the untiring energy of Branch secretary Bill Butler. Our thanks to the Hillingdon and Uxbridge parsons and their ringers, particularly Tom Bannister and Bert Impey, for their hospitality, and last, but very definitely not least, to Mrs. Goodfellow, who has been catering for these meetings longer than she cares to remember, and her hard-worked friends.

Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, ringers hope to have the bells back by Christmas with two additional trebles and a new frame. Towards the cost of £1,600, only £100 is outstanding, a grant of £600 having been promised by the Barron Bell Trust to be paid on completion of work.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Probably the youngest among the many ringing societies in the universities, the Southampton University Guild has just completed its second successful session. Formed in November, 1954, with four ringers and five novices, at the end of the 1955-56 session the Guild consisted of 14 members, all proficient ringers. Because of the increased number, two weekly handbell meetings have been held, in addition to the tower practice, the former being of great help in the teaching of change-ringing.

The Guild has been officially recognised now and is affiliated to the Students' Union of the University, possessing its own distinctive tie—gold and navy bells on a maroon ground. At the second annual general meeting held in March, the officers elected for 1956-57 were: Master, Mr. R. E. Finch; Deputy Master, Miss R. A. Carey, secretary and treasurer, Miss I. Inman; and committee member, Mr. M. V. White.

For Sunday ringing, the most important duty of all ringers, the Guild has attached itself to St. Mary's, Southampton, and members ring there at least once every Sunday. In addition, a different tower has been visited every month and the Guild has rung for services at ten towers, mostly within ten miles of Southampton.

Continuing the policy established in the first session, joint meetings have been held with other university societies: with London and Oxford in London in November, with Reading at Whitchurch and Overton in March and again at Salisbury in May. The Guild is also grateful for a most enjoyable day's ringing in Bristol, organised by Bristol Society on the last day of its Easter tour.

During the Christmas vacation a party visited the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where a few were pleased to be able to strike a few changes on the newly-cast St. Clement Danes' bells, which were awaiting hanging. It is hoped to visit Loughborough Foundry also in the coming session.

Several other ringing outings have been held—in the New Forest, the Test Valley and the Winchester and Bournemouth areas, visiting five, seven, seven and six towers respectively. Several members joined the North Stoneham band on their annual outing to Berkshire and Bucks. The Guild attended the annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild at Ryde in July, ringing at six towers on the Island. Altogether, over 90 towers have been visited in the session, 36 of these during the ringing week at Easter in North Somerset.

All members have made considerable progress in change-ringing. Many methods, simple and intricate, have been rung, and to a certain extent everyone is conversant with the two main methods, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Five quarter peals have been rung—two of Grandsire Doubles, two Bob Minor and one of Grandsire Triples, on the eve of the University Commemoration Day in May.

Seven members, conducted by a member of Birmingham University Society, rang a peal in November, 1955; it is hoped to score an all-Southampton University peal in the near future.

Handbells have been put to a lighter use when townsfolk and travellers have been regaled with carols at Christmas time and popular tunes at rag time, as well as changes on six or eight bells and the favourite of the Guild (almost its signature tune), 'The Bells of St. Mary's.'

The Guild extends a warm welcome to any Freshers entering the University in October, whether experienced ringers or novices interested in the art. Those who would like information are invited to contact the secretary, c/o the University.

Members are once more extremely grateful for all the help given them and friendly welcomes extended to them by tower captains and ringing friends in the area. L. J.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on October 6th. By 3 o'clock the ringing chamber was well filled, and the bells were kept going until 4.30, when the Vicar (Canon N. G. Sharpe) conducted the service. Music was provided by the parish church organist (Mr. Griffiths). The Vicar gave a short address, in which he expressed not only his own thanks, but those on behalf of all the incumbents of the district, for the work of those who rang the bells. He was glad, he said, to see so many young members present. A collection was taken for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

A good tea had been arranged by the members of the Mothers' Union at the Parish Hall, and was served by these ladies.

The business meeting followed tea, with Mr. F. Willis in the chair. Five new members were elected and also the complete band of the newly-built church at Little Chart.

The secretary presented the report and balance sheet, which were adopted without discussion. There were 152 adult members and 17 juniors on the books, but of this number about ten per cent. were uncertainties as they had neither paid their subscriptions nor given any explanation for not doing so. (N.B.—These numbers do not, of course, include the newly-elected members.)

The election of officers followed. Mr. W. P. Garner, the secretary, said he did not wish to stand for re-election as he thought three years was a reasonable period for an office-holder and that a change of secretary would probably bring new vigour and new ideas into the district. Mr. C. T. Hillis was therefore elected as the new secretary. Mr. J. Cooper and Mr. S. G. Waters were re-elected as District representatives. Mr. T. Cullingworth did not wish to stand for re-election as District Ringing Master, as his work and the distance he lived from the centre of the district made it difficult for him to attend the meetings as punctually as he would wish. Mr. J. Cooper was elected the new Ringing Master.

Mr. Waters gave a brief summary of last season's winter practices. It was agreed to continue these practices this year, except for the Lydd area, and the same members promised to organise them. The programme for the western part of the district has already been promulgated.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies, who arranged the tea.

About 65 members and friends were present from 17 towers. Ringing continued until 8.30 in methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

W. P. G.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. A. Mosedale 1, Miss B. A. Manning (first 'inside') 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. Rung for Michaelmas and as a farewell to the conductor.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. N. Bristow 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, Miss M. Alderman 3, P. J. Bird (first of Minor) 4, C. W. J. Tarr 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. A farewell to Miss M. Alderman, who is leaving the district.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Barker 1, R. J. Linsell 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, H. G. Felton 4, T. Earle (cond.) 5, H. C. Reason 6, A. Syder 7, A. Wiffen 8. For Evensong.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Cochrane 1, Jill Cochrane 2, C. G. Smith 3, T. Pryce (cond.) 4, J. H. Brittan 5, M. C. Dunn 6. With the band's compliment to their captain (J. H. Brittan) for his 65th birthday (September 26th).

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson (first 'inside') 3, A. Forsyth 4, R. Briggs (first quarter) 5, J. Ling 6, J. Boustead (cond.) 7, J. Grieves 8. For Evensong.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, R. Pye 2, J. Papworth 3, W. Arnold (cond.) 4, H. Nicholls 5, A. Elliot 6, C. Burton 7, E. Bright 8. Rung after the re-hallowing of the church (St. Peter-ad-Vincula) by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, no rebuilt after being partially destroyed by enemy action in 1940.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Shelagh Collins 1, D. A. Kirk (first quarter) 2, H. Charman 3, G. Charman 4, C. Stephens 5, L. Warner 6, W. T. Beeson 7, Ann M. Cox (first of Major as cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Bob and 540 Plain Bob): W. Sear 1, D. P. Jones 2, R. J. Scott 3, P. Mehew 4, J. G. Newman 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and as a thank-offering for the return of the Vicar after a serious illness.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Rablah 1, G. Hurrell 2, E. J. Coode 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Mounce 8. For Evensong and as a farewell to Roland Macleod on leaving for Cyprus.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Grainger 1, I. N. Pett 2, Angela Grainger 3, E. J. Munday 4, T. P. Harris 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. Rung for St. Matthew's Day.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Mayes 1, P. W. Tompkins 2, A. W. Dilley 3, G. Mayes 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Mager and Miss D. J. Hare, both ringers of Henlow, after peal attempt had failed.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. M. Matthews 1, D. N. Penrose 2, A. Carveth 3, Miss M. A. Birch (first of Stedman) 4, H. Harper 5, A. Burley 6, R. A. Southwood (cont.) 7, Miss P. R. Hosken 8. Rung after Evensong for harvest thanksgiving.

LANGLEY MARSH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Court, 720 St. Clement's and Plain Bob combined): R. Woodcock 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, P. Lawrence 3, D. J. Neal Smith 4, T. Price (cond.) 5, F. Price 6. Rung as a welcome to David Charles, son of the ringer of the fourth, and brother of the ringer of the second, born September 5th, 1956.

LYDD, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Boulden 1, Olive Boulden 2, Maisie Vantom 3, R. Hodgson (first of Triples as cond.) 4, A. Hicks 5, S. Boulden 6, D. Hodgson 7, L. Terry 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Edwards, formerly ringer and verger at this church.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 1, T. Barton 2, H. Springate 3, F. A. Mitchell 4, R. C. Burns 5, G. Kenward 6, P. F. Borer 7, E. C. Barton 8. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Miller 1, F. Burgess 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. Downing 4, B. Linnell 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, G. Burton 8. For the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert Wright Stopford as Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss D. Miller 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. A. Eldridge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Frost.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Yvonne Harding (first quarter) 1, A. M. Coombs (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Palmer 3, M. Williams 4, F. Rousell (cond.) 5, S. Philbrick 6, T. Yeomans 7, R. Escott 8. For harvest festival.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Mead (first of Stedman) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, L. Batley 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, F. P. Mead 5, F. Ranson 6, P. J. Hutchings 7, R. Hadaway (first quarter) 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (being one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Old Bob, All Saints, Marchington, Plain Bob and Kennington): J. King 1, H. Curtis 2, A. Osborne 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. A farewell to Kenneth D. Perkins, who is leaving the district for Manchester University.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Aley (cond.) 1, R. Springham 2, S. Brooks 3, S. Carter 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Aley 6, S. Clark 7, E. Rochester 8. For harvest festival.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gare 1, Beryl Higdon (first 'inside') 2, T. Higdon (first quarter) 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, D. Gare 5, J. Rendell 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Timothy Mead, verger and ringer at this church.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. Saunders 1, J. Warner 2, F. Lufkin 3, W. Arnold 4, E. Bright 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter 1, Mrs. E. G. North 2, I. Hughes 3, C. Webber 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, G. Walford 6.

OBITUARY

MR. W. T. ELSON

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Elson was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1892, and rang his first peal in that year. Recorded in his peal book are 46 peals (of which two are marked as false), the last one being a 'William' peal of Stedman Caters at Isleworth on February 23rd, 1935. He had previously taken part, on April 19th, 1902, in the first peal of Royal by a band of the same Christian name, at All Saints', Fulham.

In his youth, Mr. Elson was a member of a band who visited White Lodge, Richmond Park, and rang handbells in the presence of the lady who was to become Queen Mary. In 1949, on the occasion of her birthday, he wrote to Queen Mary and recalled this occasion to her: he received a very gracious reply from Marlborough House. Mr. Elson was very proud of several letters he had received from Buckingham Palace acknowledging copies of 'The Ringing World,' which he had sent, containing details of the ringing in honour of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and other royal occasions.

Ringing was not Mr. Elson's only interest. He had been a chorister at Putney for a very long time (believed to be about 40 years), and was a keen member of Twickenham Philharmonic Society, and at the age of 87 took part in their last choral concert. N. H.

NOTICES

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WARD—CORDWELL. — The engagement is announced between Alan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ward, of 8, Hadley Avenue, Manchester 13, and Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Cordwell, of 577, Middleton Road, Chadderton. 9144

MARRIAGE

ROBERTS — HOLAWAY. — On Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 1956, at All Saints', Carbis Bay, by the Rev. L. V. Jolly, Rector of St. Enoder, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, R.D., to Mrs. Eira Holaway, of Grey Mount, Carbis Bay. 9114

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MISCELLANEOUS

BELLRINGERS' TIES.—Initial stocks are now almost exhausted and orders will be filled in rotation as fresh supplies are received from the weavers. It is not too early to order *now* for Christmas.—The Aldershot Stores, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot. 9131

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Oct. 20th. Streatham. Immanuel 3.30 p.m. St. Leonard's, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting in Immanuel Church vestry 5.30 p.m. Nomination of officers. Own arrangements for tea; plenty of teashops in district—Zeeta recommended.—A. B. Peck. 9080

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available: Stoke, St. Michael's, and All Saints', Allesley, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Meeting at Savings Centre, entrance in Pepper Lane, at 6 p.m. Dinner at The Wine Lodge, The Burges, 7 for 7.15 p.m. Tickets 10s., from the Branch secretaries or J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9090

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of memorial tablet to the late Herbert Fields, of St. Neots, 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9083

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9105

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 20th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Dis. Sec. 9084

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, Saturday, Oct. 20th, 6 p.m. Ringing 3. Service 4.30 p.m.—D. Priestley. 9070

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish (6), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. 9069

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. 9101

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, St. Maryatte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, Oct. 24th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcomed.—Bullock, Sec. 9136

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Oct. 25th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7 to 9 p.m. Every effort to attend, please.—Hutchings (TUL 0800). 9125

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch—Quarterly meeting, Locking, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Waverley, West Lynne, Cheddar. 9113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Babcary, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 9129

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Malpas, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (at small charge) reserved for those notifying by first post, Oct. 24th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 9127

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free *only* for those notifying Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9141

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to Mr. F. Brown, 37, Newdigate Road, West Hallam. Trent bus 25 or 26.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 9117

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh (12), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Names for tea required.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9115

DONCASTER and SELBY DISTRICTS SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting to be held at Thorne on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—F. A. Staveley and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 9119

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Darlington, St. John's, 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Oct. 25th Mr. E. Burnett, 202, Brinkburn Road, Darlington.—E. P. Rock. 9142

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Combined Bristol City and Rural Branches. — Saturday, Oct. 27th, St. James' (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Church House. Notify by Oct. 24th.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 9116

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Laverton Village Hall. Names to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9132

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Minchinhampton, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Six bells, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after. Notify for tea by Oct. 24th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9134

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in bowls pavilion afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 24th to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, will be appreciated by the ladies.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9106

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 9111

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Codicote, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Beverley.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Association Dinner at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's, Chatham, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Rochester Cathedral, 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. Apply at once.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 9130

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6. Tea 5 p.m. Lovely light eight here (new).—Thornley, Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Liversedge, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea—please notify by Monday, Mrs. H. Jones, 240, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 9118

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social will be held at the Bull's Head, Shelthorpe, Loughborough, on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 10s. 6d., available from undersigned, or District secretaries. Ringing arrangements: Loughborough, All Saints' (10), and Foundry (10), 2.30 to 5 p.m. —B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 9138

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Scothern (6) Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3 Altham Terrace, Lincoln (20236). 9100

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 23rd, please, to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 9096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Enstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 9104

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice, Slough (10), Oct. 27th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. **only** for those names received by 23rd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9143

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Collingtree on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 9103

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Compton Bassett (5), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Rumming, 43a, Compton Bassett, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 9133

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, Oct. 27th, changed to Salehurst. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 24th, please, to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9110

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at East Meon (8) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 23rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 9109

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, to Mr. C. Osler, Fabians, Bramley, near Basingstoke, Hants.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9137

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.45 to 4 p.m.: Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9139

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-West District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (North-East District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Walthamstow, St. Mary's. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, E.17, will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, E.17. 9135

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 29th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Special meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3 p.m., when we shall be honoured with a visit from our new president, Mrs. K. Lock. I hope each member will make every effort to attend. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea to Mr. S. Dobbie, 4, Caldew Grove, Sittingbourne. —Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9073

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Sheffield on Nov. 3rd. Cathedral (12) 2.30–5 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Marie's room. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hurst, 23, Carver Street, Sheffield 1. 9146

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Middleton Cheney, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. No names no tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9121

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook.—C. W. Towers 9112

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 19th annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 5.45 p.m. Ample seating accommodation. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to Evensong; All Saints' (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each available up to Tuesday, Oct. 30th, from any member of Dinner Committee, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9102

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Preliminary notice. The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tickets (10s. 6d.) on sale shortly.—R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9145

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NOTES ON RECENT PEALS

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

I THOUGHT some readers would be interested in a few facts concerning some of the peals rung in the past two or three months, i.e., facts concerning first in the method on the bells, rarely heard of towers, nearly 'conquered' towers, etc. Perhaps such details could form the basis for a short article every now and again. If so, here is the first of them.

To mention towers which appear frequently first, one finds that there have already been more peals rung at Willesden this year than in the whole of last. This church has heard 147 peals since the last war, and very few towers can beat that number. Oxford, St. Ebbe's (the most popular of that city's towers), has had over 80 in the same period. I notice that Hughenden is nearing the 300 mark of peals — 298 is its total, I believe, whilst Warsop has just reached its half century. Although St. John's, Waterloo Road, has a grand total of 186, I confirm that the peal in July was the first for 34 years, the previous one being on July 19th, 1922. That is a very long silence even allowing for the war damage.

To go on to towers which have appeared for the first time for a long time, we find Fulbeck had its first since 1937; Frensham, the first since 1939; Little Missenden's only previous peal was also in that year. Bromham (Wilts) scored its first peal for 25 years, whilst Newton Abbot (I confirm) had its first since 1909. It was the fourth peal on the bells.

Another even longer silence was at South Harting. Again, I confirm the claim that the recent peal was the first since May 24th, 1903, when Minor in seven methods was rung as the first peal on the bells. We find a 43 years' silence at Saddington (Leics), where the only previous peal (Grandsire Doubles) was rung in February, 1913, South Harting 53 years, Saddington 43 years and then St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, 33 years silent, the last peal here (also Grandsire Doubles) being on March 21st, 1923. Barsham is also in the long silence category. There had only been one peal rung here before—on October 17th, 1912. Huntington (Yorks) had not appeared in the peal columns since 1926, but there had been two previous peals.

The touring bands found some little rung bells for their peals. In Cumberland and Westmorland, Orton had its first peal since 1933 (both the last peals were Cambridge), Carlisle Cathedral its first since 1931 (by the way, in connection with the recent letters about the first peal of London in the county, a peal of this method was rung at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in 1931), whilst Cleaton Moor had its first since 1936, the peal being the first of Surprise on the bells.

The Derbyshire tour found the various bands managing to make history in most of the towers visited. Ilkeston, West Hallam, Hayfield, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derby (St. Peter's), Fairfield all had the first peals in the particular method rung at them. Derby, St. Luke's, had its first peal of Surprise, whilst Dore had its first peal of Superlative since 1909. Shirland's last peal was in 1931 (three in all), whilst Killamarsh had likewise been silent for 25 years even though it has had 66 peals in all (a very good number for a six-bell tower). The outstanding band at this tower some 40–50 years ago was noted in the article on Peal Ringing in Derbyshire. Hope has only had four peals in 25 years.

Towers rarely seen in the peal columns noted recently are Kegworth, Hawarden, Oxford (St. Mary Magdalene's), Rochdale (St. Chad's), St. Gluvias (Cornwall) and Cwmcarvan.

Other points of interest concern Croft and Marston. The former is only the second six-bell tower to reach the century mark for peals, so deserves special mention. I actually made the claimed 100th peal the 99th, and the one appearing in 'The Ringing World' of August 24th, the 100th. I should be grateful to compare notes with those concerned if they will write to me. Marston (5) has had nine peals in the last two years and now has 18 in all. This means that it is now third on the list for most peals in the five-bell towers, only Warkton and Pytchley having more than that. I confirm that the peal at Whixley was the first on the bells, but I fear the claim for the first two-method peal at Kingstone cannot be established — one was rung there on November 21st, 1931.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	*Treble*	*William C. Porter	6
Walter F. Judge	2	J. Richard Chaundy	7
George W. Holland	3	George E. Green	8
Thomas E. Roberts	4	Francis A. White	9
Edmund E. Pearson	5	Edgar J. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* 200th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Frank C. Price	*Treble* / 2	Michael V. Chilcott	6
		David E. Parsons	7
Michael P. Moreton	3	John E. Chilcott	8
Kathleen E. Weller	4	Frank E. Darby	9
John S. Mason	5	Albert J. Adams	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar Bennett. Conducted by David E. Parsons.
The band are indebted to Mr. Frank Price for ringing two bells, owing to the sudden indisposition of one of their number.

BRISTOL.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Joan Gray	*Treble*	*†F. Allan Bennett	6
*†Philip F. Cooper	2	Frederick S. Savage	7
Valerie W. Willard	3	Percy W. Cave	8
†Barbara J. Beeson	4	Philip M. J. Gray	9
James E. Bennett	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal outside Australia.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

John W. Griffiths	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	6
Henry O. Baker	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
George F. Sperring	3	*Alexander J. Martin	8
Dennis H. B. Millward	4	Brian D. Threlfall	9
Arthur Pritchard	5	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Bob Royal.
A birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia Pillinger, niece of the second ringer.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb.

*Bridget A. Sanger (13)	*Treble*	Richard J. Crago	6
Anthony J. Sanger	2	Robert G. Field	7
†David M. C. Hill	3	Gwilym Salmon	8
†John R. Badman	4	Henry J. Sanger	9
Arthur H. Reed	5	Arthur J. White	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Hawkins. Conducted by Henry J. Sanger.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.
With the exception of the ringers of 5 and 8, all are members of the local band.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	Reginald G. Hooper	6
H. Percy Sparks	2	Michael J. Best	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	*James E. Looker	8
Trevor E. Marks	4	Thomas J. Setter	9
*Leslie E. Parris	5	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger J. Fox, a member of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*Roger K. Stretton	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
Brian G. Warwick	2	John A. Smith	6
Ernest J. Jelley	3	John M. Jelley	7
E. Charles Turner	4	Brian S. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by Andrew J. Corrigan. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Alan Thornton	*Treble*	*John Potts	5
Edward M. Bradley	2	Alan Sheppard	6
D. Margaret Hawley	3	Ernest Short	7
G. Fred Terry	4	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.
A wedding compliment to Mr. David Lawson and Miss Frances Welsh.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Alex. Richardson	*Treble*	Mrs. Gladys Richardson	5
*Elizabeth M. Bagshaw	2	*†Sidney Hough, jun.	6
Henry Kirk	3	*Neil D. Lomas	7
William A. Smith	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Charles N. Lea	*Treble*	Thomas M. Cox	5
Robert Bell	2	*Kenneth Lawson	6
Enid Softley	3	Denis A. Bayles	7
Harry Short	4	Frederick L. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Stedman.
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ALLAN SMITH, SEN... ..	2	FRED PRITCHARD	6
†MRS. G. S. MILLS	3	IVAN KAY	7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY.. ..	4	‡COLIN S. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED PRITCHARD.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.
In memoriam Mrs. Rachael Taylor, mother of the tenor ringer.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

*JUNE GLADMAN..	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	*JOHN M. JELLEY	6
*ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	PHILIP MEHEW..	7
*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rutland on the bells.
The composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 at course-ends and no 8-2's or 8-3's.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ..	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR CROWDER ..	5
*REV. D. N. TINDALL ..	2	†GWEN I. RUSBY	6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ..	3	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE	7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	4	†FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 of Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and with all the work of the eight methods for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of eight Spliced Surprise Major. ‡ 50th peal for the Association.
A 73rd birthday compliment to Charles Marshall, father of the treble ringer and grandfather of the ringer of the sixth.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE S. DEAS	*Treble*	A. NEVILLE BROWN.. ..	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY ..	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ..	3	*ERIC N. HARRISON	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Bristol.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., Oct. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	4	MARK MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM..	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*ELSIE K. HART..	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
†WM. GEOFFREY HAIR ..	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
*H. GEORGE HART	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.
A birthday compliment to Percival W. Grice.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

STEPHEN BROMFIELD	*Treble*	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE	5
NORMAN BELL	2	GWEN I. RUSBY	6
W. ARTHUR CROWDER ..	3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
Rung to welcome the Rev. E. Hutchin as Vicar of Barrow.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK G. OLIVER	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS.. ..	5
*MRS. H. J. MILLATT ..	2	*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	6
†FRANK CLAYDON	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ..	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ..	2	†EDWARD G. TALBOT ..	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	7
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Yorkshire.
The composition, published in 'The Ringing World' on August 31st, is believed to be rung for the first time.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES W. MUNDAY ..	*Treble*	†ARTHUR S. BESANT	5
RALPH C. SPITTLE	2	JOHN HILL	6
*DEREK G. SPITTLE	3	JOHN E. BEAMS..	7
JOHN WHITEHORN	4	GEORGE W. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. The 100th peal on these bells, rung by the local band.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE..	*Treble*	*ROBERT F. DOWNING ..	5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ..	6
*BRENDA FREEMAN	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ..	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal in the method.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	FRED STANIFORTH	6
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ..	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
RONALD RUSSELL	4	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* 100th peal. This peal has the extent of 5 and 6 in 6ths place.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 2,016 of Stedman and 3,024 of Erin, with eight changes of method.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	RONALD N. MARLOW.. ..	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	4	PHILIP N. TUBBS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal of Spliced Triples for all, except the ringer of the second. Believed to be the first peal of Spliced Triples to be rung in these two methods.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO..	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	6
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	3	JOHN S. BARNES	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	†JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major 'inside.' † First peal of Oxford T.B. Major.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	*Treble*	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
PERCY SWINDLEY	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.. ..	7
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ..	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. † 600th peal.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*A. WILLIAM DILLOW ..	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE ..	5
EDWIN R. LAMBERT.. ..	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ..	6
REGINALD H. HOWSON ..	3	*HERBERT A. DANIELS ..	7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ..	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to commemorate the redecoration of the church; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Green, on the birth of a son.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY.. ..	2	MICHAEL DAY	6
*A. SPENCER BROTHERS ..	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
CHARLES H. MOORE ..	4	JOE E. G. ROAST..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. Michael Day, on joining Her Majesty's Forces.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*M. JILL FISHER	*Treble*	STELLA HUGHES	4
†ROGER W. BARKER	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES.. ..	5
SAMELA R. P. THOMAS ..	3	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Minor and of Plain Bob. † First peal.
Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Bourne, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

RONALD CHAFER..	*Treble*	JOHN HALL	4
C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	2	HARRY HALL..	5
JACK BRAY	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BECKFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

E. TREVOR NEWBURY ..	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	4
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER ..	2	*HAROLD E. RAXTER	5
*ROBERT W. COLE	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal in seven methods.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of York and two extents each of Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE..	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	3	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE ..	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Standard calling. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*ROBERT SMITH	4
*ALAN MCFALL	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	5
*BERNARD GROVES	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Ivor G. Jones .. .. .. *Treble*	Aubrey J. Probert 4
Leslie H. Colcombe 2	Reginald G. Powell .. 5
Charles Phillips 3	Richard A. Colcombe .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

G. E. Larner .. .. .. *Treble*	George Batterbee 4
Tony Owen 2	Fred Rix 5
Samuel H. Waterfield .. 3	Cecil V. Ebberson .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil V. Ebberson.

In memoriam Canon W. R. Musselwhite, C.V.O., Archdeacon of King's Lynn.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Harold J. Peskett .. .. *Treble*	Sylvia Streater 4
William H. Harrison .. 2	Ernest Treagus 5
*Jean Egerton 3	Raymond P. Wood .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Treagus.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. D. Isted and Miss B. T. McKane, whose wedding took place earlier in the day.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Killamarsh Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*Dorothy K. Saunders .. *Treble*	*Bernard G. Moore 4
Edgar R. Rapley 2	George Francis 5
June M. Clements 3	*Barwell B. Dibben .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Barwell B. Dibben.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Dedication Festival.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Donard,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

William Hall .. .. .. *Treble*	Jean Stewart 3
John T. Dunwoody 2	Frank E. Fagg 4
Victor Griffin .. .. .. *Tenor*	

The ringer of the treble conducted the St. Simon's, the fifth Plain Bob, and the second the Stedman and shared the Grandsire with the fourth.

First peal on five bells by all.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Frank King and Miss E. Holmes, ringers at the local church, and also a farewell to V. Griffin.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

A. Patrick Cannon .. .. *Treble*	George Francis 4
Daphne R. Castell 2	*Ralph Bird 5
Ann M. Cox 3	Malcolm S. Cloke .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* 350th peal. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 275th peal as conductor.

Rung after meeting two short for Yorkshire.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: One extent of London Surprise, two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Cecil Barker .. .. .. *Treble*	Ronald Suckling 4
John Warner 2	Ernest W. Bright 5
Alan R. Syder 5	Terry Earle .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*Mary Carnochan .. .. *Treble*	A. Patrick Cannon 4
†George Francis 2	William Wenban 5
‡Joan M. Wilcockson .. 3	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal and first attempt. † 75th peal and 50th for the Association. ‡ First peal in the method.

Rung, at the request of the Vicar, for Harvest Festival.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) Capel Treble Bob; (3) Sandal Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (5) Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Standard calling. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Mrs. Gladys Richardson *Treble*	Alex. Richardson 4
Eric Ellison 2	Brian J. Woodruffe .. 5
Sidney Hough, jun. 3	Neil D. Lomas .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alex. Richardson.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. Saunders Williams, B.A., retiring after 27 years at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At 17, Queen Street,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney .. .. 1—2	Geoffrey Dodds .. .. 5—6
J. Desmond Painter .. 3—4	Joyce Dodds .. .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At 21, North Riding, Bricket Wood.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor size 13 in E.

*Walter G. Paul .. .. 1—2	John R. Mayne .. .. 3—4
*Madeleine Chapple .. 5—6	

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal in two methods on handbells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
At 24, Doyle Avenue, Hilsea,
A PEAL OF 5040 KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. Kathleen M. Knight .. 1—2	Robin G. Leale .. .. 3—4
Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

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

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Barnes 1, M. Fox (first 'inside') 2, Miss F. Smith 3, J. Livock 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Helder (first quarter) 1, Joyce Haywood 2, A. E. Cheeseman 3, G. Huxley 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8. For harvest festival.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, W. S. Girling 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, Miss M. Newby 3, W. S. Girling 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, L. N. Melton (14) 6. For harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Oct. 7th, a date touch, 1,956 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, J. Kesterton 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, A. Skinner 7, E. Bass 8. For harvest festival.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Spice 1, A. Purdom 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, A. P. Cave 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, P. W. Cave (cond.) 6 J. W. Smith 7, C. Cullen 8. For harvest festival and in honour of the 88th birthday of Mr. George Kyte. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cullen 1, Miss M. Fuller 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, R. W. Stephens 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, I. Emery 6, J. W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Purdom 8. Rung for the anniversary service of the Over 60 Club.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, C. Bower 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. For harvest festival.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): Sheila Percival (first quarter) 1, Jill Mayes 2, A. Dilley 3, J. Church 4, P. Tompkins 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, J. Hulme (first quarter) 8. For morning service and as a wedding compliment to Brenda Mayes, daughter of the conductor, to Mr. Mervyn Jones, married at this church the previous day.

CORSTON, SOM.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Parsons (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong (first as cond.) 2, C. J. Brown 3, Miss M. Hannam 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, L. W. Jewell (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Jennings 1, W. Slaughter 2, Miss A. Miles 3, Mrs. P. Cracknell 4, S. Arnold (first as cond.) 5, G. Jennings 6, B. A. Cracknell 7, J. Laker 8. For harvest festival.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Selway 1, Miss S. Eason 2, J. Hacking 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, K. Pinney 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, H. Pike 8. First of Triples for 2, 3 and 5. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): Mrs. B. Wilkins 1, Dr. L. E. Wear 2, Miss S. Eason 3, J. Hacking 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, Miss S. Stagg 6, S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8. For morning service and for the baptism of Mr. and Mrs. K. Pinney's infant son.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Holdom (first quarter) 1, C. Pooley 2, E. C. Wilson 3, W. H. Holdom 4, R. W. Balls 5, J. R. Smith (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and as a farewell to D. Yarrom, who is joining H.M. Forces.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Pamela M. Humphries 1, R. Davies 2, E. J. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, N. G. Steere 5, E. J. Ladd 6, W. F. Oatway 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, P. G. Humphries 10.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: K. Alton 1, R. E. Old 2, J. Hadley 3, J. G. Chapman 4, J. M. Nash 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First of St. Clement's for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. R. Stopford as Bishop of Peterborough.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. Potter 2, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 3, G. Winter 4, W. G. Mortimer 5, P. Hunt 6. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. A. F. Lurcock 1, Rosemary A. R. Lurcock 2, S. N. Scott 3, J. H. R. Betts (cond.) 4, F. Eldred 5, G. Halton 6, A. L. Cook tenor. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Miss K. D. Smith.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): K. E. Hirst 1, C. A. Levett (cond.) 2, S. F. Buckland 3, P. H. Avey 4, R. G. Roberts 5, E. F. P. Bryant 6, H. Harrison 7, W. Levett 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. Longest length by 6 and 7.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Wilson (first quarter) 1, H. Oakshett 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, M. Armstrong 4, D. M. Randall 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and a welcome to the treble and tenor ringers, who have joined the band. First quarter by the regular Sunday service band.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hoskins 1, S. Penfold 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, F. G. Richardson 4, A. Gargrave (first in method away from treble) 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the end of a fortnight's mission, by undergraduates of Cambridge University.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss L. Allen 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, E. J. Whiting 6, R. F. Baker 7, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 8. Rung before the County British Legion service.

HURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Castle (first quarter, aged 12) 1, J. Froome 2, C. A. Eele 3, A. Rivers (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. B. C. Castle 5, R. Rivers 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, W. Austin (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival and a farewell to Anthony Rivers, who leaves for National Service.

KENSINGTON, S.W.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. E. Harte 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, R. Mackerill 3, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 4, W. S. Langdon 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Waters 7, M. Moreton 8, J. Phillips 9, A. B. Peck 10.1 For harvest festival.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Spliced Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, G. Avis 2, R. Bennett 3, J. Pell 4, P. Ostley (cond.) 5, T. Brett 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Capt. and Mrs. Martin.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss H. Bonner 2, Miss E. Gibson 3, J. T. Clay 4, R. E. Dean 5, E. Silvey 6, E. D. Poole (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For Evensong and harvest festival.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Wareham 1, W. Mills 2, A. Bratten (first 'inside') 3, G. Wareham 4, D. Robertson (cond.) 5, F. Elliot 6. For harvest festival.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Smith 1, E. Hughes 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, A. Fisher 5, C. Pearson 6, J. F. Roper 7, C. Williams 8. First in Australia for ringers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Collins (first quarter) 1, F. Parsons 2, D. E. Elliott (first 'inside') 3, A. Ham 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Hetherington (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.
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NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Tovey 1, H. L. Parfrey 2, Miss M. L. Hannam (first as cond.) 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, C. J. Brown 5, F. Pike 6. For harvest festival.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, Terha Barnett (first quarter) 2, R. C. Bucknall 3, H. C. Pearce 4, E. H. Amey (first as cond.) 5, T. Jeanes 6. Rung half-muffled in tribute to Sir Charles Chute, formerly of this parish, who died the previous week.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury, 360 St. Bartholomew): Mrs. Croall 1, Miss J. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, G. Wood 6. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment for Mr. G. Wood.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 510 Plain Bob, 30 St. Simon's): B. Woodfield 1, R. L. Sheppard 2, G. C. Durham 3, S. J. Gee 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. S. Weekes 6. First of Doubles in three methods by all. For dedication festival.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hemmings 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, Howard Meek 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Besant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, G. W. Hollis 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. A farewell compliment to the treble ringer before going overseas.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. Stacey 1, R. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Heard 5, F. Gilbert 6, S. Stacey 7, J. Hockridge 8. For harvest festival.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Sanders 1, M. Williamson 2, J. Rae 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, R. Cook 6, R. Sanders 7, R. Cressey 8. For the church's 102nd anniversary.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthem, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Gray 8. For harvest festival.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Gill (first quarter) 1, Jill Fisher 2, R. W. Barker 3, J. H. Allen 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, P. G. Golder 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, C. T. W. Coles 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. Lumsden (first in method) 4, R. J. Chapman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, E. E. Holman (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong and as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Maynard.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Mayne 1, Miss J. M. Wilcockson 2, Miss M. Chapple 3, D. Laud 4, S. H. Hoare 5, R. Rowley 6, W. G. Paul (first as cond.) 7, K. R. Dunstan 8. A farewell to Miss M. Chapple on leaving for Germany.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. J. Stevens 1, Miss P. M. Stevens 2, P. Cox 3, C. J. Stevens 4, C. T. Clarke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung in the conductor's 1,250th tower on the 25th anniversary of his first lesson in ringing.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS. — 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Metcalf (first quarter) 1, K. Stainton (first quarter) 2, N. Kitchen (first 'inside') 3, T. Barker (cond.) 4, J. Charnock 5, S. Tuson 6. First local quarter since 1939.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Gill (first on eight) 1, Stella Hughes 2, Jill Fisher (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, J. A. Roden 4, C. Wallater 5, G. W. Hughes 6, E. Stitch (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. For patronal festival.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Coggins (first quarter) 1, L. T. Oliffe 2, E. Hill 3, F. Patrick (first 'inside') 4, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 5, A. Cornish 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. T. Peace, late churchwarden.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Looker 1, R. Moore 2, L. B. Parris 3, T. W. Look 4, R. J. Fox 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, D. Corry (first quarter) 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK

On September 22nd, a band of ringers from Barking had an outing into the Sudbury district. Ringing friends, who joined the party at various places along the route, came from Sudbury, Clare, Ixworth and Hartest. The towers visited were Foxearth, Pentlow, Cavendish, Kedington, Stoke-by-Clare and Clare. Methods ranged from Bob Doubles to London Minor and Cambridge Major. The party tender sincere thanks to the incumbents, Messrs. Sam Twitchett, Archie Fitch and Miss Rosemary Seabrook, for their help; also Mrs. Seabrook for providing the tea.

A. E. J. L.

FAREHAM

Fareham ringers spent September 15th very happily on the Isle of Wight, crossing on the 8 a.m. ferry and having a 41-seater coach at their disposal on the other side, although the party only numbered 22.

The Vicar of Arreton had to be disturbed over his breakfast, to get the key of the church, and at Carisbrooke some of the party found the castle a counter-attraction to ringing. Lunch was had at Brighstone and ten minutes were lost through four of the party ordering a cooked meal.

Two local ringers joined in the ringing at Cheale, and at Niton Bill Upton and Frank Taylor rang with the party. There was some good ringing at Whitwell and also at Godshill, where Les Bailey welcomed the party.

Despite a more than ample tea, the best ringing of the day was at Brading. Methods rung ruring the day were Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

OUTINGS

ST. JAMES', RUSHOLME

Blackpool was the venue for the annual outing of the ringers of St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, on September 22nd, and at Blackpool they were joined by three other ringing friends.

An hour's good ringing at Bispham (10½ cwt.) finished with a well-struck touch of Cambridge Major. Lunch was attacked with enthusiasm at the Savoy Hotel, and with the temperature attaining a humid zenith of 75 degrees, perspiration ran freely for the first time this summer.

Good use was made of the six at Holy Trinity for three-quarters of an hour, and the visitors were joined by an Ashton-under-Lyne ringer and his girl friend, from Swinton. The only flaw in the day was that on the return to St. John's no one seemed to expect the party, but permission was granted and the eight were heard to their best advantage in a course of Yorkshire.

After tea at the Savoy, the pleasure beach was visited, and later the magnificent illuminations were viewed in their exotic splendour.

EAST DEVON RINGERS

On the afternoon of October 4th, a party of East Devon ringers had a trip in the Witheridge area. Ringing commenced at Cruwys Morchard (6, tenor 14 cwt.), where the fifth and tenor certainly took some 'pulling off.' The recently rehung ring at Witheridge was next visited (8, 25 cwt.), and the ringing was thoroughly enjoyed by all, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, followed by a call-change 'peal of Queens' for one of the local ringers.

West Worlington (6, 9 cwt.) and Thelbridge (6, 8 cwt.) were next on the list, and the visitors were rather amused by the fireplace in the belfry of the latter tower. Poughill (6, 11 cwt.) gave us great pleasure. The last tower was Cheriton Fitzpaine (6, 15 cwt.).

SYSTON, LEICESTER

Thirty-four members of the Syston District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held their annual half-day ringing tour on October 6th. As eight towers were represented, a circular tour of the district first took place; and so to Rutland and the pleasant-toned light five at Preston, where we were welcomed by 86-years-old Mr. Stevens.

After another light five at Wing, we were met at Edith Weston by the Vicar, and the recently augmented six here were put to good use.

The country lanes between here and Empingham were successfully negotiated and the need for tea satisfied before ringing on the heaviest six of the day.

Cottesmore proved to be the best ring and the last, as on arrival at Greetham there was no one to greet us. After many enquiries we were told that a rope was broken.

In high spirits the party returned after a day of Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Kent, Cambridge, Norwich—and, of course, 'Shepherd's Hey'! A day of Norman arches and the all-too-frequent remark, 'They're not rung very often.'

Our thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers for their help, and, of course, to Jack, who is getting most adept at finding the best way to churches tucked away in country villages!

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A set of 13 handbells has recently been given to St. Dunstan's, Stepney, bellringers by the family of Mr. Wm. Tanner, one time ringer of St. Dunstan's, and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1880, who died in 1925. The present ringers of this church are very pleased to accept this gift as an historic link with a past ringer of this church.

Mr. Eric N. Harrison is now back in civilian life after his National Service with the Royal Marines.

Previous to a quarter peal at Stoney Stanton, Leics, on October 14th, a silver rose bowl was presented to Mr. C. Roger Hayward and his bride-to-be, Miss Nancy M. Toone, as a wedding present from the local ringers.

Miss Margaret Alderman, who is this term an undergraduate at Durham University, should be an acquisition to ringing in the University. She is a member of the Ashbrittle tower and rang her first peal at the age of 14.

On hearing that St. Michael, the fourth bell at Cromhall, which has called the people to worship for over 500 years, was cracked, the late Rector not only sent a very generous donation to start a fund for its replacement, but has also sent some very lovely water colours which he painted himself to be sold towards the fund.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to provide a new steel frame and to tune the six bells (14 cwt.) of Chiseldon, Wilts. The five old bells were rehung in the ancient oak frame by Llewelyn and James (Bristol) in 1914 and a treble being added by Mears and Co. in 1937. It is interesting to note that Mr. S. C. Archer, who became leader in 1914 and introduced change-ringing, is still in that position. Seldom have these bells not been heard for Matins and Evensong throughout these years.

Is this a record for a small country church? At Tortworth, Gloucestershire, harvest festival service on October 11th, the three clergy, Rev. W. A. Peel (Rector), Rev. W. F. Burlton (Cromhall) and Rev. A. D. H. Allan (late of Cromhall), who all shared in the conducting of the service, also rang together in touches of Grandsire before robing.

Owing to an accident on practice night, the tenor in the peal at Beddington on October 13th was rung without a slider.

At the invitation of Canon O. N. Gwilliam, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a peal for Houghton-le-Spring Feast. A feature was 5,000 people hymn-singing outside St. Michael's floodlit church. This feast is 800 years old.

Many visitors to Spalding Parish Church will be sorry to learn that the captain, Mr. John G. Ames, had an accident while teaching a pupil to handle a bell. As the result of this he has lost a part of the second finger of his left hand. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Supt. Claude Rush, of Sunnyside, Castle Street, Eye, Suffolk, is raising funds for Eye Church Bells Restoration Fund by the sale of an attractive Christmas card with a photograph of Eye Parish Church. The charge, with envelopes, is 9s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

The peal at Kibworth on October 13th commemorated 50 years' connection with this tower by Fred Staniforth, and 55 years since he and Ernest Morris were together taught to ring by the latter's father, Mr. Josiah Morris, at St. Mark's, Leicester. It also celebrated the 46th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staniforth, which took place at this church on October 8th, 1910, at which ceremony Ernest Morris was 'best man'!

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FABIAN STEDMAN'S MEMORY HONOURED

THERE are still some lacunæ in the social life of our foremost University town. One of these has been troubling the admirable secretary of the Ely Diocesan Guild for some time; namely, that our ringers have been carrying out their proper duties of ringing for service, and attending practices and meetings, but making no attempt to gather for a purely social occasion, as so many other guilds and associations already do.

At last, however, our secretary has succeeded in finding an excuse for them to do so: the 325th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, sometimes called the 'Father of English Ringing,' and whose home was Cambridge, and home tower that of St. Bene't's Church. Birthdays are, of course, often celebrated every year, and already we have in mind that in 1957 we will have the 326th anniversary—not such a good round number as 325, but an equally good excuse for a dinner.

To give the series a fair start, it was assumed for convenience that Stedman's birthday fell upon September 29th, a Saturday, and a convenient time for most of us. In the afternoon of that day the bells of St. Mary-the-Great, of St. Bene't's and of the Roman Catholic Church were available; and touches of Stedman's method, in all sizes from Doubles to Cinques, were rung by a very representative selection of local, University and visiting ringers. But we also remembered that Stedman was a practical ringer, interested in all the methods of ringing of his time, and we did our best to make the selection of methods rung on September 29th representative of those of our time.

For the main business of the day, some 75 ringers, wives and friends came to the Brunswick School Hall for dinner. Beside the chairman, Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, we were glad to see Sqdn. Leader J. S. Mason, Master of the College Youths, who, in proposing a toast to Stedman's memory, gave us a brief life-story of the great man. Mr. Frank Haines proposed a toast to the Ely Association in general, and to the secretary, Mr. W. Ridgman, in particular. In his reply, Mr. Ridgman mentioned the hope that the bells of St. Andrew-the-Great would be quickly restored and returned to Cambridge by Taylors, and that the rate of income of contributions to the fund showed no shortage of confidence in the future of these bells.

FABIAN STEDMAN, 1631–1713

The facts of Stedman's life-story—even the dates of his birth and death quoted above—appear to be rather uncertain. But leaving out the qualifications, this is the life-story which Mr. Mason gave.

Stedman was born in Cambridge in 1631, and served his apprenticeship as a printer, probably also in Cambridge. In 1662 we hear of him in London, as treasurer of the Scholars of Cheapside, a ringing society which was dissolved in the same year. He joined the Society of College Youths in 1664, and we hear of him again soon afterwards, back in Cambridge, as a printer, and as the Parish Clerk of St. Bene't's. 'Tintinnalogia,' by Richard Duckworth, was produced about this time, and Stedman may have taken some part in its preparation. His own book, the 'Campanalogia,' was first published in 1677, and was printed in London. By this time Stedman was Steward of the Society of College Youths, and they probably financed the printing of his book.

He moved to London shortly after the publication of 'Campanalogia,' and probably stayed there for the rest of his life. We hear of him as Master of the College Youths in 1682 and, finally, as being employed by the Audit of Exercise. He was buried in the Church of St. Andrew Undershaft, in 1713.

Fabian Stedman was clearly a practical ringer of ability, although he may not have advanced the theory of ringing as much as is nowadays supposed. The 'Campanalogia' may in fact have been little more than a reporting of what was already established ringing practice. The ringing principle which bears his name was given no more emphasis than others in his book. He may indeed have invented it, but it was rung at St. Bene't's Church by visiting members of the Society of College Youths in 1671, six years before the publication of 'Campanalogia.'

Although these facts may be true, they only show that Stedman, in common with many other great inventors, did not fully realise the value of his product at the time.

That we still value his method highly was nicely demonstrated at the close of this memorial dinner, when after some well-struck touches of Cinques, Caters and Triples, three of our ablest ringers took six handbells, and three times failed to bring Stedman's original 120 of Doubles into rounds.

The company refused to disperse, however, until this little thing had been done, and done well.

SOLIHULL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, October 6th, was the 50th anniversary of the first peal to be rung on Solihull bells by an entirely local band. From 1894 the revived Solihull Society had been making progress, first under the tuition of Mr. William Kent, and strengthened later by the incursion of some of the (then) younger Braggs. The Society, under the leadership of Geoffrey Martineau, had adventured into peal ringing, and one Solihull man, Walter Wall, had already called a peal of Grandsire Triples. But the peal of 1906, Taylor's Six-part, was rung entirely by the Sunday men, and was conducted by Roland Bragg on his 21st birthday. Four of that band, the conductor, William Meeks, Ernest Davis and John Bragg, are still alive. Only the latter is still 'on active service,' and the tower and bells are in his care.

It was unfortunate that it was not possible to arrange a peal to celebrate the anniversary, but on October 7th the Sunday band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, R. Cann 4, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 5, J. Bragg 6, C. W. Bragg 7, T. R. Hayward (first quarter peal) 8. The ringer of the sixth was in the band of 1906.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

A COMPANY of 112, representing all branches of the Guild, sat down to dinner at Bollands, Chester, on October 6th, when the guest of honour was Rev. Canon A. J. Humphreys, Vicar of Shotwick. After dinner, the loyal toast was honoured on the call of the Master, and after a short interval, the proceedings opened with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

Canon Humphreys, in proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' commented on the fact that last year the Lord Bishop had been entrusted with this toast, and he asked: 'Why choose me?'. He realised that another engagement prevented the Bishop from being present, but why should he be chosen? Of course, he had been a friend of ringers ever since he came into the Chester Diocese. For 26 years he was Vicar of Norbury and he was interested to see that Norbury appeared 15 times in the annual report for 1955. Although he had a ring of bells in his present church, he had not, at present, a permanent band, and he missed the welcome sound of the bells. He was interested to see that a peal had been rung for the installation of Canon E. D. Reeman, and he claimed to have had some influence over him in regard to bells when he was one of his curates at Norbury. He was also pleased at the wedding compliment paid to himself and his wife, and thanked publicly all the band, all of whom were present.

The bells of churches, he said, were not only associated with the church but also with the life of the district. In this connection it was worth recalling that when the bells at Norbury were rehung and augmented in 1925 it was indeed a village and not a church affair. He applauded the sentiments in the report which called upon ringers to be punctual and attentive to their duties, and commented that people still loved to be called to church by the sound of the bells. He was pleased to note that the Guild was flourishing, and hoped that it would long continue to do so. He was indeed glad to be present and proud to propose the toast of 'The Guild.'

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, replied to the toast and said that they could not have found a more fitting person to propose the toast. During all the 26 years Canon Humphreys was at Norbury he was known as the friend of the ringers, and they had had evidence of his kindness since he had been at Shotwick. He had received a communication from someone who knew him well and who said that Canon Humphreys would deal with complaints about bell-ringing in his own inimitable way. But he was not only known for his interest in bell-ringers: he had carried out much work for the church. Whilst at Norbury he had had a new chancel made as well as completely restoring and augmenting the ring of bells to eight, a very fine eight, too.

He assured him that the Guild was in a flourishing condition; young people were in evidence at Branch meetings, and there was an encouraging number of first pealers. As regards the Canon's present church, he was able to tell him that Shotwick was famous for smuggling in the past, and no doubt the Vicarage cellars had in time past held other things than coal. He himself had had a fight to get a ring of bells installed in the tower because the architect had tried to insist on a chime only. Shotwick was famous for its harvest festival, and last year the Lord Bishop preached the sermon from the famous three-decker pulpit. Although the village was fast becoming modernised, it was not so long ago that the nearest telephone was three or four miles away. It was a delightful spot and well worth visiting, and ringers were always sure of a warm welcome from Canon Humphreys.

The rest of the evening was devoted to tunes on the handbells by the Donmayal Handbell Ringers of Macclesfield, and humorous songs and sketches by Messrs. Nield and Mitchell. These two gentlemen will, however, have to look to their laurels if the rendering of one verse by a gentleman member of the Guild, who shall be nameless, and another verse by a lady who is well known to many ringers, of the celebrated lyric 'Cock Robin' is any indication of hidden talent. The evening's proceedings concluded with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem at about 10.30, and the members dispersed to make plans for next year. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, formerly of Norbury.

C. H. L.

GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS AT MANCHESTER

The characteristic hospitality of the Northern members was very much in evidence when the National Guild of Police Ringers met in Manchester on September 15th for their annual meeting.

The president (P.C. R. Benson) and other members of Manchester City Police Ringers were there to greet the early arrivals from places as far distant as London, Bristol, Northampton, Leicester, Yorkshire, Kendal, Blackburn and Liverpool. Contrary to popular belief, the weather was fine and added greatly to the joy of the occasion.

Ringing had been arranged at St. John's, Miles Platting, and St. Mark's, Worsley, for the morning, where just before mid-day ringing was interrupted for the benefit of the visitors to hear the clock strike the unusual 'thirteen' at the mid-day hour. The bells of the Cathedral and the Church of the Sacred Trinity were available during the afternoon.

The business meeting was held at the Town Hall. The president, in opening the meeting, welcomed the members to Manchester and thanked them for their loyal support.

The secretary reported that during the year under review much of the activities, particularly in the form of practice meetings which had been going on more recently in the Midlands, had been curtailed, mainly by the death of the late president, Mr. Poole. This, also, was largely responsible for the absence of any peals during the year. Five new members had joined the Guild, and the deaths of Ex. Sgt. W. Dowding (Birmingham), Ex. Insp. Wiffen (Southend), Ex. Sgt. Fielding Crossley (Bradford) and Ex. P.C. Heath (Cardiff) had been reported. Membership remained about the same.

The funds of the Guild were satisfactory; expenses had been light and the year ended with a balance of £26 19s. 4½d.

The Central Council delegate, Insp. Butler, of Liverpool, expressed his regrets that owing to the exigencies of duty he had been unable to attend the Council meeting in Leicester. Ex. Sgt. C. Turner gave a brief account of the proceedings.

Ex. Supt. R. Williams then proposed the alteration to rules be taken next, as the result of that might materially alter the period of office of the elected president. This was unanimously agreed. The president, P.C. R. Benson, proposed alteration of Rule 5 be amended to read 'The president and hon. secretary-treasurer shall be elected for the year at each annual meeting.' This was seconded by Ex. P.C. J. Crawshaw (Manchester), and after much discussion it was unanimously agreed to amend the rule.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Ex. P.S. F. Hansford (Bristol) proposed and Ex. Sgt. C. Wilmington seconded that the next annual meeting be held in Leicester. This was agreed to. Ex. P.S. F. Hansford then proposed that in view of the next meeting being in Leicester Ex. Sgt. H. G. Jenney be elected president. Mr. Jenney felt reluctant to hold office due to his advancing years, but after much encouragement he agreed and was unanimously elected president of the Guild for the year 1957.

The president congratulated Mr. Jenney upon his appointment and Ex. Supt. Williams said in view of the long association of the Guild with Leicester and the long association of Mr. Jenney with the Guild, he being one of the original founder members, he thought the choice of president was unique and the honour was long overdue. Mr. Jenney thanked members for the honour they had bestowed upon him and the kind things said of him; his heart was still with the Guild and he would endeavour to carry out the duties of president to the best of his ability.

P.C. C. Knight was re-elected hon. secretary. He had expressed a wish to relinquish the duties of secretary, but in view of the next meeting being in Leicester he was prepared to carry on another year.

Ex. Sgt. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool, was unanimously elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. Det. Sgt. Sharples, P.C. John Smith, and Special Sgt. Burgess and Special Sgt. John Halsall were elected members of the Guild.

Ex. Sgt. F. Hansford suggested that the time had arrived when the address list of members of the Guild should be reprinted and brought up to date. After discussion, this was agreed.

The president reminded the meeting that during the year four members of the Guild had passed away. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

This concluded the business meeting, and members made their way to the Town Hall, where a successful day's ringing was brought to a close.

Dinner had been arranged at the Waldorf Hotel, where over 90 members and friends partook of a first-class meal. The guests included the Dean of Manchester (the Very Rev. H. A. Jones) and Mrs. Jones. The Dean spoke of his long and happy association with ringers at Leicester and latterly at Manchester.

The dinner was followed by an excellent social evening, arranged by the president, with members of Manchester City Police. Handbell ringing was provided by Ex. P.C. W. Pye and P.C. S. Livesey and their party of youngsters. Change-ringing was provided by members of the company present, and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close with recordings collected and presented by Ex. Sgt. Hansford, of Bristol.

The president thanked members for their co-operation and everyone who had contributed towards the success of the day. This concluded an excellent day in real Lancashire fashion, and members bade farewell and wended their several ways homeward. C. H. F. K.

St. Benedict's Church, Norwich, was destroyed by the Luftwaffe. War damage payments have enabled a St. Benedict's Church to be built at Gunton housing estate, North Lowestoft. The 11 cwt. bell, cast in 1573, which hung in the Norwich St. Benedict's, is being hung in the tower of the new Lowestoft church.

HELSTON BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

On St. Michael's Day, September 29th, the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church, Helston, were rededicated by the Rural Dean, Rev. H. H. Dixon. The former ring of eight bells (tenor 12¼ cwt.) was hung in 1904 in an iron cage, but the action of the salt air with strong winds caused gradual deterioration and ringing ceased in 1954.

The work of restoration was undertaken by Messrs. Taylor and Co. At the same time it was decided to install a new tenor at a total cost, with a new teak bell cage, of £1,500. After two years of waiting the work has now been completed. The new tenor is inscribed with the names of the Vicar and churchwardens, Rev. A. D. Moon and Messrs. J. S. Hendy and I. B. Truscott, and the dates 8th May, 1756—8th May, 1956. May 8th is significant as being 'Flora Day,' for which Helston is world-famous, and upon that day in the year 1756 the foundation stone of the church was laid.

The dedication service was held at 3 p.m., and after an opening hymn the clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber. The Vicar named the new tenor 'Francis,' in memory of the Earl of Godolphin of that name, who built the church. The Rural Dean then read the Collects of Dedication, after which a short peal was rung by the Helston team.

The large congregation present included the Mayor of Helston and bellringers from the churches of St. Issey, Kenwyn, St. Keverne, Landewednack, Illogan, Gwennap, Phillack, Mawgan, Cury, Ludgvan, Carbis Bay and Lostwithiel. In his sermon, the Vicar likened bellringing to a sport, and emphasised the importance of team work.

After the service tea was served in the Church Room for the visitors. A large iced cake, surmounted by an icing sugar bell, was given by Mrs. W. Liddicoat, and every ringer present received a portion.

The bells rang out to the delight of the listening townsfolk; and the visitors, too, were full of praise for the tone of the new ring. Regular ringing has now recommenced, and the Helston ringers, under their captain, Mr. W. C. Willey, are full of enthusiasm and very happy to be able to ring once again.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY UNDER FIRE

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Corby's letter in 'The Ringing World' and, like him, I have been rather surprised that the columns of your paper should have been used so extensively to publicise principles and standards which have not been approved or even discussed by the Central Council. Admittedly, publication in your paper does not in any way imply Central Council recognition of the views set out in these articles, but I feel that there is always the danger that publication may lead some ringers, particularly newcomers to our art, to believe that the views set forth by the College have been tacitly accepted by the Council.

Is there not at the present time a committee of the Central Council at work on the publication of notes for Instructors and Beginners?

I have a feeling that this nonsense (as Mr. Corby so aptly puts it) may have started as a result of an editorial article in 'The Irish Bell News,' and I had hoped that this article, which does not reflect any views of the Irish Association (whose official journal the paper is), had been forgotten, as I believe it was intended as a 'lark.'

If Mr. Corby goes ahead with his resolution for next year's Council, I certainly am prepared to support him.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Holywood, Co. Down.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby does not appear to realise that Mr. York-Bramble, founder of the College of Campanology, is a pioneer, although his pioneering work has been rudely described in this district as 'another of Y-B's stunts.'

I was invited, 'as an eminent ringer,' to become 'Tutor I (Hon.) and Ringer VI (Hon.)' of the College, with a place on the board of governors, subject to payment of the requisite fee (2s. 6d.). The signature of consent of my parent or guardian was not required because I was over 21!

After giving my reasons for refusing such an office I received a reply, of which the following is an extract:—

". . . . The advancement of mankind is, of course, marked by controversy and criticism, and pioneers have to be prepared for it; but human progress would be slight indeed if such pioneers all feared "controversy and even derision." as you put it. The latter, it may be recognised, invariably stems from those whose real knowledge of the thing they deride is little or nothing, and may be ignored: but sometimes, also, alas, it comes from those whose "deeds" are limited to exclusive performances of a specialised kind, purely for their own enjoyment and/or advertisement, and who think little or nothing of the sturdy efforts of their humbler brethren."

I can only assume that Mr. Corby, in describing the scheme as 'a piece of nonsense,' and intimating his intention of putting down a resolution for the next meeting of the Central Council, is 'one of those misguided people against whom pioneers have to be prepared.'—

Southampton. C. H. KIPPIN.

CORRECTION TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have discovered an error in the report of a peal in 45 methods at Gosport on September 16th that you published recently. In writing out the report I omitted Crayford Little Court and Little Bob in extents 4 and 5 respectively. Will you please draw attention to this error before the truth of the peal is doubted. —Yours faithfully, ROGER BALDWIN.

Portsmouth.

TO PRODUCE GOOD INSTRUCTORS

Dear Sir,—Are we to gather from Mr. Corby's letter that new ideas in the Exercise should only come from the Central Council? Is this inference due to the fact that the formation and launching of the College of Campanology has come from one who is not a member of the Central Council?

In my opinion this idea should have the support of the Exercise, as the main object is not to produce good ringers but rather good instructors. All of us too often see the results of poor initial instruction and have been tempted to formulate an idea to avoid them. Strangely enough, no college or manual will make us all good tutors; teaching is a gift and cannot be manufactured. Surely this 'college' is only a broader idea of the weekend course held by the Essex Association, and that event has not been frowned upon.

Mr. Corby's main grievance would appear to be that he finds the reading of the manual a little tedious; but then, is there a manual that is not? Personally, I am amazed at the detail it contains, and whether we like it or not it has provided something to talk about.—Yours sincerely, L. BAILEY.

Godshill, Isle of Wight.

CUMBERLAND TOUR AND FURNESS DISTRICT PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry the Furness and Lake District members feel aggrieved because the Kendal and Dalton peals of Surprise Royal were recorded for the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association. Frankly, I fail to see the reason, as the Lancashire Association must have dozens, if not hundreds, of similar peals to their credit. It seems rather uncharitable to begrudge a neighbouring association their first peals of Royal, when they do not possess a 10-bell tower of their own.

We always try to record all peals for the Association or Guild to which the tower belongs, but felt that these two peals could be an exception. The reason was not one of wishing to avoid paying another subscription, as some people may imagine. A nucleus of the band are members of the Lancashire Association, and the rest would willingly have joined.

During a recent tour, it was necessary for some of the party to pay three different life membership subscriptions in one week; so I hope the Furness Branch will not brand us as one of those bands who travel into other counties and then record the peal for their own association.—Yours sincerely,

London. WILFRED WILLIAMS.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. A. TOUT

Dear Sir,—In last week's 'Ringing World' I was pleased to see that a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by our old friend Claud Tarr, was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tout. Mr. Tout came to Milverton about 1911 as stationmaster at Milverton. Previous to this he had never done any method ringing. He rang his first peal at Bishops Lydeard, conducted by Mr. R. Scott, and the following Saturday at Wiveliscombe, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox. His only peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 1914, and he is the only ringer of the band living. Mr. Tout has done a lot of spade-work during his ringing career. He rang many peals of Grandsire Doubles, and conducted most of them. I had the pleasure to be in the peal of Grandsire Triples which he conducted at Milverton. Mr. Tout's peals number about 47.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

St. Paul's, Melbourne, Reunion

There are quite a number of people living in Britain, either permanently or temporarily, who have rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and are members of that Society. It has long been hoped that enough of them could be brought together to renew acquaintances, swap yarns and, if possible, ring a peal together.

At last this was brought about on October 13th, and as well as spending all too short a time chatting about ringers and ringing 'down under,' a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung for the Society at St. Stephen's, Bristol. In the band there were only two real Australian ringers—Phil Cooper, from Adelaide, and Allan Bennett, from Melbourne—but half the band have been regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral for some years.

Unfortunately, Florence Brown, who learnt to ring in Melbourne and is at present in London, was unable to stand in at the last minute because of illness, but fortunately Fred Savage was able to deputise.

After the peal, the band heard a recent recording of St. Paul's bells, whilst they had some well-earned refreshments. This is not the first time a peal for the Society has been rung in England; some of those who visited Australia in 1934 rang a peal of Kent Royal at St. Clement Danes' in 1935. P. M. J. G.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Shirley on October 6th. An encouraging feature of the ringing was the presence of a large number of young ringers, who took advantage of the opportunities given them for practice on the light eight (tenor 6¼ cwt.).

Mr. W. J. Roper, of Harborne, was made a full ringing member, and the tower elections of the following were duly ratified: Messrs. J. D. Painter (Cambridge), C. W. Woolley (Bushey Heath), F. B. Cookson (Stourbridge), P. W. Webb (Stourbridge), G. R. Parker (Lincoln), J. P. Hunt (Shirley), K. R. Foot (Shirley).

It was formally proposed and agreed that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held at the Imperial Hotel on March 2nd, 1957. The next meeting, being the annual, will be held in the city on January 5th.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The autumn meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Tutbury, near Burton-on-Trent, on October 13th. The ancient and beautiful Church of St. Mary, which adjoins the Castle, is situated on a hill overlooking the town and the pleasant countryside around. The squat tower of the church contains a good ring of six bells. The meeting, which was favoured with lovely weather, attracted an attendance of 62, this figure including a large proportion of young ringers.

Rev. H. C. Tunnadine (Vicar) conducted the service and gave the address.

A nice tea was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Tunnadine and a willing band of lady helpers. Following tea, thanks were duly expressed to all concerned in making the meeting so enjoyable.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. George Hughes, Ringing Master.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Sedgley on January 5th.

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION IX. (Lesson 7)

RAISING AND LOWERING (Silenced)

117. **Organisation.**—This is the last session of 'silent' work in the Course, there being three others of 'open' ringing. The object of this exercise is not only to give the student fuller control of his bell (for example, to enable him to raise it again if it drops for any reason), but also to promote greater confidence in his ringing action, especially when he encounters strange bells. For this session very heavy bells should not be used, obviously; but since all students reaching this stage can handle a bell reliably, as many bells may be silenced as can be handled efficiently by the students, and for each of which a capable ringer (apart from the Tutor in charge) can be in attendance. By this means as many as, perhaps, six can be practising the work simultaneously, and by concentrating on the procedure as laid down, students should learn the work of raising and lowering (solo) in this one session. Raising and lowering 'in peal' must be practised 'one at a time' with an experienced band, preferably on the practice night. (Q T)

118.—**Analysis of the Process.** (S) A bell, normally hanging mouth downwards, is too heavy to be swung through an angle of more than a few degrees at one pull, by even a moderately heavy adult, for the simple reason that the bell is the heavier. But, due to the build-up effect of the repeated pulls as the bell continues to swing, the arc of travel is increased until the angle of swing reaches 360° either way. Since the ringer has to retain control solely by means of a rope passing round a wheel, and this wheel must be of large enough size to give a good leverage in the pulls and checks, a longish length of rope is unavoidable. But at the start of the raising, when the swings are small, this full length of rope is not called into use. To prevent the unrequired length getting in the way, or being flicked about, it is coiled up and held in the lower hand in such a way that, as more of it is required with the increase of the swings, it can be paid out a little at a time. As each coil in turn grows less with the paying-out, and is finally slipped from the hand, the next coil is drawn upon; and so on until the last coil is slipped off. The Tutor now demonstrates the preliminary coil-up, and the raising of the bell, with the paying out of the coils until the bell is fully raised. Emphasis is laid on the following points: (a) The 'chiming check' at the start; (b) Truly vertical pulling; (c) Absence of check (except for control) as checkstrokes develop; (d) Fullest possible length of pull, both ways, as the pullstrokes develop; (e) No undue haste to get the bell up; (f) Sally to be steadied with the upper hand the moment it passes 'full dip' position; (g) Caution in the pulling force exerted as the bell nears the raised condition.

Tutor now sets the bell and explains and shows that lowering is the reverse action; the bell being pulled off and checked at each checkstroke, with no pulling on the pullstrokes except to keep a tight rope and to maintain the beat when lowering 'in peal.' As the swings decrease and the excess rope develops, it has to be taken up by coils, formed a little at a time. This is effected by a 'pick-up' action of finger and thumb of the lower hand until the coil has become too large for the up-and-down motion (flipping about). This largish coil is then 'doubled' into two smaller ones. The second or 'outer' of these two smaller coils is then developed by the finger and thumb action again, until it, in turn, is large enough to be 'doubled.' The doubling action is performed by the upper and, which is otherwise occupied in 'steadying' the sally. (D) Tutor is now demonstrating this as he lowers the bell, with the coiling-up action continuing until the bell is down to the chiming condition, and the rope from end to sally remains coiled in the lower hand, NOT dropped on the floor, while chiming continues. (See Article 47.) (Q)

119. **Dummy Raising Practice. (Motions only.) (Ex. 42.)** Tutor and students now 'take position' at the ropes and, Tutor demonstrating, on the order 'Untie ropes and coil up!' they take the rope-end in the lower hand and coil it three or four times according to length of rope. The last coil will include a bit of the sally, all coils being in the lower hand and held to the sally, with the upper hand just above the lower, gripping the sally. On the word 'One,' the sally is released and the hands, keeping together, slide down the rope until the lower hand has allowed the last-gathered coil to tighten round it. On the word 'Two,' the hands are raised again to sally height. On 'Three' the upper hand grips the rope while the lower hand slips off the tightened coil. This sequence of three movements is now repeated, but with this slight difference: As the lower hand descends on 'One,' the upper hand holds up the rope until the coil has tightened round the lower, then joins the lower for movement 'Two,' and so on. The appropriate motions are repeated, until all coils are released and the hands rise with only the rope-end held in them, when they grip the sally and stop there. This represents the bell raised and set. (Q)

120. **Dummy Lowering Practice. (Motions only.) (Ex. 43.)** Position is taken and ropes untied, as in Ex. 42, the rope-end being taken in the lower hand and the sally gripped by both as when ready to pull off a raised bell at hand. On the word 'One!' the hands separate from the sally and as they descend the rope-end is eased through the lower hand grip by its finger-and-thumb movement ('gathered'). The upper hand now grips rope above lower hand in the latter's new position. On 'Two!' the hands rise to sally height. (In actual 'live' lowering this is the stroke with the 'extra check' which works to control the rate of 'fall.') These two orders and movements are repeated (say, four times in all) until the 'gathered' rope-end is dangling some 12 in. below the lower hand. As the hands rise on this (4th) 'Two!' the upper hand retains a tight grip, while the lower hand slips down the gathered part to the end of it. Now, on the next 'One!' as the hands descend, the lower one loops the end of the rope up to a grip-point just below the upper hand. Both hands are now ready for a check again, as they rise on 'Two!'. This description seems lengthy, but it is necessarily so for the detail, but is followed quite well after the Tutor's original demonstration. So, to take stock at this point—the student has paused with hands raised, holding the first loop, which has been gathered in about five pairs of 'One!—Two!'. (Q)

121. **Lowering Motions—continued. (Ex. 43 continued.)** The sequence is now repeated and continued until all the rope is gathered into loops (about four), i.e., as far as the lower part of the sally. When Tutor sees all bells to have reached this stage, he gives the order, 'All bells—Chiming!', and each student initiates chiming action (silent, of course) with his rope in due sequence with the others. (This is quite practicable, since all bells were stationary when the order was given.) (Q)

122. **Chiming Finish to Lowering. (Ex. 44.)** When the ropes are seen to be chiming in order (more or less), the Tutor will make comment on faults in checking and attend to each individually, showing that the checkstroke is just as important as the pullstroke, as in full ringing practice, though, of course, in a different sense. The aim is to make the bell sound with the minimum of swing, and though this is not practicable with bells silenced, of course, yet it should be pointed out at this stage, and kept in mind to be practised after 'live' lowerings. (Q) When ready to stop the Tutor calls 'Last three pulls—One, Two, Three—Miss!—Catch!'. This order is fairly self-explanatory: after the third pull the rope is allowed one 'free' swing, i.e., to rise and fall without pull or check on the rope, and is then fully checked on the next rise, to make the last sound (when 'open') as the bell stops. If the bell is properly checked down in the final chiming, there will be little or no rope movement (bell-swing) after the final 'Catch!'. But if there is any appreciable movement this must be gently checked, so as not to cause any further sound (when the bell is 'open'). The reason for stopping all movement is that there shall be no cause of damage to the clock hammers as they are put 'on' again, after the ringing. (Q)

123. **Bell Raising (Silent). (Ex. 45.)** Actual 'live' raising is now practised, there being an assistant or experienced ringer with each student independently, while the Tutor-in-charge keeps overall watch and check. The actions, as in the dummy practice of Ex. 42, in the main fit in with the movements of the rope as the bell swings higher; and the points, demonstrated by the Tutor and described in Article 118, are to be carefully observed and checked; especially that as to caution against overpulling when the bell is almost 'up.' When raised the bell is set at hand and the rope tied up. The Tutor makes his criticisms before the next exercise is taken, the students remaining at the ropes. (Q)

124. **Bell Lowering (Silent.) (Ex. 46.)** The same students now untie the ropes, take rope-end grip and reach up for sally grip, all as for a normal pull-off. After a few steady pulls (preferably in the rhythm of round-ringing), the assistant gives the order 'Lower Away!', and the student follows with the actions as rehearsed in the dummy practice of Ex. 43, which will be found to fit in with the movements of the rope, both hands otherwise acting as in normal ringing for the first few strokes of the lowering. As soon as the bell has begun to 'lose height,' however, the upper hand only takes the 'steadying' of the sally, while the lower continues the take-up finger-and-thumb action and the looping up. Emphasis is to be laid on the checking action 'at back' (as the loops are formed) since, when lowering 'in peal,' the closeness control essential for a good lower in peal is effected by these checks. When the bell is down to the chiming condition, each student carries on the chiming independently, since the actual lowering has not been 'in peal.' The assistant gives the order for stopping as in Ex. 44. (Q)

125. **Questions and Conclusion of 'Silent' Work.**—At the close of this session special attention should be given to 'questions both 'of' and 'by' the students: since the silent part of the training is now completed. Each student should be able confidently to raise, ring and lower a bell, to show in practice the distinction between the three rates of beat: (a) as in rounds, or place-making; (b) hunting up, and (c) hunting down: as well as to hunt, place-make and dodge when ringing with a small number, say four, of bells. Students are now informed that three or more lessons complete the course, but that these are on 'open' bells, and therefore will be on the local 'practice night,' for the first half-hour or so. (Unless, of course, a separate occasion is permissible.) (Q T)

(Registration, 'Open' the bells. Clock ON.)

TWO BISHOPS AT ESSEX ASSOCIATION DINNER

THE third annual dinner of the Essex Association was held in the Picture Room, Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on October 6th. The Master of the Essex Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel, acted as chairman, and the guests included the Lord Bishops of Chelmsford and Barking, the Provost of Chelmsford, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nolan Golden, and Dr. Armstrong Gibbs.

The toast 'The Church' was proposed by the Master of the Association, who said that when he thought of the Church, and in particular the Anglican Branch, throughout the world, he was filled with a sense of wonderment. The Diocese of Chelmsford, which the Essex Association covers, was a subject dear to the hearts of all present at the dinner. It wasn't an old diocese, having been founded in 1914, and there were probably people present who remembered the first Bishop. The Diocese has been faced with problems from the day it came into existence, and never were the problems so grave as those facing it at the present time.

The first Bishop, who was a man of great charm, faced the problems of weaving together a new diocese. The second Bishop, a great scholar, who did not remain at Chemsford very long, continued the process of cementing together the Church in Essex. The third Bishop, Dr. Henry Wilson, who is remembered with great affection in Essex, met and conquered many problems during his long term. His scheme, 'London-over-the-border,' found a solution for the new housing areas which came about in Essex before the second world war. The fourth and present Bishop, Dr. Faulkner Allison, who came to Chelmsford from Ridley Hall, Cambridge, has vast and intricate problems to face with the creation of the New Towns and large L.C.C. housing areas in Essex.

The Master continued that probably the ringers knew more about what was happening in the Diocese than most people. The Association holds 30 meetings a year in all parts of Essex, where all sorts of people from all walks of life meet together. It was fast becoming apparent that more interest was being found in the Church in Essex today than ever before. More clergy were coming into the Diocese; more ordinands were coming forward. The plurality of livings left a lot to be desired, but half a vicar was better than no vicar at all. The new vicarages being built in various parts of the Diocese were helping to attract men of the right calibre into the parishes.

The Master concluded by paying tribute to the great work done by the incumbents, and said that he hoped that the day was not too far distant when the income of every parish priest was at least £1,200 a year.

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, who responded to the toast, said that it was a great pleasure for him to be present at the dinner, and thanked the Association for the invitation.

A DISTURBANCE WITH A REMINDER

The ringers, by their work, said Dr. Allison, performed a major service for the Church. The ringers invited the people to come to church and knocked their consciences. The ringers might be accused of disturbing the human race, but the disturbance was for a good cause if the people who were disturbed were reminded that there was a church and that they should be attending the church service, for which the bells were ringing.

The Bishop of Barking, proposing the toast 'The Essex Association of Change-Ringers,' informed the company that it gave him great joy to make the proposition.

The Bishop observed that since the war there had been an immense revival in change-ringing throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles. Before the war, he could remember, change-ringing was gradually dying out in some parts of the country. He was sure that the revival was due to so many young people taking an interest in the Exercise and that the prospect for the future was very bright.

The Bishop continued, that in his opinion fellowship was a good thing, and belonging to organisations like the Essex Association gave one an interest in life. A ringer could walk into any tower in the country and get a warm welcome. He knew, when in Germany as a Chaplain General, an Air Vice-Marshal's wife who was a keen ringer, and spent most of her husband's leaves in England 'tower snatching.'

The Bishop continued with a recollection of a wartime Christmas he had spent in Palestine while on sick leave from the Eighth Army. He could remember bells of Bethlehem commencing to ring after the carol service which ended at 12 midnight, and continuing until 8 o'clock next morning.

Mr. H. Turner, the Deputy Master of the Association, responded to the toast, and observed that the Essex Association was formed by churchpeople for churchpeople for church purposes. Mr. Turner continued that it was noteworthy that the Association had only had four Masters during the whole of its existence of 76 years. The Association, continued Mr. Turner, had one premier aim of seeing that every ringable ring of bells was rung at least once on Sundays for divine service.

THE EXERCISE IS FLOURISHING

The toast, 'The Exercise and Kindred Associations,' was proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant, the honorary secretary and treasurer. Mr. Gant said it was just as well to enquire into the health of the Exercise as thermometers and other applances could not be applied. In his opinion, the Exercise was in a very flourishing state and it was up to everyone to see that it continued at such a high level of activity.

The vice-president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, replied on behalf of the kindred associations. Mr. Golden prefaced his remarks by thanking the Association for inviting his wife and him to the dinner. Mr. Golden continued that he was a keen student of annual reports, and one thing was most noticeable to his mind regarding the Essex Association. There were so many young people ringing in peals and quarter peals, Mr. Golden continued; you have a splendid Association, you have wonderful leaders, the rank and file is extraordinary. You mustn't become despondent because one tower falls out. This must be expected. The Exercise has been full of ups-and-downs.

THE GUESTS

The Provost of Chelmsford proposed the toast, 'The Guests and Artistes,' and Dr. Armstrong Gibbs replied.

During the evening the company were entertained by Mrs. Horsnell (soprano), Mr. David Smith (raconteur), and songs by the Danbury Ringers, with Dr. Armstrong Gibbs at the piano.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Close on 30 members were present at the North Norfolk Branch meeting at Mattishall on October 6th. Mr. G. Sayer, Branch Ringing Master, saw that the bells were kept going, and ringing ranged from Rounds to Cambridge Minor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Geddes), assisted by the president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston); the Vicar also played the organ.

Tea was very kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, of Mattishall, after which the business meeting followed. Mr. A. Bason, Branch chairman, presided, supported by the president.

Four non-resident life members elected prior to a peal at St. Peter Mancroft on May 21st, were ratified, viz.: Messrs. F. R. Scott (Slough), W. H. Coles (Hayes), A. E. Hartley (Thorner, Yorks) and J. W. Haw (Peterborough). Miss J. Moore (Aylsham) was elected a ringing member; Mrs A. E. Dixon, Herbert J. Larwood and Peter J. Woodcock, all of Shipdham, were re-elected ringing members.

The chairman expressed thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the Rev. D. F. J. Rutt for the use of Yaxham bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Moore for supplying a lovely tea, and the lady helpers.

The annual branch meeting will be at Wymondham on January 12th. Mr. H. Tooke said a number of peal attempts had been arranged during 1957, at the Abbey Church, and issued an invitation to the Northern Branch to make its attempt on Saturday, October 5th. Members wishing to take part should send names to the Branch secretary. If necessary, the Branch committee would pick the band. C. B.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN NETLEY

The death occurred on October 9th at Arundel, Sussex, of Mr. John ('Jack') Netley, aged 88.

Mr. Netley joined the Sussex County Association on March 30th, 1895, and his first peal for the Association was rung at Horsham on May 14th, 1895. He rang several non-association peals, and his total was approximately 80.

He engendered much respect in the Western Division of the County Association and introduced many ringers to membership. He rendered much assistance to building up a new band at Arundel when the bells were rehung in 1950, despite his advanced age and the climb to the belfry. In latter years, however, his greater interest was directed towards the church and ringing at Lyminster, which he served well, and where his funeral took place on October 12th, the anniversary of his wedding day at the same church.

Mr. Netley served the community in other voluntary organisations, especially in the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Fire Service.

Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Netley, who did so much to encourage the enthusiasm in the art of her late husband.

MR. GEORGE LUFF

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Luff, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, which occurred on October 13th at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, at the age of 80. He was a ringer and chorister for a great number of years and took part in peals in the days of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place at Chiddingfold Parish Church on October 17th, the Rector (the Rev. M. Bruce) officiating. Handbells were rung at the graveside by Mrs. P. Fuller and Mr. R. Cooper (Chiddingfold) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden (Haslemere). In the evening half-muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, ringers from Haslemere assisting the local band. So passes almost the last of the old company of Chiddingfold ringers, all of whom are sadly missed. F. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Truro Branch held their autumn meeting at Perran-ar-Worthal on October 6th. Ringing was started at 2.30 p.m. by Perran-ar-Worthal ringers, and before tea several methods had been rung. A very good attendance of 88 members was there, including visitors from the Penzance Branch. Among them were very many young ringers, the youngest being Graham Dunstan, aged 10, of St. Kea.

The church was nicely decorated for the harvest thanksgiving, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Jose, the address being given by the Rev. Mr. Dodds, of Veryan. Tea was provided by the ladies and churchworkers.

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. Docking) the president of the Guild (Mr. A. Carveth) took the chair for the business meeting. Mr. B. Parkin was elected chairman for the coming year, and Mr. C. W. Jose was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

In the evening the ringers parted into their respective bands to ring at nearby towers. Handbell ringing took place in the schoolroom, methods as well as many hymns being rung. To finish off the day a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, with one of the oldest ringers there, Mr. W. Teague, taking the tenor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Simms (first in method) 1, W. Butler 2, C. Burton 3, J. Warner 4, A. R. Syder 5, T. Earl (cond.) 6, E. Bright 7, H. Dorkin (first in method) 8. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. C. Turner 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, M. Edmonds 6, D. W. Davies 7, H. Preece 8. For harvest festival.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Picken 1, F. Benfield 2, S. Earl 3, J. Felce 4, J. Payne 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 combined Plain Bob and St. Clement's): R. Bush 1, R. Spencer 2, T. Bush 3, L. Bush 4, T. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Reed 6. For harvest festival.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, Ruth Morgan 2, J. W. Haw 3, G. S. Bush 4, H. Goakes 5, W. Barker 6, J. H. Bluff 7, F. Boyall 8. In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford as Bishop of Peterborough.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. C. Turner 1, J. Hale 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, C. A. Gerrish 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6. For harvest festival.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury, three extents Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss J Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, E. J. Rowe 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, L. Green 6. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (600 York and 720 Cambridge): M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in two Surprise methods by all except conductor. Rung by Sunday service band.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Court and 720 Double Court): J. T. Rooke 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Mrs. D. Crosby 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: E. Rudkin 1, D. J. Edmonds (aged 11) 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, P. Amos (cond.) 4, T. L. Pendred 5. First quarter of Canterbury for all except the conductor. For the harvest festival and to mark the enthronement of Dr. Robert Stopford to the See of Peterborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Cropredy on October 13th. The attendance was affected, apparently, by the fine, sunny weather which must have kept a number of members in their gardens, but between 30 and 40 were present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. T. Bennett, who subsequently took the chair at the business meeting in the unavoidable absence of the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. O. Moreton.

It was agreed to restart the monthly practice meetings, and the first was fixed for Bloxham on November 17th, and the second for Deddington on December 15th, starting at 5 p.m. It is hoped that these practices will bring together those members who are anxious to learn higher methods. It was also agreed to held the next meeting on January 12th at Bloxham.

Members stood in silence for a few moments in memory of Mr. E. C. Pearson, late hon. secretary of the Branch, who had passed away since the last meeting.

An excellent tea was prepared and served by the ladies from Cropredy, and this was much appreciated.

The bells were kept going before the service and after the business meeting, under the direction of the new Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. E. Pearson, in various methods from Rounds to Surprise, to suit all tastes.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Brown, 37, Newdigate Road, West Hallam. Trent bus 25 or 26.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 9117

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in bowls pavilion afterwards. Names for tea to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, will be appreciated by the ladies. 9076

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9106

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Codicote, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Beverley.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Association Dinner at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's, Chatham, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Rochester Cathedral, 5.15 to 6.15 p.m.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 9130

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Enstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 9104

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice, Slough (10), Oct. 27th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. only for those names received. — Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9143

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9089

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9137

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice. Bletchingley, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31st. 9123

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant. London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — Special general meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's. Bells (13) from 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Everyone invited.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 9159

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. No names no tea. 9154

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne Hastings on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 31st, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 9151

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9139

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-West District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (North-East District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Walthamstow, St. Mary's. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, E.17, will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, E.17. 9135

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Oxhey (8). Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 9157

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 29th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Special meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3 p.m., when we shall be honoured with a visit from our new president, Mrs. K. Lock. I hope each member will make every effort to attend. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea to Mr. S. Dobbie, 4, Caldew Grove, Sittingbourne. —Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9073

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Sheffield on Nov. 3rd. Cathedral (12) 2.30–5 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Marie's room. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hurst, 23, Carver Street, Sheffield 1. 9146

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. Meeting at Rishton, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9170

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby (8) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Fisher, 19, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9169

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Ormskirk, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 to 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea Cafés nearby. Christ Church, Aughton (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 9155

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must reach me before Tuesday previous at 117, Church Lane, Anstey.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9174

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rippingale (6), on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 30th, to the Rev. D. L. Scott, The Rectory, Rippingale, near Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9153

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Netherseale on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. 9140

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing and committee meeting at Bucknall on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 31st, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. Committee meeting 4 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9171

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Old Wolverton, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) 5 pm. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9160

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Middleton Cheney, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. No names no tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9121

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Clipston, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9161

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Warminster (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9164

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook.—C. W. Towers. 9112

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley, Sussex. 9158

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 19th annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 5.45 p.m. Ample seating accommodation. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to Evensong; All Saints' (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, available up to Tuesday, Oct. 30th, from any member of Dinner Committee, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9102

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Northowram (8) on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Names for tea by Nov. 8th, please, to Mr. W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram, Halifax. 9173

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 7th, please, to Mr. W. Downs, St. Michael's Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 9163

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names, please, for tea.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 9149

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pulham Market, Norfolk.—Mr. A. R. Todd, of The Hall, Pulham Market, invites ringers in Norfolk and Suffolk as his guests to tea in the Parish Hall, Pulham Market, on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 5 p.m. The eight bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Names for tea by Nov. 5th to Mr. A. Roope, Church Croft, Station Road, Pulham Market, Diss, Norfolk. 9162

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 8th, to be sent to Mr. F. Crewe, 150, Wrexham Road, Whitchurch. 9167

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to Mr. G. Clark, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth. 9124

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Nomination meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at Wandsworth, Holy Trinity bells 3 to 4.15 p.m., followed by service there. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by previous Monday to Mr. L. H. Ford, of 40, Tonsley Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, please. All Saints' bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9152

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Gloucester, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from R. G. Corby, c/o County Surveyor's Department, Quay Street, Gloucester. 9150

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Rededication.—The rededication of the ten bells, seven having been recast by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Further details later. 9156

THE LADIES' GUILD

The meeting of the South Wales District, held at Usk on October 13th, proved most successful, and some 45 ringers attended to enjoy this fine ring of bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who warmly welcomed the Guild and gave an interesting address.

A delightful tea was prepared in a nearby hall by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Luff, Mrs. Kear and Miss Hobbs. These ladies were thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles.

The vice-president, Mrs. C. Coles, thanked the Vicar for his kind welcome and Mr. Lionel Jones for contributing so much to the success of the meeting.

After the gentlemen had returned to the tower the secretary read a letter of good wishes received from the president (Mrs. T. Lock). One new member was elected — Miss Jennifer Stephens, of Ebbw Vale. Penarth was chosen as the place of the next meeting in January.

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THE YORKSHIRE DINNER

A TYPICAL Yorkshire welcome awaited those who made the journey to York, the ancient and most beautiful northern city, and only those who have received such a welcome can appreciate what these words mean. The honest, forthright sincerity of our Yorkshire ringing folk is a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

Added importance to this year's proceedings was the presence of the Archbishop of York, who has permanently endeared himself to all ringers by his downright denunciation of synthetic bells, which he described as 'one of the most bogus frauds in Christendom' and, he added, 'these devices could not be introduced into churches without the faculty of a diocesan chancellor.' He said he was always glad to hear of them taking a very poor view of proposals to make these installations. Dr. Ramsey continued, 'I wish to extend and safeguard the great art of ringing in the Church.'

The Archbishop's words were very widely reported in the Northern Press, and 'The Bradford Telegraph,' in a leading article commenting on the speech, said: 'Many churchgoers who have misgivings at the modern trend to make religious observance easier on the body and soul will agree with the Archbishop. Bell-ringing is more than a mere alarm call giving warning that the service is about to begin. It is in itself an act of worship — the raising of a hymn of praise. If it is to be replaced by gramophone records *because sufficient ringers cannot be enlisted*, then it might as well be dispensed with altogether. A hooter or siren would fulfil the same purpose.' The article concluded: 'The bells must ring out again. But their song must come from the hands and hearts of men, not from the mechanical lungs of an ecclesiastical juke-box.'

Ringers everywhere will, we feel sure, appreciate what both the Archbishop and Press have said on this matter, but the situation is one which calls for continuous vigilance, and every possible obstacle must be put in the way to prevent synthetic installations. Many of our present-day evils have come about because of apathy, and the stronger our ringing organisations can be made the greater the vigilance that can be exercised. Synthetic bells can lead to synthetic music in the church, synthetic prayers, synthetic sermons and finally to synthetic congregations!

Another speaker, Canon Tardrew, referred to the power of ringers to 'make the dumb speak.' He was referring to the many silent rings there are up and down the country, and said that if these dumb bells could be made to speak it might also be possible 'to make the deaf hear.' Here is a still further challenge to us as ringers to go all out for greater recruitment, and in this connection York is leading the way with its School of Ringing at the Institute of Architectural Study. The writer was able to see very young ringers using the six bells there with an efficiency that was most impressive. One very small boy (Colin) was ringing Bob Minor like a veteran, and also giving a slightly bigger boy (Michael) some practical help in getting successfully through a touch. These boys are in the hands of capable instructors and the whole scheme is a most inspiring one, and deserves every possible help and encouragement that can be given.

Truly the Yorkshire Association is facing up to its task, and under the guidance of their most able president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, will enhance the great traditions of this Association, built on foundations laid by his great predecessors, Jasper and William Snowdon and Canon Marshall.

J. F. S.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

(C.C.C. No. 10, rearranged with 12 courses in the handstroke home position.) Tenor 42 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	THOMAS C. LARKEY	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
†GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	9
†THOMAS LEE	4	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	10
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5	†PERCY SWINDLEY	11
†HENRY O. BAKER	6	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
HENRY H. FEARN	4	MICHAEL G. MORTON	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	ALAN J. BROWN	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
EDWARD JENKINS	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS, President	*Treble*
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH, Past Hon. Secretary and Treasurer	2
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*ROBERT J. EDDEN, Master	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
* First peal on ten bells and first attempt.
This is the first peal to be rung for the Guild by officers and past officers.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	†ARTHUR J. SMITH	6
VALERIE WILLARD	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	7
HENRY B. WHITNEY	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	8
*JUNE GLADMAN	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal on ten bells and first attempt for a peal of Royal. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. The first peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	*FRANK RAYMENT	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	ERIC BALDWIN	6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	3	†E. MARTIN FIELDEN	7
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung to honour the 85th birthday of Mr. William Clark, of the local company.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	*F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST.- MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*PAUL W. WEBB	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
†DIANA J. PERRINS	2	F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First of Superlative.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*KATHLEEN APPS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
MRS. S. M. DOBBIE	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	†WILLIAM ROGERS	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	†WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a 91st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Bishop, sen., who has been a ringer at this church for 73 years.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
MICHAEL G. MORTON	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	PETER BORDER	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
PETER BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,880 changes of Cambridge and 2,208 of Superlative, 132 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
GEORGE P. ADAMS	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	*BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 300th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all and on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Superlative.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

ALEXANDER E. MARSH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
*VERNON BOTTOMLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Bristol on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*MALCOLM F. COWLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conduced by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise.

BARNES, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DOREEN A. DEVERELL	*Treble*	LEWIS J. BATLEY	5
†NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	2	†SQUIRE CROFT	6
*JEAN I. SCRUTTON	3	‡FRANK R. L. BLEWER	7
JAMES A. HALES	4	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Hales.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDERICK KINCHIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. SHOREY	5
WILLIAM H. MALE	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
CLARENCE R. STEED	3	FRED C. LYNE	7
HAROLD HUXLEY	4	FRANCIS POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
A birthday compliment to Fred C. Lyne.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

*ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH	*Treble*	GEORGE E. OLIVER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

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BUCKINGHAM.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5152 BUCKINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

Frederick Vickers	*Treble*	S. Anthony Jesson	5
Kenneth A. Roe	2	George W. Holland ..	6
Ernest W. Rawson.. ..	3	William A. Yates	7
T. Edward Harrold ..	4	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Kenneth A. Roe.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Frank H. Hicks	*Treble*	Bernard V. Collison ..	5
*Ronald W. Pankhurst..	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Harold G. F. Reynolds	3	Edward J. Jenner	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	†Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* 25th peal. † 250th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. J. N. Henderson, who was inducted to the living the previous Tuesday.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

George W. Howlett ..	*Treble*	John W. Blythe	5
Stanley W. Copling ..	2	John W. G. Kindred ..	6
Michael Solley	3	Reginald R. Darch.. ..	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Peter Kindred	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Peter Kindred.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Edward B. Smith	*Treble*	George Waterman	5
*Marian H. Mills	2	Roy K. Duesbury	6
†Michael A. Mills.. ..	3	*David E. West	7
Alan R. Andrews	4	Urban W. Wildney.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	5
Muriel Reay	2	John E. Cook	6
Phyllis Poole	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Frederick E. Wilshaw ..	4	Peter J. Staniforth.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Southwell, Notts.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

E. Winifred Keys.. ..	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor	5
S. Kathleen M. Knight	2	Frederick W. Burnett..	6
*C. Ernest Smith	3	†William T. Beeson ..	7
Roger Baldwin	4	Alfred T. Greenwood ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* 75th peal of London Major. † 700th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Louis Willders	4
John R. Ketteringham ..	2	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	5
Charles McGuiness ..	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. S. Winter to Miss E. M. Wright, which preceded this peal.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being a 720 each of Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Albert Hulley	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
†Alec Wilson	2	George Challans	5
*Freda Robinson	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'
Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

EAST KEAL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

G. Leonard Thompson ..	*Treble*	John R. Ketteringham..	4
Ernest Brittain	2	*Harold Gibson	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Ronald C. Burns	*Treble*	*Albert Dunk	4
*Terence Barton	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
†Ralph Bird	3	George Kenward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † 350th peal.

UPPER DEAN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris's 240, ten different extents and 15 different 240's.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Bryan S. Cope	*Treble*	John B. Long	3
Patrick I. Chapman.. ..	2	Peter J. Shipton	4
Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First peal on the bells.
Mr. P. I. Chapman has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Sylvia Streater	*Treble*	Geoffrey Lee	4
Jean Egerton	2	Ernest Treagus..	5
Dorothy K. Saunders ..	3	June M. Clements	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Treagus.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Netley, member of the Sussex County Association, 1895–1956.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, as follows: (1) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Primrose, 72 Bourne and 72 Hull, with 26 changes of method; (2) London; (3) Wells; (4) York; (5) Beverley; (6) Surfleet; (7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD .. .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Minor in 12 methods by all the band. The conductor's 250th peal.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HARRY HALL .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN HALL 4
RONALD CHAFER 2	JACK BRAY 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the conductor.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

FRANK H. BEENEY .. .. *Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING.. .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	GEORGE BEENEY 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

A birthday compliment to Miss Laura Beeney, and a third birthday compliment to Philip, grandson of the conductor.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD C. BURNS .. .. *Treble*	TERENCE BARTON 4
ALBERT J. DUNK 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RALPH MOORE .. .. .. *Treble*	ALLAN R. JONES.. 4
*BERT JOHNSON 2	FRED BENFIELD 5
*FREDERICK J. ATTEWELL.. 3	BERNARD E. FROST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. FROST.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Mark Meynell, after his institution and induction this day as Rector of Cogenhoe.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*RONALD J. SHARP .. .. *Treble*	BRIAN BLADON 3
*RALPH BIRD 2	DEREK P. JONES 4
*†PHILIP MEHEW .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † 100th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Mr. Ralph Bird has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ALBERT C. WENBAN .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
PHYLLIS M. PAYNE 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

GREAT HASELEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHRISTINE HALL .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS S. BOWLES 4
*MRS. F. V. BUSBY 2	A. JAMES ADAMS 5
CECIL BENNETT 3	LAURENCE BUSBY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES ADAMS.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Bowles, on the birth of a daughter.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. *Treble*	*FREDERICK R. WIGGIN .. 4
PAMELA J. PEARSON.. .. 2	*ROY K. MOWFORTH.. .. 5
SHELAGH K. SEERY 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

* First peal of Minor.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK .. *Treble*	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	EDMUND J. MORRIS 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. WELLS .. .. *Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON 4
JOHN R. SMITH 2	RAYMOND W. BALLS 5
LESLIE H. RISEBROW .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOLDOM .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND W. BALLS.

First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 14 in D.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 1—2	MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3—4	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

CLEEVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT WOOLMER'S.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 1—2	JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS.. .. .. 3—4	DAVID HOARE .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. S. Laker 1, J. H. G. Gardner 2, R. Johnson 3, R. Squire 4, D. J. Laker 5, E. H. Knapp 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, R. Stoner (first quarter) 8. Rung for the special organisation service, also for the christening of Richard Sidney Squire, son of the 4th ringer, and for the engagement of the treble ringer.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place): T. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, P. Cattermole (first quarter) 4, W. Barrett (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Teresa Jones 1, G. Grant 2, Ann Fear 3, J. Phippen 4, A. L. Fear 5, K. Moon 6, E. Bray (cond.) 7, P. Saunders 8. First quarter for all except 4, 6 and 7. Rung with 1 and 3 in front for harvest festival.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. H. Wallis 1, F. H. Briscoe 2, Miss S. Duffin 3, P. G. Smith 4, A. S. Smith 5, C. J. Smith 6, N. J. Betts (first 'inside' in method) 7, B. F. Sims (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 4. For harvest festival.

BIBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire): J. Carey 1, J. Dowdeswell 2, M. Day 3, P. Bartlett 4, R. Wenban (cond.) 5, J. Price 6. For harvest festival.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Wincott 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Mrs. J. A. Tole 3, P. C. Taylor 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Allan Campden (a local ringer) and Miss Margaret England.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Plain Bob, 1,140 Grandsire): J. Mitchell 1, H. P. Schofield 2, J. Schofield 3, G. Mitchell 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5. First in two methods by Sunday service band and by 1 and 5. For harvest festival.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Spliced College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob: Mrs. M. Finlow 1, J. T. Marriott 2, Miss E. Bagshaw 3, R. Dawson 4, F. Forster 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,440 Oswald Delight: J. Bagshaw 1, J. T. Marriott 2, F. Forster 3, R. Dawson 4, Miss B. Bagshaw 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. For Confirmation service.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, G. M. Rouse 5, B. B. Dibben (cond.) 6. For evening service.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Oct. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, B. G. Webb 3, Miss V. A. Brooks (first quarter) 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter 8. A birthday compliment for Vera and Albert, twin brother and sister of the treble ringer. For Evensong.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Matthews 1, Miss P. Bathe 2, W. Wills 3, S. Duxbury 4, D. Wells (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. H. Bathe 6. First quarter for 2, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Evans 1, H. King 2, L. Cordell 3, J. McPhail 4, S. Blatch 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For harvest festival by the North Weald Guild.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Ellison (first quarter) 1, E. Anne Charlesworth 2, Elizabeth M. Bagshaw 3, E. Ellison 4, W. A. Smith 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Allsop 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Langdon 5, F. J. Smallwood 6, H. Belcher 7, R. F. Deal 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): C. Rigby 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, G. G. Mansfield 3, C. Massingham 4, G. Shellard 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Lord Bishop of Peerborough, and also for harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hodgson 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, P. Holland 3, F. Hodgson 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3 and 5.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Free (first of Minor) 1, C. Hagger 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For dedication festival. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, R. Hazell (first of Minor 'inside') 2, W. Avery 3, W. Woodward 4, C. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Free 1, R. Hazell (first of Grandsire) 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, W. Avery 6. For harvest festival.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, G. Peters 2, D. Astridge 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, A. S. Harris (first 'inside' in method) 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sellars 1, A. E. Chilton 2, F. W. Vernon 3, D. Simpson 4, P. N. White 5, F. G. Hooper 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, J. W. Raithby 8. For the first Sunday of Gopher.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss C. Hall 1, C. McGuiness 2, G. S. Deas 3, T. Sewell 4, K. W. Checseman 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, R. Kirkpatrick (first quarter) 8. First in method by all except the conductor. A compliment to J. A. Ainsworth on his coming of age.

OXENDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Burdett (first quarter) 1, W. Cropley (first 'inside') 2, D. Griffin 3, C. Swann 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): H. King 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Melton 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Munday 1, R. Ferris (cond.) 2, Alf Cusick (Cheshire) 3, K. Stacey 4, Wm. Smith 5, T. Howell 6. For the induction service of the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Crawford).

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Oct. 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob Minor: R. Johnson 1, J. F. Wood 2, J. W. Grounds 3, A. Sharples 4, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 5, J. Thornley 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. W. Dimond 1, H. Green 2, P. D. Oldham 3, L. J. Malings 4, M. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Ryall (first quarter) 1, A. Locke 2, J. C. Basher 3, F. Roberts 4, D. Burnett (cond.) 5, W. T. Thomas 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. R. Jose, and a birthday compliment to John Basher.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Keel 1, E. K. Jordan 2, T. R. Taylor 3, C. Butler 4, A. T. Green-Wood 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. First quarter by 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Evangelist Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, M. Soper 2, P. J. Lewis 3, D. Searcy (first in method) 4, D. C. Bowen 5, C. Ward 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lewis.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Saggers 1, C. S. Hoad 2, M. Holmes (first quarter) 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, F. E. Roberts 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Miss J. Hanning 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cooke 1, Susan Chaddock 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Miss E. Wardill 4, J. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Coote 8. First of Grandsire Triples by 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sutton 1, N. Round Turner 2, L. Nice 3, G. Hunt 4, E. Nice (first as cond.) 5, R. Rose 6. For harvest festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. W. Debenham 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, A. R. Tysoe 3, H. G. Mason 4, C. F. Sayer 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam 8, H. V. Frost (cond.) 9, A. E. Ewer 10. For harvest festival.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 14th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, R. Barlow 2, Shelagh K. Seery 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, F. Eley 8. For harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to John Warrilow, for many years head ringer at this church.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, H. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, C. Stubbington 4, W. Houghton 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Luxon 8. For harvest festival.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pettiford 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, Mrs. E. Sutton 3, A. T. Collins 4, R. E. G. Luton 5, H. Austin 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, T. R. Collins 8. For children's service.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stewart 1, Marian Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stewart 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, A. Hales 3, I. Cooper 4, P. W. Mills 5, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Faircloth 1, Mrs. R. Rouse 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For the Deanery choir festival service.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. H. May 1, J. D. Upton 2, Miss E. A. G. Grime 3, P. J. Mayne 4, R. J. Kelland 5, W. H. Ware 6, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 7, P. Corke 8. Specially arranged for Miss E. A. G. Grime.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Highley 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, W. F. Jarvis 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Gray (first of Major and first in method) 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss J. M. Highley 3, Miss N. Hales 4, Mrs. D. Neal 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. Gray 8.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Bishop (first of Triples) 1, Edith Bassett 2, Ann Bassett 3, S. G. Ponting 4, C. Pilbeam 5, L. W. Giles 6, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 7, J. Wilcox (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Shepherd 1, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 2, M. J. Hayes 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, D. Hewitt 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, E. E. Holman 7, B. Collard 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

WHITTINGTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. B. Taylor 1, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 2, M. S. Hart 3, Miss G. Hawkins 4, C. G. Pickavance 5, W. A. Smith 6. Believed to be the first 1,260 of Grandsire on the bells. Rung on the 10th wedding anniversary and birthday compliment to Kathleen (Faversham, Kent), the elder daughter of the conductor.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Spavins (aged 12) 1, H. D. Harris (aged 82) 2, P. Newing 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Valerie Willard (cond.) 5, S. Ivin 6, K. G. Spavins 7, B. Grainger 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. For harvest festival.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Double Court: Miss R. A. Gower 1, E. S. Ruck 2, R. J. Carlton 3, L. C. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For early celebration. Also 1,320 Plain Bob and Double Bob Minor Spliced: Miss P. Lowes 1, E. S. Ruck 2, Miss R. E. Gower (first of Spliced) 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. Pope 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Pope 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. All for harvest festival.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Warm sunny weather has favoured the last two meetings of the North Staffordshire Association at Uttoxeter and Eccleshall on September 22nd and October 13th.

As usual the meeting at Uttoxeter was arranged for the Patronal Festival coinciding, incidentally, with the local fair and races. The meeting was well attended and the ringing was particularly rewarding. A high standard of striking has always been expected and obtained on these fine bells; this was no exception, and ringing in many Surprise Major methods was heard. A course of Leek Major was eventually brought round—after it was found that half the band, in writing out the principle, had begun the course at the wrong whole pull!

The meeting at Eccleshall, re-affiliated in 1955, was the first official visit of the Association for very many years and was also a most enjoyable occasion. Eccleshall itself is a delightfully unspoiled country town, attractive under any circumstances, with a fine, spacious church, well-proportioned tower and a ring of six, rehung in 1954, and soon to be augmented to eight. The sound of the bells is particularly welcomed by the parishioners and townspeople, whose interest has helped so much to maintain this ring. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Tetley), who presided at an excellent tea provided in the Memorial Hall by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

During the short business session after tea the congratulations of the Association were extended to the Sunday service band of Norton-le-Moors, who successfully brought round a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major—the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells—on the previous Saturday.

JOINT MEETING AT BOWDON

A joint meeting of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the North-Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bowdon on Sept. 29th. The bells were in good use from early in the afternoon until the service in church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon D. P. Low), who also gave the address. In order to avoid clashing with the Guild business meeting the ladies held their business meeting in the vestry before the service.

After the service some 80 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal as the guests of an anonymous friend and the local ringers. The business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, was of a routine nature. Visitors from the Chester, Crewe and other Branches of the Guild and from neighbouring Associations were present and the presence of the Guild general secretary, the Rev. John Kingdon, was greatly appreciated. Ringing was enjoyed until a very late hour and ranged from rounds and call changes to Spliced Surprise Major.

C. K. L.

BEGINNER'S PLAIN BOB

Mr Alex Waddington has produced another of his handy little books, 'Beginner's Plain Bob,' setting out in simple language Bob Minimus, Plain Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Bob Triples and Bob Major. Like all Mr. Waddington's work it is a one-man venture, the setting, printing and binding work being undertaken by him in a very creditable manner. 'Beginner's Plain Bob' is obtainable from the Peregrine Press, Egerton, Kent (price 1s. 9d. post free).

CONSECRATION AT LITTLE CHART

On St. Michael's Day the newly-built church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Little Chart, was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This was a great day for the parish, and the bells played their gay part in the rejoicing as once more the village has its House of God after the destruction of its 15th century church by one of Hitler's flying bombs.

The new church, of pleasant brick with Bath stone mullions and cornices, blends in a friendly way with the walls and tall trees of the corner of the old Surrenden Park in which it is situated.

The nucleus of the pre-war band of ringers, under the energetic leadership of Mr. J. Batchelor, has been strengthened by a new batch of young ringers. For months they have practised assiduously at Egerton, Charing and Harrietsham, and lately on their own lashed, silent bells.

The dedicatory rounds during the service were rung by some of the local band not otherwise taking a major role in it, and then afterwards all the local ringers took turns on the open bells. Then followed a 120 of Grandsire Doubles by an Egerton band, and many touches in which everyone present could take part. Stedman, Single Oxford, Bob Minor, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise were included in the methods rung.

It was not until 9.30 that the bells were lowered in peal and the visitors departed with pleasant thoughts of this bright new church, its beautiful light ring of Taylor bells, and the happy enthusiasm of the ringers planning to ring their bells for three services on the following day.

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BELFRY

Miss Patricia M. Bourn, Master of the Bristol University Society, has just celebrated her 21st birthday. Her Bristol ringing friends and members of the Bristol University Society congratulate her on becoming of age and wish her every success in her ringing and academic careers.

The local band at Willesborough, Kent, have completed so far this year 100,000 changes for service ringing.

Correction.—It was Enford and not Exford ringers who rang their first peal together. (See page 665.)

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Ernest James Taylor, of Tiverton, hon. secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The funeral was at Tiverton last Monday.

Sixteen members of the Sunday service band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, London, have this year rung quarter peals in their tower in more than 35 methods.

Four mistresses and eight girls at Queen Margaret's School, Escrick Park, have been trained to handle a bell by one of the ringers from York Minster. On Sunday evening of October 21st the bells of Escrick Parish Church were rung by them for evening service, for the first time in six years. We await the first quarter from Queen Margaret's School.

In the peal at Warwick on October 13th it was obviously impossible to include all past officers of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, so the band who rang the peal would like to associate the following past officers: Adolphus Roberts, W. A. Stote, A. Hinde, W. Collett, T. Adams, J. A. Fenton, T. Sheppard and the Rev. Carew Cox. Before the start of the peal it was decided to light the gas as well as the electric light. It was discovered that the band were all non-smokers and did not possess a match between them. Is this a record?

GOSSIP

In appreciation of the kindnesses he received and also as choirboy in 1937, Mr. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, sends us 10s. for the Bow Bells Restoration Fund. On that occasion, Mr. Wilson (now 81) rang the fifth to Cambridge Surprise with Mr. J. T. Dyke on the tenor. The choirboy has never forgotten the rounds he rang at Bow.

Rugby is having a spate of press correspondence concerning the eight at St. Andrew's Church which were rehung last year, and being in the main street cause annoyance to those who do not like bells, especially when rung on a Saturday afternoon.

The Dean of Liverpool informs us that the open ringing day at Liverpool Cathedral this autumn has been fixed for November 17th. Ringing will be from 11 to 12.30 and from 1.30 to 3 p.m.

Apropos two ringers ringing at Rock, Worcs, and Roll, Northants, the same week, 'Peter Simple,' in 'The Daily Telegraph,' writes:—

If Treble Bob is just the job
When tolled in syncopation,
Do Grandsire Triples rung in ripples
'Send' the congregation?

Inadvertently, the report of the National Police Guild last week mentioned that Mr. Arthur B. Wiffen, ex-Inspector, Southend-on-Sea Constabulary, had passed away. His police comrades will be pleased to learn that Mr. Wiffen is very much alive and is living at 23, Burdenshott Avenue, Richmond, Surrey. Last July Mr. Wiffen was seriously ill and his right leg was amputated, but an artificial leg was fitted and he is able to walk short distances, although he is afraid his ringing days are over. Now 70 years of age, Mr. Wiffen rang his first peal at Braintree in 1902 and his last at Prittlewell in 1952.

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ARCHBISHOP HONOURS SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 24th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on October 20th. During the afternoon the bells of the Minster, Acomb Parish Church and the Institute of Architectural Study were rung to various methods. Before ringing started at the Minster the Belfry Office was recited by the Rev. A. J. McMullen, chaplain to the Minster Ringers.

Undoubtedly the focal point of interest was the ancient ring of six bells at the Architectural Institute (formerly the Church of St. John), which had recently been restored in full accordance with Central Council principles.

In the evening a company of over 90 assembled at the Windmill Hotel. The guests included the Lord Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsey), Canon T. H. Tardrew (Precentor of York Minster), the Rev. D. Oxby Parker (Vicar of Acomb) and the Rev. A. J. McMullen.

A GREAT HONOUR

The chair was taken by the Ven. C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, and in his opening remarks he said it was a great honour to the Association that the Archbishop in the midst of a very busy life had found it possible to accept an invitation to be present.

The toast 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. E. Hudson (vice-president). He said there were some people who would welcome the dissolution of the bond between Church and State. Many people realised that there were great problems and difficulties and at times the tension was considerable, but if the bond was dissolved the Church might lose materially but the State would be the loser in far more important and deeper ways. 'Could not we as Christian people pray that Church and State in this realm should become one in purpose and intention?' He continued and proposed the toast in verse:—

'My friends, it may cause you a Minor Surprise
To hear in light verse a request to arise
And drink to the health of the Church and the State,
Together with that of our gracious Primate.
May they, like our bells, speak in tuneful accord
And ever abound in the work of the Lord.
Good ringers are glad when they hear the last call,
So pick up your glasses, my friends, this is all.'

'Mr. President, Reverend Sirs, Ladies and Gentlemen,
The Church and the State, His Grace our Archbishop.'

'BOGUS FRAUD OF CHRISTENDOM'

When he rose in reply to the toast, the Archbishop was received with acclamation. Dr. Ramsey said he was concerned to safeguard and extend the great art of bellringing in the Church. Bellringers had one or two enemies. One enemy was the use of gramophone records and similar devices which tried to produce the sound of bells without ringing at all. 'I regard this as one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom,' he said. He did his utmost to clear the Diocese of Durham of such installations and thought it reassuring to know that they could not be introduced without a faculty from the Diocesan Chancellor. He was always glad to hear of a Diocesan Chancellor taking a poor view of proposals to make these installations.

Dr. Ramsey said his regard for ringers was coloured by his own experiences. Those who were now ringers were but a small fraction of those who once made the attempt but fell out of the race for want of encouragement. He came into that category. When he was a theological student he thought he would have a try at ringing the bells at the Parish Church. 'And I will not try to describe what happened. I concluded that as regards efficiency and the safety of my person, my vocation lay in what are called other channels.'

During his parish work he had been fortunate in serving in three churches with great traditions of bells—St. Nicholas', Liverpool, Boston Stump, and St. Bene't's, Cambridge. Again and again he had been conscious of the estrangement of a large part of the population from the Church and the Christian religion. Yet he believed that there was a deep latent religious sense in the bulk of the population. Because of that he was glad that the connection between Church and State still continued and was able every now and then to evoke that religious sense in the whole community.

THE BAN ON BELLS

'The Ringing World' editorial of June, 1940, is quoted by Peter Fleming in his article in 'The Sunday Times' on 'The Night the Bells Rang.' He wrote:—

'A ban on the ringing of church bells was announced on June 13th, 1940. Henceforth they would be rung only by the military or the police to give warning that an airborne attack was in progress. This arrangement had, in addition to the story-book quality so characteristic of the period, an agreeably traditional flavour; but it was viewed with concern by "The Ringing World," an organ devoted to the interests of campanology. The ban was seen as "a stunning blow to ringing, from which, even when the war is over, it will take a long time to recover".'

BELLS—THE BOND OF CHURCH AND STATE

He was sure that the work of the bellringers in a special way symbolised the bond between Church and State. After all, the bells of a Cathedral and a great Parish Church were heard by the whole community as well as the churchgoers. They told the whole community they ought to be churchgoers, a heartily right and good thing to tell them.

The Archbishop said he would never forget the bells of York on the day of his consecration in the Minster as Bishop of Durham, nor the bells on the day he was enthroned Primate. 'I am grateful, too, and proud of the bells and the ringers of York Minster, and I realise that what the ringers of York Minster mean to York, the ringers in so many parishes throughout Yorkshire mean to those parishes.'

Mr. G. Benfield, hon. treasurer, proposed 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.' He reviewed the life and work of Snowdon and wondered how it was possible he was able to accomplish so much in such a short ringing life. Jasper was followed by his brother, William, as president. Later the beloved Canon C. C. Marshall presided over the affairs of the Association, and since the Association was formed in 1875 there had only been four presidents—a remarkable record. Other past officers he called to mind were William Horner Howard, first vice-president; Charles Henry Hattersley and his brother, Tom, Clement Glynn, Jim Cotterell and George Bolland.

The company stood in silence for a few moments before drinking the toast.

THE GUESTS

Mr. H. Walker proposed 'The Guests and Kindred Ringing Societies' and said this was the first time the gathering had been headed by the head of the Northern Province, and he took the presence of His Grace as being a compliment to the work of the bellringers. He welcomed Canon Tardrew, Precentor of York Minster, who many would remember as Vicar of St. Mary's, Beverley, with its glorious ring of ten.

Another guest was the Rev. D. Oxby Parker, Vicar of Acomb and Rural Dean of York, who had been responsible for transferring a derelict ring of six bells from a disused city church to his church at Acomb. He was pleased to say the bells were now rung twice each Sunday.

The Rev. G. McMullen was not only chaplain to the Minster Ringers but was secretary to the Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches in the York Diocese, and he was glad to say that this committee always advised against the installation of synthetic bells.

Representatives were present that evening from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, the Lancashire Association, the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the London County Association, the Universities Association and last but by no means least the Ladies' Guild.

He said that it was interesting to note that 45 years ago there were only two lady members of the Yorkshire Association, now the number of resident lady members had risen to 112.

NO MORE DUMB TOWERS

Canon Tardrew replied on behalf of the guests in his usual happy style, but on a more serious note said that far too often we heard of empty belfries, empty choir stalls, empty pews and empty pulpits. He suggested the ringers should make a resolution that there should be no more 'dumb' towers. 'If we can make the dumb to speak, we might make the deaf to hear,' he declared.

Mr. Frank Smallwood, replying for the Kindred Societies, said he brought with him from London the fraternal greetings of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Referring to the school of bellringing which the Minster Society had sponsored, he said the solution to silent towers lay in York. At the York Institute of Architectural Study provision was made for the teaching of bellringing. 'There is nothing more useful you can do than to give help and support to this Institute in York for the training of youngsters. I only wish we had a similar Institute in London, where many of the rings of bells are unsuitable for the teaching of learners.'

Mr. C. McGuiness proposed 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' and said that 'continued' implied present prosperity. The Association had not only produced officers capable of managing its own affairs, but also men who could play their part in national affairs. He thought that the ringing of multi-method peals by a few ringers was not of general benefit to the Exercise but only to the few. But such ringers saw an objective in their ringing and it was important that instructors also had an objective—the prosperity of the Exercise.

'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. V. Bottomley, and in reply Archdeacon Ellison said thanks were due to the local organisers of the function and to the artistes who had enlivened the proceedings with harmony.

The principal toast was followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. Musical items were contributed by Mesdames V. Holland and E. Wilkinson and Messrs. F. Horner and S. H. Steel.

H. W

POPULARITY OF GUILDFORD GUILD DINNER

Service of Ladies to Ringing

THE Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner on October 20th at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, fully maintained its popularity—a company of 178 enjoying the excellent arrangements. As a mark of appreciation of his interest in ringing the Rev. F. A. Woodard, Vicar of Horsell, who is retiring from the living at Christmas, was invited to preside. He is a vice-president of the Guild, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Woodard, after his retirement, would still be able to maintain his interest in the Guild.

The toast of 'The Memory of John S. Goldsmith and the Continued Prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. W. G. Challen, tower master of Chichester Cathedral. 'Jack Goldsmith,' he said, 'had always the voice of encouragement. He understood people; he had the ability of putting some enthusiasm into you that made you get on with the job. He was a man who was always bubbling over with enthusiasm. They had heard many times that he had helped to found their Guild and of the hard work he put into it, and also how he was the proprietor of 'The Ringing World' and made certain that the whole country knew of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He mixed with the highest but he never disdained to help the lowest.

A 'HAPPY MAN'

What always lived in his memory concerning Jack Goldsmith was that he was a happy man—a joyous man. He always enjoyed going to a wedding. Mr. Challen said he remembered eight of them in Jack's car with handbells, following the bridal pair to the station. There was a quotation: 'You cannot pour happiness on others without getting a few drops yourself.' He thought Mr. Goldsmith got a few drops.

He (the speaker) was not a stranger. He went to school in the Guild's area at Aldershot. It was then always encouraging to go out and get higher education at the District meetings. He was then 'whipped very soundly' by his tutors with a loud voice: 'You will never make a ringer if you don't keep those 'ands together.'

He thought the Guild was very fortunate in its officers. He noticed that they had a particularly young vice-president. He hoped they would not let him rust. They were always pleased to see visitors from the Guildford Guild—because they were always able to ring what they said, whether it was Stedman or rounds.

He did not want to enter into the controversial side, but he felt there must be closer working between the lay and the clerical. With the falling off of numbers there was a possibility of things taking place—and they heard much about automation in these days. It could come into a belfry with synthetic bells, and it sounded ridiculous to hear Major coming from a small tower that could only take five bells.

His own Archdeacon had expressed to him the desirability of theological students of Chichester having some knowledge of handling bells. They had done a little in that respect, but he would go further and say that the qualification of any candidate for Holy Orders should be that he was able to handle a bell. 'The strength of any organisation is in the present and future and not in the past. We can draw inspiration from the past and you have a big reputation to live up to. I hope you will continue to make the name of the Guildford Diocesan Guild sound clear and true throughout the land.

RINGING 'CELESTIAL BOB'

Miss W. Oliver, assistant hon. secretary, and treasurer of the Guild, replied. She said she had never had the privilege of knowing Mr. Goldsmith, but whatever she had heard of him had a happy tinge. She hoped if Mr. Goldsmith was now with a band of immortals ringing a touch of Celestial Bob their thoughts would reach him and he would smile down on them.

Mr Challen had wished the Guild continued prosperity, continued Miss Oliver. The size of that gathering that evening and the continued infusion of young blood as they had in the last few years, made her feel that as long as they had the services of such officers as Charlie Denyer and George Grover the Guild would never have to put out the notice she had to put on her old Austin, 'Please pass, wearing out.'

Mr. R. Morant proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' He regretted that the clergy rarely came into their towers on practice night. There were about 60 towers in the diocese and if they could name half a dozen where they saw the clergy fairly regularly on practice night he would be surprised. He could, however, name one church near that hall where the Rector came up once a fortnight and had a word with the ringers. If they were short he would ring rounds with them or cover on the tenor.

As to their ringing activities they tended to look on them rather subjectively. If they took their work for the Church as ringers seriously they should look at other branches of the Church and, if possible, help them.

The Rev. O. R. Acworth, Vicar of Chobham, said the first peal rung in his tower for about 40 years was rung about Christmas time. He did not go up and wish the ringers a happy Christmas—he was too busy laying paving in the aisle. He did not go up to see the ringers on practice nights because Monday was his day off and also because one could not get into the belfry because of ringers.

THE CHURCH'S ADVERTISEMENT

Ringing was the Church's method of broadcasting and it was the obvious advertisement of the Church, but unless it rang eight bells when it was an eight-bell tower there was something wrong with the clergy. There was no difficulty in getting ringers. He had 21 in his tower. It was essential to have discipline in the church and worship, and if the ringers were not regularly in the church they were out of the tower. Bellringing should be a religious act. The advertisement for the church they ultimately made was not in the bells but by their lives. 'If your life does ring true and you are really a part of the Church, then the advertisement you make for the Church is very great indeed,' he concluded.

Mr. Roy Collins, captain of the Chobham band, in proposing the toast of 'The Ladies and Visitors,' said they were now rather dependent on lady ringers. He had ten in his tower and he could only think of one tower in the Chertsey District which had not a lady ringer. He had recently been in the West Country and he felt that if they recruited more ladies in Devon and Cornwall there would be fewer silent towers.

Dr. Isabel C. Mitchell, of Woking, who replied, said she would like to see the good comradeship that existed in the belfries extend not only in England but into international affairs.

The Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of Aldershot, also responded, and said he found that his ringers were the best of his parish workers. If ever the grass wanted cutting or a social arranged, the ringers were always to the fore.

The hall was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums provided by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), who was thanked by the chairman. Mr. Woodard also gave the company the apologies of the Bishop and Mrs. Watkins. At his suggestion the gathering decided to send a message from the Guild to the Bishop, wishing him every blessing and prosperity in his work for the diocese.

The arrangements for the dinner were made by a committee consisting of Messrs. C. Denyer, W. Viggers and R. H. Mills. As usual, there was an excellent entertainment and the topical verse, a feature always keenly anticipated, by Messrs. J. Bragg, W. Viggers and C. Denyer. There was also handbell ringing by members from Holy Trinity tower.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. J. Beadle, Miss Cass, the Shalford ringers, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce and Mr. W. J. Shepherd.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Saturday, October 13th, was a bright and sunny day and ideal for the contest which took place at Rampton, Notts. It was regretted that only three teams entered, these being Warsop, Ordsall and the local band (the first time they had competed). Owing to a misunderstanding Mr. F. Hooper, of Newark, who was to have judged, did not turn up and substitutes had to be found. However, after 40 minutes' delay a start was made and each team rang their 360 changes.

This being done a move was made to the Royal Oak, where Mrs. D. Beecroft had a very nice tea ready, 40 sitting down. Before the short meeting began, with Mr. H. T. Rooke in the chair, all stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. A. Rowsell, of Laneham, an honorary life member. Harworth was selected for the November meeting, and the sum of £1 2s. was collected for the Bell Repair Fund.

Ordsall were declared winners with 69 faults, Warsop being close with 72, and Rampton 153. Mrs. R. V. Larmour presented the cup to Mr. J. Hurst, captain of Ordsall, whose reply was brief. Mr. D. A. Piercy proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. R. V. Larmour for the use of the bells, Mrs. R. V. Larmour for presenting the cup, and Mrs. D. Beecroft for providing tea. Further ringing again took place until 9 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THOUGHTS ON 'THE COLLEGE'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby's letter about the College of Campanology was both apt and commendable, as it expresses what is felt to a greater or lesser degree by many ringers. The idea of the College must not be rejected out of hand, but it must be treated strictly as an experiment, which may or may not prove beneficial to the Exercise. Personally I think that those who see in a written system the answer to all our troubles are going to be in for a big disappointment.

Mr. York-Bramble, in his abstruse and long-winded letter published in 'The Ringing World' on October 19th, seems at great pains to assure us that criticism of the scheme is to be welcomed, inferring that this is all right as long as it doesn't clash with his own ideas.

We must watch the whole experiment carefully. We may in due course find the academic purists clashing with the Central Council on questions affecting ringing and the College may be tempted to think itself the supreme arbiter on what standards are to be accepted. This would prove disastrous, because no Association can flourish if it has two masters.

We must also remember that our art is voluntary. Will prospective ringers be so enthusiastic if they find a College tutor organising lessons by blackboard and easel, of wading through the ponderous theory of the College manual with all the motions of a pocket schoolmaster? This sort of thing is more calculated to drive away than to encourage prospective ringers. Teaching has not hitherto depended on an exhaustive 'system' as envisaged by the College, and yet we seem to have advanced quite well despite our lack of 'cathedral' schooling. The requirements to produce a good ringer remain the same as ever, namely, a good tower captain, a friendly and helpful band, goodwill and patience. These qualities, coupled with enthusiasm and a natural desire to learn, should do away with the need of a written system of teaching.

I shudder to think of the day when an unsuspecting ringer steps into a strange tower to be greeted with the words 'Where is your certificate of competence to ring?' or 'Can I see your list of exam successes first, please?' when he goes to take a rope. This vision may sound a little horrific, but it cannot be entirely overlooked.

Let us be careful not to be carried away by Mr. York-Bramble's brand of eloquence and persuasiveness. Whilst his picture envisages the College welcoming potential schoolmaster-type ringers with open arms, let us be certain (a) that the arms are never attached to a straitjacket, and (b) that the College does not take a leaf out of the Frankenstein book and become both the master and the monster of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

MR. CORBY REPLIES TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE

Dear Sir,—I would assure Mr. York-Bramble that he has by no means the monopoly of 'all-voluntary' work on behalf of ringing, and that my nose, albeit a large one, is not the limit of my vision. I would also record that he and those to whom he refers are not alone in their aspirations for the future. I would further, with all due modesty, plead that I have not been entirely unassociated with progress in the art of ringing.

Mr. York-Bramble's project has never, to my knowledge, been discussed by the Central Council, and this is the cause of the complaint which I expressed in my previous letter with, I hope, greater moderation than Mr. York-Bramble has considered necessary or desirable in his reply. Further, the project has not been placed before either of the two ringing societies in which I have held office over many years. Since, therefore, the promoters of the project have not sought, as far as I can see, public approval of their activities, I still contend I was not wrong in suggesting that they were engaged upon a private project.

I still regard the Central Council as the proper vehicle for important decisions on ringing matters and I still regard it as discourteous to the Council that this scheme should have been launched before discussion at a Council meeting. If several members of the Council have, in company with Mr. York-Bramble, been considering the launching of such a project for years, it merely means that they have failed to bring this subject before the Council, and their discourtesy is thus the less excusable.

I note that Mr. York-Bramble refers in his letter to 'the content of the first part of the Manual (now being serialised).' He, no doubt, can understand what it all means, but I, with my reactionary outlook, have the feeling that everything he has placed before us so far has already been expressed by Snowdon in 'Rope-sight' with greater clarity, as comprehensively, and, above all, with greater brevity.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

A THIRD PEAL FOR ST. PAUL'S, MELBOURNE

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether the peal of Grandsire Caters at Bristol is not the *third* peal which has been rung by members of the St. Paul's Society, Melbourne, in England.

I have a distinct recollection of the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith conducting one at Melbourne, Derbyshire, in which all the band had rung a peal or peals in Australia. Seven were the 1934 tourists and the eighth man the late W. R. Madgwick, who had taken part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Melbourne, Australia, some years before.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

Another Spurious Peal

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Grandsire Triples which appeared in the issue of 'The Ringing World,' stated to have been rung at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, on August 25th, 1956, I have been informed by the Master of the Crypt tower that no such peal has taken place.

Enquiries show that the persons named are not members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the Master and Rector of the Crypt tower have no knowledge of the bells being rung on that date.

It would therefore appear that the Gloucester and Bristol Association is the second victim of a perverted sense of humour. Words could not express what I personally think of such a person.

I would be obliged if you would, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' make it known to the Exercise that this peal is another HOAX, so that those responsible for 'records' can delete same.—Yours, sincerely,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE,
Association Secretary,
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

CHANGE RINGING AND THE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The report in 'The Ringing World' for August 31st of Mr. George Chappell's recent interview with 'The Portsmouth Evening News,' has raised some interesting correspondence on the very vital question of whether or not bell ringing is a dying art.

It seems that there are two quite distinct aspects to this problem. Firstly, the art of change-ringing itself, and secondly, the application of that art to the service of the Church. Confusion may easily arise unless these two aspects are treated separately.

This surely explains why Mr. Sheppard ('R.W.', September 21st) finds it surprising that Mr. Dawson ('R.W.', September 7th) should assert that there is a decline in bell ringing because the belfry and church are regarded as separate places. Mr Sheppard is manifestly referring to the first aspect which undoubtedly first began to flourish mainly on a secular background, as recorded in the history of the College Youths. Mr. Dawson, on the other hand, is manifestly referring to the second aspect mentioned above. Whereas the art of bell ringing itself has reached an advanced state, its application to the purpose for which it has been dedicated has lagged sadly behind, and continues to do so, as Mr. Dawson has observed.

If we can agree that the question of decadence is limited to the second aspect of the problem—the 'raison d'être' of the art—let us glance briefly at its history in order to see what is really happening. Canons of the English Church from Saxon times right down to the canons of 1603 have laid down certain rules concerning the ringing of bells, but it was not until about 40 years after this date that the first 120 of Bob Doubles was successfully brought round by members of the College Youths. So it would therefore appear that the official requirements of the Church regarding the use of bells were, and presumably still can be, adequately met without recourse to the art of change-ringing at all.

Of the eight churches of England built in the writer's home town since its development from a small village, not one has been equipped with a ring of bells. It is difficult to believe that this could have occurred if the Church officially recognised the necessity of change-ringing as part of its worship.

This strongly suggests that change-ringing in the service of the Church far from being a dying art is as yet one that has never really lived.—Yours faithfully,

C. E. VERDON.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—With reference to the University of Southampton Society, just less than a year ago a Society of Change Ringers was formed at the University College of Leicester — the youngest University Society?

Through being a small College we have consequently only a small membership. We are, however, lucky in that we are situated in one of the centres of change ringing. As honorary officers we are fortunate in having Ernest Morris (honorary president) and Alan Cattell and John E. Cooke (honorary vice-presidents).

Because of our small numbers we are not able to have practices on our own but join All Saints' ringers (through the kindness of Canon Matthews, the Vicar, and Alan Cattell, the Ringing Master) at their practice. Learners are also catered for on another evening.

So to any sixth-former wondering which University to enter next year, may I suggest they consider this small compact College, which by this time next year will have full University status.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. PARTINGTON,
Secretary, Society of Change Ringers.

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

(Continued from page 684)

SECTION X. (Lesson 8)

FIXED-PLACE RINGING (Open)

126. **First Open Ringing.**—It is now seen that this 'Cathedral' system of elementary ringing training aims at giving the beginner the fullest opportunities of handling a bell with considerable confidence, even in ringing with others, BEFORE he rings OPEN, in concert. The scheme not only demands less interference with the local band's regular practice night (i.e., is workable up to a relatively advanced point before requiring open-bell practice), but it also carries the tuition to a more advanced stage before the learners' efforts are rendered audible, and their ringing is then more pleasant to be heard. If the scheme as set out has been followed so far, and if the reception (of these three concluding sessions arranged to occupy the first part of regular practice occasions) by the more experienced ringers in the tower is sympathetic and encouraging, then there should be no reason why the whole class should not gain their diplomas as Ringer I. Also from now on they should make steady advance in studying Parts II and III of the Manual. Moreover, if the training so far has been carefully checked, the standard of attainment should be such that more than one student at a time can stand in with more experienced ringers, for their first open ringing. The students have now learnt how to control and ring a bell to a beat, and to follow others, so that a start can be made in fixed-place ringing, right away. (Q T)

127. **Placing the Students at the Ropes.**—The recommended procedure is to put experienced ringers on the odd-numbered bells, and 'sandwich' the students between them on the even-numbered bells, even up to the tenor, providing it is not a very heavy or badly going bell. (The students can have assisted, of course, in the raising of the bells under supervision of the experienced ringers.) The older ringers are then told to keep a steady beat together, allowing for the 'gaps' to accommodate the students. (Q T)

128. **Ringing in Rounds. (Ex. 47.)** By 'fixed-place' ringing is meant, of course, ringing in rounds and covering; though the latter is not taken in the current session. When bells are all raised and set ready, the tower leader can arrange his ringers to best advantage on the 'odd' bells, while the Tutor will arrange his students on the 'even' bells. The Tutor will watch his pupils carefully to see that all the training routine is automatically followed by them—Taking Position, Stance, Reach-up, Grips, etc.—and that when the customary cautionary call is given from the treble, all get their bells on to the balance, or, at least, quite ready to be pulled off. As the bells go off into rounds the Tutor will remind them to LISTEN carefully, as well as to look, and that each must check the striking of his own bell. Faults must be watched for, since occasionally the concentration on the listening and the striking may cause omission of some of the points of ringing action that have been taught (e.g., the beat). (Q)

129. **Leading off Last Bell Down. (Ex. 48.)** When all students have practised rounds, each will take a turn on the treble, recalling his practice in Ex. 33 (Article 101), when this was done 'silent.' Emphasis is laid on the need for maintaining the open handstroke leading, and on the regularity of the beat, so as to aim at precision in the striking. (Q)

(This will be all that there is time for, unless the ringers are prepared to give up more of their practice time, when the exercises may be repeated. Registration and Closure.)

BRISTOL RINGERS' VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH

On October 6th members of the Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took part in a coach outing to Loughborough. Each of the two coaches used made a very early start, in order to tour its respective Branch territory and pick up its share of the 79 passengers.

After meeting at Gloucester, both vehicles proceeded to Evesham, where a half-hour halt was called for refreshment. The excellent weather and pleasant scenery made the rest of the journey seem surprisingly short, and Loughborough was reached in ample time for the organised lunch at 12.30.

As soon as lunch was over, members made their way to the Bell Foundry, where Mr. Paul Taylor was waiting to welcome them and divide them into two groups for a tour of the premises.

The two parties started at opposite ends of the works to avoid congestion, but before they made their way to the ringing chamber, all members had the opportunity of hearing a most detailed and interesting account of the bell founder's art.

The belfry and its approaches were very crowded, but most people present seemed to get at least one ring, and in spite of the difficulties experienced by those ringers who were unused to such light bells, touches of Little Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Minor (on the front six) were brought round.

After bidding a reluctant farewell to the foundry, the party reassembled in the Parish Church. At times, due largely to the preponderance of members from 6-bell towers, the striking here left something to be desired, but before the tower was surrendered to another visiting band, several successful touches were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major.

The return journey after tea was fairly uneventful, except for the inevitable stops for refreshment, the usual rearrangement of the seating accommodation in the rear of the coaches and the wide diversity of taste evidenced in the choice of community songs.

The thanks of all members are due to Mr. W. F. Scudamore, who assisted with the Rural Branch arrangements, Mr. Albert Tyler, the Ringing Master, all those who helped to welcome the party to the foundry and parish church, and to Mr. A. Bennett, the mainstay and leading light in the organisation of this very enjoyable outing. T. T. W.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

South-East Branch

The autumn meeting of the South-East Branch was held on Michaelmas Day at Landulph, when about 50 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rector of Landulph, Canon J. H. Adams, assisted by the Rector of Lezant (the Rev. C. H. York).

Tea followed at the Rectory and then the usual business meeting was held, at which Mr. H. J. Clark, the Assistant Ringing Master of the Guild, was re-elected as Branch secretary. Thanks were expressed to the Rector, and to the ladies for arranging the tea.

Ringing followed at Landulph, Botus Fleming and St. Dominic. D. B.

Stratton Branch

The third annual ringing festival of the Stratton Branch took place at St. Marwenne's, Marhamchurch, on October 13th.

About 50 ringers attended from the following towers: Stratton, Poughill, Launcells, Morwenstowe, Week St. Mary, Poundstock, Marhamchurch and Jacobstowe. The Branch service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper (Marhamchurch) and the address was given by the Branch chairman, the Rev. S. W. Drewer (Poughill). The collection for Guild funds amounted to £1 10s.

A grand tea was served by ringers' wives and friends. The annual meeting followed and the treasurer, Mr. A. Bissatt, reported a credit balance of £5 13s. 4d. The Rev. W. Brooks (Vicar of Launcells) was elected chairman for the coming year, and Mr. R. J. Hicks and Mr. A. Bissatt were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Next year's ringing festival will be held at Poughill on the last Saturday in October. R. J. H.

Mid-Cornwall Branch

The Mid-Cornwall Branch autumn festival was held at Lanlivery Parish Church on October 13th. About 90 ringers attended, representing St. Stephen, St. Mewan, St. Gorran, St. Ewe, St. Erme, Bodmin and St. Austell. Other ringers came from Kenwyn, Lostwithiel, Lanlivery, Tywardreath and two ringers from Leicester.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. T. Perry, assisted by Canon R. O. Oatey and the Rev. Mr. Fisher. The sermon was given by Canon F. F. Gilbert. An excellent tea was served by the ladies of Lanlivery.

Twenty-one sets of ringers took part in the test ringing, the judges being Messrs. W. H. Southeard, C. E. Lanxon and A. Locke.

The local arrangements were carried out by the Lanlivery ringers and the festival was one of the most successful in recent years. D. B.

AUNT MAUD'S BIRTHDAY

October 14th to 20th was the week in which occurred Mrs. M. Mussett's 80th birthday and the completion of 70 years as a chorister at Bures Church, Suffolk. Her father, Mr. Clarke, was captain of the old call change band, and her late husband was verger up to the time of his death. Early in the week the choir members visited her house and made her a presentation.

On Saturday the ringers took her to relatives at Woodbridge and then went on to the neighbouring village of Ufford, where they rang a good peal of Yorkshire in her honour. On the return journey she continually remarked about how kind everyone had been and hoped she could occupy her choir stall for another ten years. She is affectionately known in the village as Auntie Maud. L. D. M.

REDEDICATION

BLOXHAM, OXON

The bells of St. Mary's, Bloxham, were rededicated on October 6th by the Bishop of Dorchester (Dr. Kenneth Riches). The Bishop's visit coincided with the harvest thanksgiving, for which the church was profusely decorated with fruits and flowers. In his address the Bishop said that the duty of public worship and praise was not an 'optional extra' but a vital and integral part of the life of every Christian, and neglect of this imperilled our growth into the whole man. Referring to the work in progress and the rehanging of the bells, the Bishop said that the heritage of our wonderful churches involved a great responsibility. He praised the generosity of this generation of churchmen who, throughout the Diocese of Oxford alone, had spent hundreds of thousands of pounds so that these glorious churches might be passed on intact to the next generation.

As part of the dedication service and at the end of the service as the congregation were leaving, the bells were rung in rounds by the Bloxham ringers, and afterwards visitors were privileged to ring.

The bells were rehung in 1903 and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on them in 1908, but soon afterwards ringing was prohibited by the church architect on account of the oscillation of the famous tower and spire (198 ft. high) and danger of the spreading of vertical vibration cracks in the masonry. Before the recent restoration all the bells, except the third and fourth, swung north and south and were roped opposed; the bells were hung on a single set of rolled steel joists which, in fact, was a frame without a foundation. Now they have been rehung in a cast-iron composite two-tier frame placed in the former ringing chamber and with the heaviest bells swinging east and west and roped unopposed.

The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to the specifications drawn up by Mr. F. Sharpe. The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired and the oscillation of the tower is now negligible.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Preston

It has long been felt that with the large area covered by the Lancashire Association, it is difficult for the president and general secretary to attend sufficient Branch meetings to meet as many individual members as they would like.

In an attempt to help in this respect, a joint meeting of the Blackburn, Fylde and Preston Branches was arranged for October 13th at Preston Parish Church. This proved to be a most enjoyable and helpful meeting, with all three branches well represented and with plenty of ringing to suit all tastes.

Included in the company were Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, with over 60 years' membership, and Mr. Charles Blakey, the genial Blackburn Branch secretary, who has made a good recovery from his recent illness. Unfortunately Mr. E. A Martin, of the Preston tower, and until recently vice-president of the Association, was prevented by illness from attending, but he was visited during the evening by the president and general secretary.

The Preston Parish Church ringers and their ladies kindly entertained all those present to an excellent tea. The president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, and general secretary, Mr. F. Dunkerley, whilst thanking those responsible for the catering and for other arrangements, expressed the hope that so successful had this meeting been other similar ones might be arranged in the near future.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

Southern Branch at Evesham

Abbot Lichfield's magnificent bell tower at Evesham was the scene of varied activity on the occasion of the Southern Branch quarterly meeting on October 20th. Soon after 3 o'clock the ringing chamber was well filled and, while ringing was in progress, remained so. There was something for everyone—from the learner struggling with rounds to the pundits ringing changes on the 12. During the afternoon and evening there were touches and plain courses rung on six, eight, ten and twelve bells; naturally, the quality varied, but not the least delight was to hear rounds well struck on the 12 bells by a band which included four youngsters all under 14 years of age.

At 4.30 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the adjacent Church of All Saints for a service conducted by the Vicar of Evesham (Canon T. Charles-Jones), at which the curate (the Rev. J. M. Ouless) preached on the worthiness of the ringers' vocation. Mr. Ouless gave an account of some of the more curious customs associated with ringing in his home church in the Channel Islands, but could not commend them in this age. The music was arranged by the Parish Church organist, and the lesson was read by one of the ringers.

An excellent meal was arranged by the secretary at a nearby cafe (with the usual efficiency which has come to be expected of Mr. Newman), which was followed by a business meeting presided over by the Vicar. The retiring officers were re-elected, seven new members were elected and the officers were thanked for their services during the preceding year, particularly the secretary. The meeting closed with a compendious vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped with their services, and a message of goodwill to Mr. Ouless upon his impending departure to Liverpool to take up the living of Halewood (Liverpool Diocese). Arrangements for the quarterly peal were to be made by the bell tower Ringing Master (Mr. G. Hemming).

Ringing was resumed as before and finally the bells were rung down at 8 p.m. During the afternoon opportunity was given for visitors to look down on the bells in action from the staircase in the bell chamber—an impressive if somewhat deafening business. Some 40 members and friends from 13 towers attended. A. W.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on October 20th. A record number of members were present, and earlier in the afternoon a special band was able to ring at the same church for the wedding of Meriel Hawkesley to Alan Thirst, a member of the Society.

The business meeting was preceded by an address by the Rector, in the course of which he gave a brief history of St. Olave's bells, the oldest ring in the City of London until they were destroyed in 1941.

The president of the Society, Dr. D. N. Layton, was in the chair for the business meeting, which was held in the choir vestry, and officers elected for 1956-57 were: President, Dr. D. N. Layton; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. M. J. Gray and G. F. Carter; Master, Mr. J. Armstrong; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. Priestley; auditor, Mr. P. R. Layton.

Among items discussed were the possibility of a water-borne tour in Norfolk next year, and also the provision of further amenities in the belfry of St. Olave's, the Society's headquarters. The annual dinner for 1957 is to be held on February 23rd, and a suggestion was put forward that in future the Society should hold more Saturday afternoon meetings.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on Saturday, October 13th. The usual large crowd arrived, all enjoying the very fine afternoon. They numbered 90 and represented 20 towers in the district. Also present were Mr. J. Willis, Mr. B. W. May (general treasurer) and Mr. C. T. Hillis, the new secretary of the Ashford District, who were welcomed by the chairman.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Dunstan's, and the service followed in this church, being conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Lawler, who also gave an address. A robed choir was made up from among the ringers, Mr. B. C. Milner being at the organ.

Tea was held in St. Dunstan's Hall. Mr. J. A. Russell took the chair for the ensuing business meeting. The secretary reported that the membership of the district showed a drop on last year, due to removals and non-payment of subscriptions. Meetings, of which six had been held during the year, had been well attended.

On nomination, Mr. J. A. Russell was re-elected as chairman, Messrs. D. Chatfield and S. Walter were also re-elected as District representatives, Mr. W. S. Palin as Ringing Master, and Mr. B. J. Luck as District secretary.

The latter said that as he would complete 21 years in office next year, he would like the members to appoint a successor at the next annual meeting. One new member was elected, and Faversham voted as the place of the next quarterly meeting.

Thanks were expressed to the various clergy for the use of the bells at St. Dunstan's, St. Stephen's and the Cathedral. Local city ringers' wives and friends had prepared and served the tea, and for the excellent meal they put on they received the thanks of all. Further ringing was held during the evening.

Maidstone District

One attraction of the annual District meeting of the Maidstone District on October 13th was that the bells of St. Michael's were available—the first time for about 20 years. Prominent in the belfry was a notice by Mr. Town, 'The Ringing World' representative, inviting members to buy the journal.

The service was held at All Saints', conducted by the Vicar, Canon F. Bennett. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells during the service.

Members of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society prepared a served tea in the college room. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. Macey was elected chairman. In his report the secretary stated that the total membership was 201 adults and 38 juniors. New members this year: 20 adults, 16 juniors.

All the officers were re-elected, as follows: District secretary, Mr. R. L. Sills; District representatives, Mr. W. R. Manser and Mr. A. Waddington; 'The Ringing World' representative, Mr. P. Town.

After some discussion, Sussex was chosen for next year's coach tour.

In order to help with the cost of printing the annual report, the notice of motion from the Canterbury District, asking for a peal fee of 6d. per ringer, was accepted.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and a special vote of thanks given to the Grammar Schools' Society for an excellent tea.

R. L. S.

Swanmore, Hants, bells are being rehung in modern fittings at a cost of £332 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. P. McCaig), Swanmore Vicarage, appeals to ringers for donations towards the cost to augment the sum of over £100 raised by parishioners in the last few months.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. HARTLEY

The death took place on October 17th, in hospital, of Mr. J. W. Hartley, aged 79, who was a member of the Norbury Parish Church bellringers and a life member of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Guild.

He will always be remembered for his devotion and faithful service to Norbury tower. A good and most capable method ringer, his ringing of Norbury tenor was most accomplished. He rang about 70 peals, amongst which was the first 35-method peal rung at Norbury in 1923. He held the proud record of having struck 12 on the tenor at Norbury Parish Church on New Year's Eve for 50 years.

The funeral service was held in Norbury Parish Church on October 20th, when a number of ringers of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch, including the chairman (Mr. A. J. Brown) and Mr. Tom Wilde, from Hyde, attended. A course of Grandsire was rung over the grave.

MR. F. DAY

A link extending for over 56 years at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Keynsham, Somerset, has been broken by the death of Mr. Fred Day at the age of 85. Born at Hemmingway, he went to Keynsham at the age of 30, and for 56 years had been a most faithful member of the tower and for many years its captain.

A most consistent Sunday service ringer, he would not tolerate bad striking, and he did his utmost to instil this into any learner who came under his instruction. He rang about four peals.

Muffled ringing took place on the Sunday and Thursday following his death. After a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Wedgwood, and attended by most of the ringers, cremation took place at Arno's Vale Crematorium. A widower, he leaves two sons and two daughters.

MR. F. W. MUNNINGS

Mr. Frederick William Munnings, of Mendham, Suffolk, who died on October 20th, aged 75, was a keen ringer and was well known in East Anglian ringing circles. He had rung two peals for the Suffolk Guild and others for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Before his retirement he was a miller at Mendham, and also farmed at Fressingfield. His brother is Sir Alfred Munnings, R.A.

Mr. Munnings has bequeathed his body to the College of Anatomy, London.

SHARDLOW AND DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers of Shardlow, Aston, Lockington, Castle Donington, Chellaston, Breedon and Alvaston, with friends from Derby and Duffield, held their outing on September 8th.

The Bell Foundry, Loughborough, was the first stop. The party went round the main building first, and then ringers went to the tower whilst the rest visited the foundry. Leaving Loughborough 15 minutes late, ringing at Castle Ashby was short. These bells are a fine-toned, heavy-going five (tenor 19¼ cwt.).

At Olney the party were surprised to find a peal in progress, so after a short wait the bus left for Northampton, St. Giles'.

Daventry (8, 18¾ cwt.), the next ring, caused some amusement because they are hung anti-clockwise, being first pulled off 1, 8, 7. They are nevertheless a very good ring.

On the way to Rugby the fan of the engine of the bus snapped, and we arrived at the church (8, 24¾ cwt.) late. These bells 'go' remarkably well for their weight and are fine toned. The last stop was Clifton-on-Dunsmore (5, 9¼ cwt.), which has a pleasant little ring.

Thanks are accorded to all ringers who met the party and had the bells ready, and also to the clergy for allowing us to ring. D. W.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

SEMMENS.—On October 26th, 1956, at 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough, to Barbara, wife of P. W. B. Semmens (Hon. Sec., Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), a daughter, Honor Elizabeth. 9208

DEATH

TAYLOR, Ernest James, of Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon, secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital, Exeter, on October 24th, 1956, aged 51 years. 9187

PUBLICATIONS

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LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.—Practice suspended on Thursday, Nov. 8th, only, during alterations in tower; normal practice will be resumed on Nov. 15th.—R. H. Dove. 9177

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH.—Help us to pay for our bells by buying Christmas cards. This year's cards show a new and most attractive view of the church in the 18th century: 6s. 9d. a dozen (including envelopes), post free. Also a few of last year's cards (undated) reduced to 3s. 9d. a dozen. Orders, with cash, to Dr. J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18. 9211

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MARGATE.—Owing to repairs being carried out on the bells, there will be no ringing until further notice. It is expected that the work will take about five weeks.—A. J. Dadds, Sec. 9216

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX (12).—Sunday ringing, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice first and third Saturdays in each month 6 to 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—M. Austin, Sec., 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 9176

WINCHESTER, ST. MAURICE CHURCH.—The six bells of this church have now been sold and taken away. There will thus be no further ringing here.—J. A. C. King. 9206

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum change). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Special general meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's. Bells (13) from 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Everyone invited.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 9159

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Housden. 9175

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-West District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (North-East District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Walthamstow, St. Mary's. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, E.17, will also be available from 6.30 p.m. 9135

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Oxhey (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 9157

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Special meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3 p.m., when we shall be honoured with a visit from our new president, Mrs. K. Lock. I hope each member will make every effort to attend. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9073

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Sheffield on Nov. 3rd. Cathedral (12) 2.30–5 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Marie's Room. 9146

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rippingale (6), on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—F. G. Vickers. Hon. Sec. 9153

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting at Netherseale on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. 9140

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley, Sussex. 9158

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells, All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9195

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Nov. 5th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9186

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Southill (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2.45 p.m. New caterers, so names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, please, to L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec., 24, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds. 9185

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Following tea, Mr. C. K. Lewis will give a talk on Method Construction. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 8th, to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9212

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (price 3s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 13, Princess Close, Market Weighton, E. Yorks.

DEVON GUILD.—North West Branch.—Annual meeting at Clawton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 9190

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, West Hartlepool, Saturday, Nov. 10th. St. Aidan's 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. St. Oswald's 6 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 8th to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. 9199

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at Tibshelf. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Nov. 10th, Ticehurst (6). Tea at The Bell. Names to S. G. Ponting, School House, Ticehurst, Wadhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 9192

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9189

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 7th, please, to Mr. W. Downs, St. Michael's Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 9163

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Nov. 6th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9200

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Nov. 10th, from 6 to 9 p.m. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9178

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, 3 p.m., at Great Amwell. Will you please send names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to Mr. D. Munden, 16, French's Close, Stanstead Abbots, Ware.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9204

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Saturday, Nov. 10th, Berkhamstead (8), 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 7th to Mr. R. Shutter, Church House, London Road, Hemel Hempstead. 9213

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary, Prescot, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (price 1s.) before Wednesday, to W. Finney, 100, Thomas Drive, Prescot.—G. Howlett.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Millom (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to M. Overfield, The Cross, Millom, Cumberland. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9209

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Newly restored ring of eight. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. in Church School, Parker Street. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to Mr. A. Rigby, 62, Park Road, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 9210

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', East Crompton, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 7th, to R. Coppinger, 99, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.—F. Pritchard. 9179

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, Copt Oak (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Copt Oak Inn. Names by Wednesday previous to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville. 9207

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 9201

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names, please, for tea.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pulham Market, Norfolk.—Mr. A. R. Todd, of The Hall, Pulham Market, invites ringers in Norfolk and Suffolk as his guests to tea in the Parish Hall, Pulham Market, on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 5 p.m. The eight bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Names for tea by Nov. 5th to Mr. A. Roope, Church Croft, Station Road, Pulham Market, Diss, Norfolk. 9162

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Michael's, Tilehurst. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, meeting and ringing after. Names for tea must reach me by Nov. 7th.—R. G. Burton, 89, Gainsborough Road, Reading. 9193

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Kislingbury, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Names for tea by previous Monday to Mr. R. Clarke, Treetops, Weedon Road, Kislingbury, Northants.—F. W. Hancock.

SCUNTHORPE RINGERS' EFFORT. — Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d., from F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous. Prize for lucky ticket. Children, 1s. 6d., no ticket.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 8th, to be sent to Mr. F. Crewe, 150, Wrexham Road, Whitchurch. 9167

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 6th to W. J. Button, Hon. Sec., 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 9181

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to Mr. G. Clark, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth. 9124

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Nomination meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at Wandsworth. Holy Trinity bells 3 to 4.15 p.m., followed by service there. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by previous Monday to Mr. L. H. Ford, of 40, Tonsley Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, please. All Saints' bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9152

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting, Petworth, on Nov. 10th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 9219

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Earle Colne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to W. Arnold, Tey Road, Earls Colne, Colchester. 9202

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 9184

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each inclusive, can be obtained from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, enclosing cash, please. 9203

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Snodland on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, London Road, Bethersden.—C. T. H. 9215

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Bennett, Bicker, Boston, Lincs. 9218

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Annual ringers' Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. Names to John Pogson, 6, Station Road, Marsden, near Huddersfield, for Nov. 15th, whist and dance 7.30 p.m. 9183

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. J. Copp, North Muskham, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9198

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Cane. 9182

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1st, instead of Dec. 8th. Full details later.—A. V. Davis, Hon. Sec. 9197

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QUARTER PEALS

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss M. Llewellyn 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, H. Boyce 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, F. Gordon (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, and also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham (cond.) 1, M. Osborne 2, C. Moore 3, R. Moore 4, C. Morris 5, D. Freeman 6. First quarter on the bells by a local band for over 40 years and possibly the first ever by a local band.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. E. Lester (first on eight) 1, L. Forster 2, Miss A. Lester 3, C. Snowden 4, W. Girling 5, R. E. Lester 6, F. Sterry (cond.) 7, O. G. Barnard 8. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Dale (aged 79) 1, L. Forster 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. D. Lister 4, W. Girling 5, C. Snowden 6, F. Sterry 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. Both rung for harvest festival.

WATH, YORKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Hogg 1, T. W. Thirkell 2, R. Ducker 3, T. W. Strangeway 4, I. Slack (cond.) 5, F. Rayment 6. For harvest festival.

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A VISIT TO OLD FRIENDS

IT has been a pleasure and a privilege to pay a visit to two good friends of the Exercise during recent months. Firstly, the lady whose name has appeared on the back page of 'The Ringing World' for very many years — Miss Margaret Snowdon, of Cartmel, Lancs. Three of us paid a call on a Saturday morning and were well received and made to feel at home.

Faithfully Miss Snowdon has carried out her father's wish, that the sale and distribution of the Snowdon books should go on. The Central Council has recognised this by making Miss Snowdon an honorary member, but unfortunately she has no practical experience of ringing. At 72 she is very much alive physically and mentally, and takes a keen interest in the affairs of the Exercise. She still talks affectionately of Uncle Jasper and her father, the late William Snowdon. Two other men are also in her mind, viz., Messrs. Wilfrid Wilson and Ernest Turner, of Ealing. She was very concerned at the continued ill-health of Mr. Turner. Regretfully she told us that 'Stedman' was sold out and that she was quite unable to finance the cost of another edition. It is undoubtedly a good book, but the high cost of printing makes it impossible to reproduce it.

We took our leave and continued our journey after enjoying a pull on the six bells of the Priory Church. There is plenty to interest the antiquarian at Cartmel. Miss Snowdon will show you the fine gate house at the end of the street. The square within a square tower of the Priory, architecturally wrong, but it has stood for over 1,000 years. The fine wood carving of the choir stalls and, in fact, there is no lack of visitors during the summer months.

The next visit was to Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh, 30 miles north-east of Cartmel and just in Yorkshire. This time I was alone and entered G. F. W.'s workshop unnoticed. He was working away turning up some brasswork, and this is where he puts in most of his time. At 82 he is pretty good, but very deaf, so you have some writing down to do. You cannot go in 'the den' without admiring the skill of the man who has erected everything himself. It is an engineering shop in miniature with every conceivable kind of machine and even a line shaft.

Mr. Woodhouse said that he had finished working on his ringing machine because, he said, 'I have got it to do all I want.' It will ring any method and change from one method to another without stopping. Only three men have produced these machines and they are all different in their construction; each man is a genius in putting them together. In his younger days Mr. Woodhouse was a skilled ringer and conductor on handbells and tower bells. He still rings on Sundays and has a band of learners. After his teaching career at Sedbergh School he chose to stay in the town on his retirement, or we should have seen his name in the peal columns. The late Canon Elsee and Mr. Edwin Lewis were great friends (also in his younger days), but not many of his university chums are left. So this modest man who loves ringing is still keeping the flag flying in Sedbergh and always glad to receive any visitors who may come along.

In conclusion, if you have the leisure and the transport you will enjoy a visit to these good friends. There is now public transport to both places. R. M.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE AND THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 38¾ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
*JOHN ARMSTRONG	4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	10
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
*TERRY EARLE	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	3	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of London Royal. First peal of London Royal on the bells
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the disastrous fire at the Abbey, and the 47th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ROLAND M. REED	*Treble*	WALTER STOREY	6
LIONEL S. WOODS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
JOHN WARNER	3	†ERNEST W. BRIGHT	8
*JACK H. BRETT	4	RONALD SUCKLING	9
ALAN R. SYDER	5	*THOMAS BUSH	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JOHN D. KAPE	*Treble*	DAVID CORNWALL	5
ARTHUR FOXALL	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
PERCY NEWTON	3	ROY WOODRUFF	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*JEAN POWELL	*Treble*	RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	6
*MARION J. PARKER	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Superlative.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	PETER WATSON	5
*CAROLE EUSTACE	2	†NEIL BENNETT	6
*BERNARD GROVES	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
†ALAN MCFALL	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, parents of the ringer of the sixth.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with all the work in each method for each bell and 112 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt.

*MICHAEL PRICE	*Treble*	JOHN OWEN	5
MARJORIE LEGG	2	ROBERT BRICE	6
ERNEST E. BRAY	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
F. CECIL MOGFORD	4	SIDNEY SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5408 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 changes of London, 800 Watford, 768 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 123 changes of method, and with all the work of the nine methods for each bell.
Tenor 7 cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 50th peal together. First peal in nine Spliced Surprise Major methods for all the band and for the Association.

CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
*MRS. NANCY BRAMLEY	2	BRIAN CHAPMAN	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
HAROLD KILBY	4	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Pamela Randle, daughter of the ringer of the seventh, and as a wedding compliment to Nancy Margaret Toone and Charles Roger Hayward, ringers at Hinckley and Stoney Stanton respectively, who were married this day at St. Mary's Church, Hinckley.

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part, Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOSEPH W. BROWNRIGG	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	5
*GEOFFREY TEMBEY	2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	6
*JOHN BAGNALL	3	JAMES E. BURLES	7
STANLEY RICHARDSON	4	*FRANK BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

Rung by four members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association and four members of the Lancashire Association, to mark the visit of H.M. the Queen to Keswick during the week.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*CYRIL LOWE	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
†JOHN NELSON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Joan Webster, of Wallasey, and Charles B. Pemberton, of Bidston.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

J. M. BOISSARD (Girton)	*Treble*	*J. B. JACKSON (Emma.)	5
J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	2	A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	3	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	7
G. FOTHERGILL (Fitzw.)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by F. B. COOKSON.

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

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
†ANN M. COX	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
RALPH BIRD	4	*†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 30th peal together. † 40th peal together.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

DONALD L. MILLS	*Treble*	†ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
JANET M. SPURGIN	4	*EDWIN C. HYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Mussett, who has completed 70 years as a chorister at Bures.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* 150th peal.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	MARK J. BARKER	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* 225th peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the second, and first peal in the method for the Association and on the bells.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

P. RUTH HOSKIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR BURLEY	5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	2	*ANTHONY LOCKE	6
FREDERICK R. ROBERTS	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	4	CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal on eight 'inside.'

Rung in connection with the Parochial Feast.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
JOHN WORTH	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

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ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

John L. Morris	*Treble*	*Peter F. Borer	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Ian H. Oram	3	Ralph Bird	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	George J. Butcher	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal of Superlative.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Harry Seak	*Treble*	Joseph Marks	5
James R. Mossop	2	Frederick Vickers	6
Donald J. Meager	3	George W. Hollands	7
W. Charles Gough	4	Roger Cadamy	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Roger Cadamy.
First peal as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Ernest H. Simpson	*Treble*	*Fred Waspe	5
*Mrs. F. Seager	2	Maurice J. Thurmott	6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	3	Roy B. Cooke	7
Frank Rayment	4	Frederick Seager	*Tenor*

Composed by James Platt. Conducted by Ernest H. Simpson.
* First peal of Kent Major.
A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor, on her 70th birthday.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in D.

Elizabeth Brown	*Treble*	Sidney G. Grant	5
Frank D. Mack	2	Graham R. Eyles	6
John Romain	3	David G. Yeo	7
Michael T. Sprackling	4	John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

GODMANCHESTER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

William Rose	*Treble*	*Trevor Bevis	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Frank Baker	6
Harold S. Peacock	3	John H. Bluff	7
George Bush	4	Dr. Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Fleming Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* 25th peal and first in the method.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

H. David Holland	*Treble*	*Ian M. Holland	5
Milton C. Fowler	2	Norman Chaddock	6
Elizabeth Bate	3	John J. L. Gilbert	7
Dennis A. Chapman	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Turley.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Transposition. Tenor 25½ cwt.

Frederick W. Burnett	*Treble*	Roger Baldwin	5
Marion J. Parker	2	F. Donald Boreham	6
S. Kathleen M. Knight	3	John H. Hunt	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Hunt.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Roland H. Cook	*Treble*	William A. Lacey	5
Michael D. Staniforth	2	Denis R. Carlisle	6
*Gordon A. Halls	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Redvers F. Elkington	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

William A. T. Carter	*Treble*	*Frank A. Barrett	5
*Stella E. Miles	2	*Richard E. G. Luton	6
Peter Anger	3	*Eric Sutton	7
Charles Coles	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints, Benhilton,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Alick Cutler	*Treble*	John N. Diserens	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Ronald F. Diserens	6
Albert Diserens	3	Noel J. Diserens	7
William A. Theobald	4	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents in (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Vernon Green	*Treble*	Frank A. Barrett	4
Daphne R Castell	2	Robin A. Hodgson	5
Robin A. Trebilcock	3	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
First peal of Minor in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, four extents of Plain Bob and one extent of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

J. Edmund Henderson	*Treble*	Robert Skelton	4
Arthur Cowan	2	Philip G. Draffan	5
William Tyson	3	Richard Oliver	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip G. Draffan.
First peal in four methods for all the band.
Rung to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Colin I. M. Smith.

MAITLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents of Norfolk, 16 of Plain Bob and 16 of Old Doubles. Tenor 14 cwt.

*John A. Goodman	*Treble*	W. M. Rowe	4
*Miss E. M. Arkell ..	2	Ken G. Stacey	5
*J. H. Sloan	3	*I. C. Lipscomb	*Tenor*
		*J. S. Hedges	

Conducted by W. M. Rowe.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung on the occasion of the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

Robin A. Trebilcock ..	*Treble*	Michael J. Thomas ..	4
Malcolm S. Cloke	2	Frank A. Barrett	5
Michael J. Hallett	3	Daphne R. Castell ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all except the ringer of the fifth.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Louis Willders	*Treble*	John R. Ketteringham ..	4
G. Leonard Thompson ..	2	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Geoffrey R. Parker ..	3	William R. Parker ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Ivor Hughes	*Treble*	†Charles Webber	4
David T. North	2	Gordon Walford	5
Geoffrey J. Gammon ..	3	†Charles E. Baker ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon Walford.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

Rung on the eve of the Rev. S. E. Easter's fifth year as Vicar.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Roger Maher	*Treble*	Geoffrey F. Garnett ..	4
Mrs. G. S. Mills	2	Laurence J. Williams ..	5
Peter Schofield	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clement,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents of Reverse Canterbury, 17 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Knights	*Treble*	Reginald J. Stretton ..	4
*K. John Faulkner	2	Kenneth M. Duron	5
Kenneth S. Faulkner ..	3	Patrick W. Sewry ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in three methods by all the band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. F. Sewry and Miss Ann Willis.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

*Ken Newman	*Treble*	‡Raymond E. Finch	4
†Eileen M. Turner	2	Dugald M. MacPherson	5
Ernest Gardner	3	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in two methods.

Rung on the day of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual dinner, to commemorate the name of John S. Goldsmith.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A **PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Tom Bird	*Treble*	*Walter A. Perry	4
Rosemary Seabrook	2	Urban W. Wildney ..	5
George Waterman	3	Sam J. Twitchett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

* First peal in seven methods.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Tues., Oct. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

Terry Owen	*Treble*	†Edwin Jones	4
J. Henry Fielden	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
*A. Raymond M. Watkin	3	Thomas Rogers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Rogers.

* First peal in seven methods away from the treble. † First peal and first attempt. The first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. B. Pemberton, of Bidston, and Miss J. M. Webster, of Wallasey.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Harold Schofield	*Treble*	Barry Sullivan	4
Peter Dawson	2	Frank Rayment	5
*Fred Waspe	3	Douglas Thorp	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas Thorp.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the esteemed memory of Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. Joe Smith, churchwarden of this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 33 *Minutes,*
At 35, Brighton Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. Kathleen M. Knight	1—2	†Robin G. Leale	3—4
		*Roger Baldwin	5—6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Kent 'in hand.'

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
At 22, Egerton Street.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Spliced Reverse and Canterbury Pleasure, one of Double and Fulbeck, two of Double, two of Plain Bob, one of Spliced Double, Fulbeck and Plain. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey D. Fernehough	1—2	Derek Taylor	3—4
		Trevor Taylor	5—6

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. W. Brown (cond.) 1, I. C. Forrest (first 'inside') 2, June A. Grieveson 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, H. W. Brown 5, Valerie Mepham 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fox 1, Frances Smith 2, K. Barnes 3, C. Turner 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Flack 1, J. Dear 2, C. Harwood 3, L. Scoot (first in method) 4, D. Atkins 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, P. Stacey 8. A welcome to the Rector (Canon F. G. Brenchley) and Mrs. Brenchley. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Hutton (first of Major) 1, M. Hutton 2, P. Flack 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Mills (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Plank 2, Miss B. Russell (first as cond.) 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, G. Plank 6.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Houston (first quarter) 1, P. C. Taylor 2, Miss P. Wincott 3, Mrs. J. A. Tole 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. Rung as a farewell to the assistant curate (the Rev. D. T. I. Jenkins) before taking up his new appointment as Vicar of Wolston. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Houston 1, W. J. Vann 2, Mrs. J. A. Tole 3, W. E. Burnell 4, P. C. Taylor 5, J. A. Tole (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob for all except 2nd. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Morgan, who died October 26th.

BRERETON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Collier (15) 1, J. Adams (14, first 'inside') 2, B. Porter (16), 3, F. R. Morton (16), 4, R. A. Trickett (16, cond.) 5. First quarter Bob Doubles by all the band. Rung for the 16th birthday of 3 and 4.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maidment 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Miss M. Page (cond.) 3, P. Cahill 4, J. Lewis 5, J. Lewis 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Tyler 1, S. Walter 2, S. White 3, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 4, A. Butler 5, T. H. Holmes 6, H. R. French 7, B. J. Luck 8. A birthday compliment to J. Malcolm Tyler.

CARDIFF.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, F. Hannington 2, T. Yeomans 3, M. Williams 4, F. Rowsell 5, S. Philbrick 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, R. Escott 8. For harvest festival.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): Miss J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson 3, J. Boustead 4, R. Briggs 5, A. Forsyth 6, J. Ling (cond.) 7, J. Grieves 8. For Trafalgar Day.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. J. Brunt (first quarter) 1, Eva Appleby 2, A. W. Cansdale 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, Rosemary J. Seabrook 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Brunt.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor (with tenor covering): T. F. Victor Neil (first away from tenor behind) 1, Miss V. E. Dupré 3, F. Howson 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. F. Udall 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. For harvest festival.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jordan 1, P. Davies (cond.) 2, Mrs. A. Woodley 3, D. Bosley 4, W. Corderoy 5, A. Samler 6. Rung before harvest festival service, and as a wedding compliment to Miss F. Samler and Mr. D. Lawson, members of the Chilton band, who were married in this church the previous day.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Spliced Winchendon, Thornborough S.C. and Haddiscoe S.C., Spliced St. Martin's and Slapton S.C., 240 Stedman and 60 Grandsire): A. Bird 1, Monica Howard 2, J. Brooks 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, M. Purchase 6. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. Purchase to Miss A. D. Spice, of Bray.

QUARTER PEALS

COMPTON ABBAS, DORSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, Miss L. Rideout (first quarter) 2, Mrs. D. M. Wright 3, Miss I. Fanner (first quarter) 4, A. E. Woods 5. For harvest festival.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, W. Sparks 2, Miss M. Snell (first quarter) 3, H. Netherway 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,232 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Miss H. Johnson 1, D. Pitstow 2, J. Hobley 3, M. Chown 4, E. Orland 5, C. Underwood 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, H. Johnson 8. First of Spliced Triples by all the band.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 7th, 1,341 Stedman Caters: P. Mehew 1, June Gladman 2, S. Walklate 3, H. Taylor 4, M. Barker 5, G. Halls (cond.) 6, D. Jones 7, Vivienne Horton 8, J. Sinfield 9, R. Marsden 10. For harvest festival.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Coward (first quarter) 1, A. P. Cannon 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Read 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, W. G. Newberry 7, I. Lloyd 8. For harvest festival.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: M. J. Thomas 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, D. J. Roaf 3, M. J. Hallett 4, F. A. Barrett 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all. For harvest festival.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Selley 1, C. Marchant 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, O. Pole 4, M. Stone 5, C. Dyment 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Bird, a local ringer.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Creasey (first quarter) 1, L. King 2, P. H. Jonason 3, F. C. Arnold 4, W. G. Saunders (cond.) 5, H. Lock (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, Kate Branson 2, Veronica Dupré 3, A. Smith (first on ten bells) 4, R. Wilson 5, J. H. Lott 6 J. Killick (first on ten bells) 7, A. W. Lloyd 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. Best (first quarter) 10. Rung for the dedication festival and the 21st anniversary of the reopening of the bells after rehanging.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham 1, M. Osborne 2, C. Moore 3, J. Aldridge 4, C. Morris 5, D. Freeman 6. For harvest festival.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Epps (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Miss K. Walsh 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, C. Eades 4, W. S. Palin 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, E. Eades (cond.) 7, F. Pack 8. For harvest festival.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Langdon 3, A. Peck 4, J. Chilcott 5, C. Watts 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Page 8. Rung to mark the occasion of Mr. William Langdon's 80th birthday.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day (cond.) 1, R. Newson 2, Miss J. Godfrey 3, F. Ellis 4, L. Coburn 5, Mrs. L. Coburn 6, F. Jacklin 7, G. Curl 8. For harvest festival.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Jordan 1, H. Bishop 2, G. Bishop 3, K. White 4, W. Gilks 5, M. Bishop 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss B. Corderoy and Mr. P. Street, members of the Harwell band. Miss Corderoy is also a Sunday School teacher and church organist.

HASELBURY-BRYAN, DORSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, B. Ridout 3, J. Foot 4, F. Hilliar 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Richardson 1, Miss J. Newbury 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, I. Goulter 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, C. A. Wratten 6, M. Marshall 7, C. E. Parsons 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. For Matins.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hadfield 1, Christine Woodward 2, Ruth Hodson (first of Plain Bob and Minor) 3, M. Thomas 4, M. Hallett (first of Minor as cond.) 5, T. Smith 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. Crisp 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. For Matins.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. Ivings (first of Minor) 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Pierce 3, H. King 4, E. Bishop 5, L. Sharpe 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Childs 1, Mrs. C. Critchley 2, Miss C. A. Muirhead 3, B. L. Marks (first 'inside') 4, E. Edmundson 5, A. R. Agg 6, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. Wells 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For harvest thanksgiving.

LEA, LINCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Johns (first quarter) 1, A. Gilbert 2, C. H. Baker 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, L. Lunn 5, B. Brown (first as cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Place Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Edwards 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Poole 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Wright (first quarter) 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Salisbury.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lane (first quarter) 1, W. Cropley 2, A. Millward 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Kingston 1, Miss H. Hancock 2, J. Ribbans 3, Mrs. L. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Hancock 6. For harvest festival, and also for the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 callings): A. R. Elliott (first in method) 1, R. Taylor 2, C. Rouse 3, M. Clifford 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. A welcome to Helen Mary, daughter of the conductor, and for fourth wedding anniversary of tower captain's daughter.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, J. Woods 2, R. Warden 3, F. Postlethwaite 4, J. Metcalf 5, S. Anderton 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, S. Jeffery 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gerrard (nee Schofield), of Morecambe, on the birth of a son.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Gough 1, Miss B. P. Wilson 2, K. R. Foot (first as cond.) 3, J. T. Gwilt 4, A. Morris 5, J. P. Hunt 6. Rung as a farewell for Miss M. Gough, who is leaving for Canada.

TODDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Sear 1, Angela Grainger 2, P. Lawton 3, E. Sharp 4, I. Pett 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, R. Buckingham 7. Rung with the tenor covering for the 21st birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. Chivers 1, L. E. Hitchens 2, R. Gardiner 3, V. Roberts 4, P. Harding 5, G. Salmon 6, F. Slatford 7, E. Naylor 8, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 9, D. Hoare 10. Rung on the occasion of the installation of the Rev. Martin Willson to the Prebendal Stall of Henstridge in Wells Cathedral.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 240 each of St. Simon's, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Sweet 1, M. Stone 2, K. Prime (first in six methods as cond.) 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Short 5, P. Clark (first in six methods) 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, three quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, F. Kirtland 2, Monica Barrett 3, W. Lee 4, D. Wheeler (cond.) 5, D. Harding 6. For Holy Communion. Also L. Andrews 1, F. Kirtland 2, Monica Barrett 3, W. Lee (cond.) 4, G. Drew 5, D. Harding 6. For Matins. Also Monica Barrett 1, H. C. Jones 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Woodruff (cond.) 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. For Evensong. All for harvest festival.

OUTINGS

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX

On October 13th the Waltham Abbey ringers held their first outing within living memory. Being in the nature of a trial run it was decided to visit towers within a short distance of home.

The company started out at 1.15 p.m. in three cars, and made for Epping. After a stay of 50 minutes they were quite ready to lower the hard-going eight. At Fyfield they enjoyed ringing on the easy-going six. Then on to Moreton, Bobbingworth and finally North Weald, where the captain, Mr. H. King, joined in ringing on the very pleasant six. Methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

A late tea was appreciated by all after a very enjoyable afternoon. Grateful thanks are extended to the incumbents for allowing ringing on their bells. A larger scale outing is to be planned for next year.

BRENCHLEY AND HORSMONDEN

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. for the annual outing of Brenchley and Horsmonden ringers and friends on October 13th.

An hour's ringing was enjoyed at both Pulborough and Chichester before lunch at the Gaumont Cinema, Chichester. The afternoon's programme was a visit to the six at Midhurst and to Petworth, where a course of Cambridge Surprise and a touch of Stedman were thought to be the best ringing of the day, and also on the best bells. After a good tea, ringing took place on the eights at Billingshurst and Bolney. To incumbents and local bands the visitors extend their best thanks. The programme of ringing was comprehensive and included Double Norwich, Cambridge Minor and Major, Superlative, Yorkshire and Bristol.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

On the third Saturday in October the usual gathering was held at Wrington to honour the memory of the late Major John H. B. Hesse, who did so much for Wrington and its bells.

On the Friday evening ringing was enjoyed at Yatton, and on Saturday afternoon the peal attempt at Wrington (Little Bob Royal) was unfortunately unsuccessful after some two hours' ringing.

Mrs. Hesse then entertained the ringers to tea, after which Mr. H. Sanger, of Evercreech, addressed a few words of thanks on behalf of those present to Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality. Mrs. Hesse suitably replied and also said how pleased she was that her grandson had now taken up ringing. After tea the handbells were rung.

Those present were the Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Messrs. L. Derick, J. Dyke, R. Fry, W. Gigg, M. Horseman, A. Reed and H. Sanger.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A record attendance of 46 sat down to tea at the Guildford District meeting at Shere on October 13th, which followed the service in the ancient parish church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. R. Hougham), who gave an excellent address.

Ringing ranged from Rounds to Bristol Surprise Major and was supervised by the District Ringing Master (Mr. F. A. Munday). Later the full-toned bells of Albury were rung, and the mellowness of the bells was heard when rung to a touch of London Surprise Minor. The District's next meeting (for nominations) will be held on November 26th.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Southern District

The lively eight of St. John's, Darlington, attracted ringers from a wide area, and included a strong contingent from the Eastern District, when the Southern District met on Oct. 27th. In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the Rural Dean, Rev. Peter Wansey.

Over 40 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the ladies. A combined vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, etc., was proposed by Mr. R. Park, and thanks to the ladies were expressed by Mrs. Sharp.

The postponed A.G.M. was held after tea, when the following officers were re-elected: Mr. T. Cooke, vice-chairman; Mr. P. Rock, hon. secretary, and Mr. F. W. Cooke the 'R.W.' representative. It was decided at future meetings a collection would be made in support of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. F. Hodgson, of Liversedge, was elected a life member.

The next meeting was fixed for November 24th and is to be held at Heighington, where the bells have recently been repaired.

The ringing was of high standard, and in the following methods: Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise, Bob Major, Kent T.B., Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The many friends of Mr. Richard Rainford, head ringer at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster, will be pleased to hear that he has been the recipient of the medal 'Benemerenti' in recognition of 50 years' service as bellringer at the Cathedral. His fellow ringers in the district hope to attempt a peal in the near future to celebrate the occasion.

Captain of the North Mymms band for several years, before the ban, Mr. Charles Nash died on October 29th, aged 77.

The handbell peal rung at Radley, on October 14th, was of Plain Bob Major, and not of Plain Bob Royal as printed in 'The Ringing World' (page 693).

Eleven-years-old Gillian Schofield rang the treble of Bradford Cathedral to her first quarter on October 28th. She is the youngest person to ring a quarter peal in this tower.

Bells will be heard before the evening service for Remembrance Day, to be broadcast from St. George's Church, Greenock, in the Scottish Home Service only, on Sunday, November 11th, at 7.45 p.m.

Mr. Donald G. Clift has been in Hungary during the fighting. Sending an apology for his absence to the College Youths' dinner, he wrote: 'The carnage I have seen in the last 24 hours, to say the least of it, is horrible.'

There was a very large gathering of ringers at Buckfast Abbey meeting on Saturday week. The visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, O.S.B., the captain of the Abbey ringers; and not only did he remain in the belfry throughout the afternoon, but he also joined the visitors at tea and remained until the conclusion of the proceedings, not forgetting to take part in the discussion at the end of the meeting.

During the proceedings at the 319th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday, a cheque was handed to the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, Rector of Bow, for £50 towards the Bow Bells Appeal. In making the presentation, the Master (Mr. J. S. Mason) said it was the first instalment from the Society. The fund was still open.

The peal of Stedman at Crosthwaite, Keswick, was accomplished at the seventh attempt.

Mr. Arthur Charles Philpott, of Canterbury, who died on October 29th, aged 62, had a long association with St. Dunstan's Church.

Mr. Kenneth Arthur has been elected the new president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild in succession to Mr. R. A. Gofton. A report of the Guild 'annual' will appear next week.

Mr. S. Prestidge is in the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, with appendicitis. He deputised as conductor in a peal at Netherton for Mr. W. Davies, who was suffering from torn shoulder muscles.

Five members from the Harwell, Berks, tower and one from the adjoining tower of Chilton have married in the past month. The rejoicings of the local ringers are expressed in quarter peals that appear in this issue. One of the brides was Miss Corderoy, daughter of Mr. W. Corderoy, foreman of Harwell, and one of the bridegrooms Mr. P. Davies, conductor of the Chilton band.

The Bures company and Mr. H. J. Millatt would like to express their thanks to Mr. Chas. E. Fisher for inviting them to Ufford and declining two offers of outings so that he could welcome them and listen to their peal of Yorkshire Surprise. His congratulations afterwards were much appreciated.

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Coventry Guild's Presentation to Mrs. D. E. Beamish

Two Peals of London Recalled

ON October 20th the Coventry Diocesan Guild held their third annual dinner at the Wine Lodge in Coventry. During the evening a presentation was made to the retiring secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, who retired in April after 24 years in office. Some 125 ringers and their wives attended.

The president, Mr. F. W. Perrens, in inviting the guest of honour, the Assistant Bishop of Coventry (the Rt. Rev. N. W. Newnham Davis), to make the presentation, spoke of the Guild's indebtedness to the person who had so successfully piloted the Guild through many years. He recalled his long association with Mrs. Beamish, including their many peals together. In particular, he recalled a peal in 1928 which had been Mrs. Beamish's first peal of London Surprise Major. Also standing in that peal was her future husband, and it was also his first peal of London.

He then recalled another peal of London some 19 or so years later which contained three Beamish's. Mr. and Mrs. Beamish's daughter Margaret was in this one while still under 12 years of age. Altogether a remarkable achievement! He was very proud to ask the guest of honour to make the presentation to Mrs. Beamish of a portable typewriter on behalf of the Guild.

WORN OUT ON RINGING BUSINESS

Thanking Mr. Newnham Davis and the Guild for the present, Mrs. Beamish wondered how it had all been kept so quiet. She said that the present was well chosen and would replace her old one, worn out on years of ringing business—the present secretary had better methods of getting his typing done! She protested that Mr. Perrens was in error in saying that she had done 25 years in office. The total time had covered over 25 years but there was a break of a year or two in the early thirties, and she had only done 24 years. Ladies were sensitive in these matters.

She had always been well supported by the other officers of the Guild—particularly Mr. Perrens—and she believed that the Guild was now well officered. During her term of office she had seen the name of the Guild changed from 'The Warwickshire Guild' to 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild.' She started her term of office in 1929 and, on calling upon all those present who had been members of the Guild at that time, 15 responded.

BISHOP'S RINGING MEMORIES

Before the presentation the Bishop proposed the toast to 'The Church.' He said that he felt he should be standing in a white sheet. Firstly, because even though he had been a vice-president of the Guild for several years he had never previously attended a dinner. Secondly, because though, as an Oxford undergraduate, he had learned to ring and had even managed to struggle through Grandsire and Stedman, he had then been overseas for 20 or so years and now he could only ring rounds and cover. He might be tempted to try again but he found he was unable to get from ringing chamber to vestry in time. Nowadays he listened avidly for the bells of Ladbroke and wished he could always hear them rung.

He reassured the ringers of the value of their work in giving a service to the Church and spreading the invitation. He wished to thank all ringers on behalf of the Church. Bishop Newnham Davis said that during the evening he had been examining the Guild peal book and had found it a wonderful record of achievement. There was one thing, however, which he had failed to find in that book. St. Andrew's, Rugby, he noted, now had two ringable rings—a five and an eight. He hoped some day he might hear all 13 rung simultaneously to Maximus with the tenor behind!

The Master, Mr. R. J. Edden, proposed the toast to the Guild. He welcomed all to the dinner, especially the old ones, including particularly Messrs. W. Collet and A. Roberts. He also thanked Mrs. Beamish for her kind words about the present officers. History had been made the previous weekend by an officers' peal at St. Mary's, Warwick. He would have been pleased to have seen some of the older ones in that peal but in many cases that was obviously not practicable. He would particularly like to mention Messrs. W. Collet, E. Adams, A. Roberts, A. Hinds, F. E. Pervin, T. Sheppard and W. A. Stote amongst those standing out.

Mr. A. H. Beamish proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. W. Osborne, the guest of honour, the artistes and the secretary for organising the dinner and a most pleasant evening's entertainment.

Songs were provided by Miss Kathleen Fairbairn and Mr. Peter MacAdam, and tunes and change-ringing on handbells were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Messrs. F. W. Perrens, J. W. T. Taylor, G. Gardner, P. Stone, P. K. Williamson and H. E. Ashley. D. A. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Approximately 55 members attended the annual District meeting held on October 20th at Sittingbourne. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and was under the guidance of Mr. G. Naylor, in the absence, through illness, of the District Ringing Master, Mr. W. A. J. Knight. The service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar of Sittingbourne, who gave a very good address on Bells.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when the report of the secretary was adopted and two new members elected.

Mr. C. S. Jarrett was re-elected secretary, and as representatives Mr. G. Kenward again accepted office and Mr. E. C. Barton has taken over from Mr. G. Naylor. The new Ringing Master is Mr. Terence Barton, of Tunstall.

After general discussion on two notices of motion, the District secretary thanked the Vicar, organist and all persons connected with the day's arrangements, to which the Vicar briefly responded.

Among the visitors was Mr. T. E. Sone, and with his help a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung before returning to the tower.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although getting off to rather a slow start, the monthly meeting of the Society, held at Liversedge on October 27th, was none the less enjoyed by those present. The local company had gone out of their way to make the Society welcome, and as was evident at tea time, had been more than generous in their hospitality.

In proposing the vote of thanks at the business meeting afterwards, Mr. J. Gibson spoke warmly of the arrangements that had been made for this meeting and of his constant delight in ringing on these bells. Replying, Mr. F. Hodgson spoke of himself as more of a visitor than a 'local,' and noted with pleasure the faces of many old friends as well as many new ones.

From this meeting it was agreed to send a letter conveying the good wishes of the Society for a complete and speedy recovery, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, the president, who some weeks earlier had had a heart attack.

Returning to the tower, ringing continued in a variety of methods until about 8.15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on November 24th.

A Memorable Australian Peal

Among the conspicuous peals of 1956 will be a peal of Doubles in three methods—Norfolk, Plain Bob and Old—rung at St. Paul's, Martland, New South Wales, during the weekend of September 23rd, to mark the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of this church.

This was the first peal on these bells, which are of cast steel. Hitherto, they have been so hard going that it was an extreme physical effort to ring a quarter peal. Five of the ringers were local and were ringing their first peal, and it was necessary to have two men on the 14 cwt. tenor.

The captain of the tower, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lipscomb, writes: 'Our church was badly flooded and was almost closed down after the 1955 flood. Our centenary celebrations have been very joyful and thankful that the parish is on its way to independence again. Our tower, which is separate from the church, was lit with coloured lights at night during the weekend, and when we rang we knew that the people of Martland could both see and hear our joy.'

Three Sydney ringers were in the peal. 'It was a great joy to me, a very junior conductor, to have three of my pupils on still tough bells, ring a peal with congratulations from the conductor, Mr. W. M. Rowe,' concludes Mrs. Lipscomb.

BICENTENARY OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BELLS

A special meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Wotton-under-Edge on October 20th, to commemorate the bicentenary of the Wotton bells, which had been cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1756.

Approximately 90 ringers and friends from a wide area attended and were joined by many parishioners for the service. This was conducted by the Rev. K. G. Grant (Curate). The Rev. W. A. Peel, Rector of Tortworth and chairman of the Wotton Branch, read the lesson, and the address was given by Canon J. D. Buckley, Vicar of Wotton. During the service a collection was taken for the Belfry Repair Fund.

After the service ringers and friends adjourned to the Parish Room, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local ladies. Adorning the top table was a magnificent cake in the shape of a bell, suitably inscribed, which was greatly admired.

The Master of the Association, Mr. C. R. Harding, was in the chair for the business meeting. Speaking about the bicentenary commemoration, he paid high tribute to the long services of Mr. F. Oakill, of Wotton, and Mr. H. V. Robinson, of Wickwar, and thanked them for all they had done for the art of bellringing.

The thanks of all who attended this meeting were accorded to Mr. O. Mills, the captain of Wotton tower, for the arrangements he had made to make this meeting so memorable.

Afterwards the ringers returned to the floodlit tower, which had been so illuminated for ten evenings

DEVON GUILD DISCUSS THE MANUAL

Large Gathering at Buckfast Abbey

UNDER ideal weather conditions, Buckfast Abbey again proved a very popular venue for ringers on October 27th, the occasion being the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch when, in addition to members coming from all parts of the county, there were also visitors from as far afield as Launceston, Bridgwater and Langport, in Somerset, and Croydon, Surrey. There was, however, a feeling of sadness among the gathering as it was learnt a day or so earlier that the general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Tiverton, had passed away, and the evening ringing was consequently cancelled.

The spacious Abbey belfry was crammed with visitors throughout the afternoon, the bells being kept going to Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Major, as well as rounds on the 12 for the less experienced ringers.

A short service was later held at the Violet Evelyn Institute, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms, Vicar of Buckfastleigh, who gave an admirable address. The Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Dartmouth, was the organist.

After tea in the St. Mary's Parish Hall, at which 72 attended, the business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. At the commencement the chairman referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the general secretary. It was pointed out that he was formerly a member of the Mid-Devon Branch, and he had taken part in the first resident peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major which was rung at Buckfastleigh, as well as the first resident peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was rung at Highweek. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Abbey authorities for the use of the bells, to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh and to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge. Apologies for absence were received from Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey, and Mr. B. E. Bartlett, of Torquay.

Six new members from Coffinswell and one from Townstal, Dartmouth, were unanimously elected.

It was resolved to hold another meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on November 24th, and the following programme for 1957 was adopted: January 19th, annual meeting at Babbacombe; April 27th, quarterly meeting at Moretonhampstead; May 18th, by meeting at Townstal: June 22nd, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at Upton, Torquay; July 20th, quarterly meeting at Brixham; October 12th, quarterly meeting provisionally at Buckfast Abbey: November 16th, by-meeting at Coffinswell with Kingskerswell—all subject to the necessary permission.

TRAINING AND INSTRUCTORS

A keen discussion took place on coaching, and emphasis was laid on the instructor being above average, as a bad instructor passed all his mistakes on to his pupils.

An article in 'The Ringing World' was discussed in which it was stated that before anyone tried to ring changes they must have learned to ring Rounds.

Mr. A. S. Watt (Dartmouth) said that if a band was going to ring well they must have a thorough grounding in the art of ringing, and they would get this from reading the Manual, but the standard of the band depended entirely on the instructor. He also said that he had been to Portsmouth, and in that band three instructors gave three evenings a week to teaching. He said that unless an instructor was willing to give up a number of evenings to help on his, or her, band, they should not become instructors.

The chairman asked if many members read 'The Ringing World.' He suggested that everyone should try to read the articles as they were very helpful. He spoke of the Central Council and said this was a good thing, but if bands were to progress they must have local councils with good instructors so that young people would get interested in ringing, in order that bands could build themselves up.

Aldrington Ringers' Enterprise

By means of a jumble sale on October 27th, Aldrington ringers raised £5 5s. for the Sussex County Association Funds, £5 5s. for their Church Bell Fund, £5 5s. for their Belfry Fund, 10s. 6d. for Bow Bells Appeal and 10s. 6d. for 'The Ringing World.'

A big 'Thank you' from all the outside recipients, Aldrington!

Miss B. M. Boyle (Ilfracombe) said that the Manual was very good but too advanced for pupils, and suggested that there should be a simplified edition. She thought a simplified edition would also help instructors as it would give them a better idea of how to help pupils.

The chairman said he had heard many bands ring very well, but he was of the opinion that if new members joined a band they should be asked to ring. He said that everyone has to learn, and it was very discouraging when learning not to be asked. He also pointed out that at Branch meetings it was the duty of the Ringing Master to see that everyone should have a chance to ring.

Miss Boyle suggested that there should be a weekend school for instructors.

Mr. Watt said he agreed with all that had been said, but thought that even if a simplified Manual was introduced the instructors would still use their own way of teaching. He further said that at a ringing meeting people rarely said anything about striking. Meetings were held to encourage young people, and also to help them improve their own standard.

Mr. T. G. Myers (Plymouth) said that when visitors came to his tower he always asked them if they could ring. He went on to say that the Guild was formed to advance 'the Art and Science of Bellringing,' and Branch meetings were held to encourage those of a progressive mind and to provide opportunities to ring something they might not be able to ring with their local band of ringers. This was a point that must not be lost sight of. The individual who was prepared to advance should always be encouraged to attend Branch meetings.

Miss Boyle pointed out that the chairman had said a lot about giving young people a chance to ring with a band. It was the practice of her band to have a band of good ringers at the beginning and end of a meeting and a practice in the middle.

The Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, of Buckfast Abbey, said that after visiting ringers came to the Abbey he was asked by people living in the district what they were ringing, and saying that the changes that were rung by the Abbey ringers sounded much better than scientific ringing. He thought that the reason for this was that visiting bands generally bit off a little more than they could chew. He suggested that when pupils were ringing it would be better to let them ring changes of 6 or 8 rather than 12.

The chairman agreed with this but again emphasised that everyone must learn, also pointing out that if the Guild was to flourish the young people must be encouraged to join.

This concluded the business, and a very memorable meeting ended with handbell ringing.

CHESTER GUILD TOWER CAPTAINS MARRY

St. Hilary's Church, Wallasey, was beautifully decorated on October 20th for the marriage of Miss Joan Mary Webster, St. Hilary's tower captain, to Mr. Charles Bancroft Pemberton, Bidston tower captain and Branch assistant Ringing Master.

The ceremony was choral and was conducted by Canon J. R. Spencer, Rector of St. Hilary's, assisted by Rev. E. O. A. Thomas, Vicar of Bidston.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. E. A. Webster, wore a gown of white satin brocade. She was attended by her sister, Miss Marjorie E. Webster, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Ethel M. Pemberton, both of whom wore turquoise moire silk full-length dresses. Mr. James M. Pemberton was the best man.

As the bridegroom's mother is a florist, needless to say the bride's handspray and the bridesmaids' bouquets were exquisite.

The bells were rung before and after the service and later a quarter peal was successfully brought round.

The reception was at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, and later the happy couple left by car to spend their honeymoon touring Scotland.

The festivities continued till late in the evening as Mr. and Mrs. Webster kindly invited the company back home to view the wedding presents.

A peal arranged at Bidston on the following Tuesday was successfully brought round.

It was a very pleasant surprise at the Branch meeting the following Saturday at Wallasey St. Nicholas' to find the tea table graced by the top tier of a wedding cake, with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pemberton's compliments, and accompanied by a joint apology for unavoidable absence as the honeymoon had not expired. The chairman conveyed members' thanks to Miss M. E. Webster to pass on to Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton for this delightful gesture.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN DEFENCE OF THE COLLEGE

Dear Sir,—Seeing that the 'Irish Bell News' and I have been brought into the controversy over the 'College of Campanology,' I am compelled to enter into the fray on the defensive side.

First of all, I am sorry that my friend, Mr. Corby, is so strongly opposed to a venture which can do nothing but good for the Exercise in general, in helping the 'back-of-beyond' ringers as well as those 'in the light.' Mr. Bailey 'hits the nail on the head' in the second paragraph of his letter, that the main object is to produce good instructors.

As one who has travelled much in Ireland, and in England too, I could not help feeling that there is a desperate need for proper instructors. In both the north and south of Ireland there is this need. We find towers with one or two very keen ringers who are doing their best to build up teams and hold them together, in order to keep their church bells ringing. The striking leaves much to be desired and the way the bells are handled is often terrible, not due to any fault on the part of these keen ringers, but due to their lack of knowledge. If the 'College' can get at such ringers and help them to improve their knowledge and methods. then the effort will be worth while.

The 'Irish Bell News' has been mentioned on two occasions — once in Belfry Gossip and secondly by Mr. Dunwoody. There are a few ringers in Ireland who fancy themselves as experts and cannot see their own faults, just as there are throughout the Exercise. (I am only too conscious of my own faults.) These ringers would do well to humble themselves and study the 'literature' of the College. Ringers have to use their eyes, ears and physical effort when ringing bells. Those ringers to whom I refer mostly use physical effort, sometimes their eyes and seldom their ears. The physical effort varies in intensity from plodding through a peal on a bell and expecting the other ringers to ring around them, to trying to get out of a trip with a lot of shouting and clashing.

The Central Council lays down certain standards and it is hoping to produce a new publication on 'Instructions to Beginners.' I have too often come across ringers and instructors who could not make head or tail of the present publication, 'Hints to Beginners.' There is a need for an improved book, and I do not envy Miss M. Cross and her committee in their efforts. Nothing in between the 'Hints, etc.,' and 'Peals, etc.' for experts is published by the Central Council.

'The Ringing World' latterly has been trying to fill the gap. It was this lack of general information for the 'humble' ringers that caused the 'Irish Bell News' to appear. It caters for beginners, call-change ringers and method ringers, and tries to cater for the 'back-of-beyond' ringers as well as the more experienced ringers, and judging by its circulation the effort appears to be appreciated and of benefit. Something further was considered necessary in order to give instructors a standing in the Exercise, so the article, after years of thought, which Mr. Dunwoody refers to as being 'intended as a lark,' appeared in the spring issue. (I may say that all editorial articles are of a serious or helpful nature, as all editorials should be. I, personally, have not the time to waste on 'larks' or 'nonsense.')

I do not claim any part in the formation of the College, but I am proud to be associated with it. It is said 'Great minds think alike.' and it is a coincidence that although the 'Irish Bell News' suggested a College or Institution on the lines of the professional institutions, one was being thought of on university lines. Not claiming to be great. I was very pleased to see that one much greater in stature has brought the College into being. Mr. Dunwoody's remarks are an attack on the editorial committee of the 'Irish Bell News,' just as Mr. Corby's are an attack on the editorial committee of 'The Ringing World.'

The 'Irish Bell News' ' article gives credit to the Central Council for all it does for the Exercise, and it does not in any way suggest that the Council should become subordinate to the College or be extinct. To quote from the final paragraph of the article:—

> 'How is such a college or institution to begin? It would probably have to start as a result of a body of ringers getting together or it might be fostered by the Central Council as the obvious authority, or it might have to devolve on a Nation or Association. If the general opinion is in favour, a start could be made with a resolution to the Central Council.'

The relationship between the Council and the College would probably be the same as that between the Ministry of Education and the various educational institutions. The Central Council could be the supreme authority which would authorise the constitution of the College and let it do the work of research and tutoring, to help the Council in its work.

There is a great deal to be gained with this effort and I, personally, hope that it will thrive and survive.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Julianstown, Co. Meath.

RECENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—In the article by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (October 26th) Newton Abbot was mentioned as having had a recent peal.

This peal should have been credited to St. Mary's, Wolborough, Newton Abbot, and not at St. Leonard's tower, Newton Abbot. I make the number of peals at Wolborough about 20 and Newton Abbot three, the last in 1909. From a visit this year I understand that the octave at St. Leonard's tower is now unringable.

As regards the article on 'Recent Peals,' I thought it very interesting and I hope to see more in the future.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN LEE.

Twerton, Bath.

MELBOURNE SOCIETY REUNION

Dear Sir,—The ringer of the fifth in the peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, by the Melbourne Cathedral Society on October 13th was just plain James and not as published.

I must say that after the peal the whole band was most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gray at their home, Orana. Half the company had to leave early to catch trains to London and elsewhere, but three of us were much more fortunate and stayed until a late hour, during which time we certainly did 'swap yarns' (page 683). Also it was very interesting to listen to a recording on Mr. Gray's radiogram of ringing carried out at Melbourne Cathedral last January, in which it was my great pleasure to be allowed to take part, the names of the ringers being given at the end of the record.

The peal at St. Stephen's was of additional interest to myself, as in a way it replaced one of Stedman Caters rung there (in which I took part) on April 18th, 1929, and 21 years later was found to be false. (See 'R.W.', July 14th, 1950.)

I feel sure all the band must be very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Gray in every way. To arrange and collect a band for a peal of this nature is certainly no small task. I, for one, shall always remember this peal with great pleasure.—Yours truly.

JAMES BENNETT.

Grundisburgh. Suffolk.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Quite a number of people have recently asked what has become of the Railwaymen's Guild. Has it got lost in transit, or has it run off the rails? Neither. Forming any Guild or Association these days is a colossal job; Rome was not built in a day, or burned in a night. The Guild embraces five of the six Regions, all except the Scottish, and we hope soon to embrace them. The drafting of the constitution and rules, to suit and please everyone—officials, honorary and ringing—is a big job, and we also hope to come within the ambit of the Railway Staff Association, who cater for almost every social, educational and sporting activity of railwaymen.

A meeting of the provisional sub-committee is to be held this month, probably in London, to iron out the creases and to make plans and arrangements for commissioning the Guild next year, probably on June 15th or 22nd.

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BELLS

Dear Sir,—In these miserable days it is a pleasant change to find pessimistic predictions occasionally not borne out by events. This is the case with St. Benedict's, Norwich, bells.

The church was destroyed by a bomb in 1942, and little but the tower was left standing—one of the East Anglian round towers, delightfully called 'Saxo-Norman' because their precise date seems a mystery. Such towers seem likely to have sometimes been built as protection against the Danes, and the Normans may well have carried the simple style on, hence mixture of Saxon and Norman work in them.

'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich' (A. G. G. Thurlow, 2nd edn., no increase in price) sadly states: 'St. Benedict's is to be used no longer, and the bells bid fair to be forgotten altogether.' The author had unsuccessfully pleaded in 1942 that when the war damage was being done the bells might be removed at the same time, at no cost to the church, and stored.

At last the bells are remembered. The treble, inscribed IOHN BREND MADE ME 1636, is to go to the new church of St. Francis of Assisi, now being built on the Heartsease Estate in Norwich. The second, inscribed ELIAS BREND MADE ME 1659 E.T. E.S., is going to the recent (but not new) church of St. Cuthbert, Sprowston, Norwich. A new church is being built at Gunton, Norfolk; to this the tenor (and oldest) is to go. It is inscribed FILII DEI VIVI MISERERE NOBIS ANNO DOMINI 1573, and is by John Brend, sen. This church is being called, presumably in honour of the bell, St. Benedict's.

In these days of shifting populations, when ancient churches tend to become redundant and their retention causes a headache, and their demolition or removal causes an explosion, it is exceedingly comforting to see how easily ancient bells can be dealt with, so that both their life and useful work continue, and they are able to give a sense of ancient tradition to a modern church.—Yours, etc.,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

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PART I. — CATHEDRAL SYSTEM

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SECTION XI. (Lesson 9)

COVERING: PLACE-MAKING: DODGING

130. **Covering. (Ex. 49.)** For this session, if the bells be a lightish eight, the exercises can be taken in two 4-bell groups, simultaneously. Otherwise only four bells are required at a time, and the descriptions given will so apply. For this exercise the student will take the 4th bell and three experienced ringers on 1, 2 and 3, will ring the singles plain-set of six changes. (If eight bells are used the second student will be on the tenor and 5, 6 and 7 will ring the singles, keeping behind the 4th all the time.) Students will recall their silent practice for this in Ex. 33a (Article 101a) and will proceed similarly; except that full attention must now be given to listening, for good striking. (Q)

131. **Place-making. (Ex. 50.)** For this, practice is taken as in Ex. 36 (Article 103), which was similar, though silent. The student is on the 4th, and rounds are rung until the order comes: 'With dodging in 1-2, Place-making in 3-4, Go!', when the student makes thirds and fourths alternately, with the 3rd making fourths and thirds alternately to accommodate. The student must be reminded that here he is ringing at all three of the beat rates—normal, quick and slow, although only one-blow variation may be made. (Q)

132. **Dodging. (Ex. 51.)** Again proceed as in Ex. 34 and 35 (Article 102), the student being on the 4th bell and dodging with the 3rd; while the bells in 1-2 make places in 2nds (and 1sts) alternately, to give a different bell to dodge over. **(Ex. 52.)** After the dodging down into 3rds on the handstroke and up into 4ths again on the backstroke, the exercise is repeated reversely, i.e., at the start, striking again in 4ths at hand, then cutting down into 3rds at back. (Q)

133. **Places of the exercises are only exemplary.** (S) This is a suitable juncture to explain that places may be made and the consequential dodging occasioned in positions other than those of the exercises; and to give a couple of examples of methods with varying places and dodgings. For instance, in the method of Plain Bob; where seconds place is made as the treble leads, occasioning dodging in odd-even (3/4, 5/6, etc.) positions above. Or again, Stedman, where places are made continuously in 3rds, occasioning dodging in even-odd positions above. (4/5, 6/7, etc.) (Use blackboard to illustrate.) (Q)

(Registration and Closure.)

STANDLAKE, OXON. — On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Kitto 1, J. Coggins 2, E. Hill 3, D. Smith 4, H. Farmer (cond.) 5, B. D. Costar 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Coles 1, N. Chamberlain 2, J. Venn 3, H. Farmer 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, B. D. Costar 6. For children's flower service.

THE WORCESTERS IN BOURNEMOUTH

On Friday evening, October 19th, Worcester ringers left for their annual visit to that excellent place of hospitality in Hampshire — Bournemouth.

We had not been going very long when either the weight of the Ringing Master of a well-known Birmingham Guild or the hilarity caused by the wisecracks of the Black Country comics caused all the air to leave one of the back tyres of the borrowed car. They were discovered by the more luxurious half of the party some time later, trying to find the required tools in a boot which contained nothing more than two starting handles! However, difficulties are made to be overcome, and eventually we arrived at the home-from-home in Fishermans Avenue.

Next morning a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Wimborne St. Giles', which was listened to outside by the two Masters, who voted it an excellent effort.

In the afternoon an attempt for Stedman Triples went astray after three-quarters-of-an-hour's perfect ringing. The two 'listeners,' who were asleep in the car outside, came up into the tower and had no difficulty in stating the cause of the stoppage, viz.: the time-honoured cause of who ran away from the slow!

Sunday was spent with ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's and a call at St. Michael's, Melksham, on the way home.

As usual, a very pleasant weekend was spent, due chiefly to the efforts of Arthur Davis in making the arrangements, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price for acting as 'mine hosts,' to whom we say 'Thank you,' not forgetting the local band at Melksham. W. B. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Salisbury Branch held their quarterly meeting at Amesbury on October 20th. The newly-instituted Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Hazelton, made the visitors very welcome, and conducted the Guild service, giving an address.

At the business meeting after tea, the company kept silence in remembrance of Sidney Macey, an honorary life member, for many years a highly-valued member first of St. Martin's then of St. Paul's, Salisbury, who died on September 15th.

A greetings telegram had been sent to two members of the band at Martin—Mr. E. Elliott and Miss Heather Mundy, who were married that afternoon. The chairman also congratulated the band at Enford who had scored their first peal recently. Owing to the encouragement of their new Vicar, the Rev. H. T. Tovey, the band at Woodford rejoined the Guild, seven members being elected: Messrs. M. Hazzard, R. Edwards, R. Kyte, M. Phillips, R. Portnall, F. Scarrott and Miss F. Portnall.

There was ringing at Amesbury before the service and afterwards until 7 p.m., up to Double Norwich. In the evening Woodford was visited, where some of the local ringers joined in until 9 o'clock, when the proceedings came to a sudden end by the parting of the second rope! Twenty-five signed the attendance book at tea, but another 15 or so from Swindon, Melksham, Steeple Ashton and elsewhere looked in for a ring either afternoon or evening.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clark 1, Hazel Dodson (first of Minor) 2, E. C. Barton 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, A. J. Dunk 5, G. Kenward 6. For harvest festival.



HAPPY FACES of Farnham District ringers at Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner (reported in our last issue). With an attendance of 178, the Guildford Guild held probably the largest ringers' dinner of the year. [Photo by permission of 'Farnham Herald.'

The Late Mr. E. J. Taylor's Work For Devon Guild

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Exercise at large have lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. Ernest James Taylor, of Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, who died at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital, Exeter, on October 24th, aged 51 years.

Mr. Taylor's death was the outcome of a fall from his loft on February 4th, and at the inquest Dr R. H. C. Robins, senior registrar at the hospital, stated that on admission he was found to have a dislocation of the spine and both arms and legs. The dislocation of the spine was found to be irremediable by ordinary means, and an operation was performed. This was entirely successful for its purpose of reducing the dislocation, but there was other damage to the spine which was irremediable. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia due to the fracture of the respiratory system, this in turn being due to the spinal injury. A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned.

Mr. Taylor was born on February 4th, 1905, at Bishop's Tawton, Devon, where he learned to ring call-changes. (His father and maternal grandfather were members of the local band and his paternal grandfather had been a ringer at the neighbouring tower of Landkey, where he had been parish clerk for over 30 years.)

He entered the service of the National Provincial Bank in 1923, and after three years at South Molton, Devon, was transferred to Northampton, where he was introduced to method ringing. It was not, however, until October, 1933, after being moved to Bath that he rang his first peal, of Double Norwich C.B. Major, at Wraxall, this, according to his peal book, being his tenth attempt. He was later moved to Newbury, Torquay, and Bradford, Yorks, and finally after the war, in 1947 arrived at Tiverton.

A former chairman of the North-East Branch, he became secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in 1950. He was an ideal secretary in every way. No matter what part of the Diocese he visited, whether the tower rang call-changes or was a member of the Guild, he was sure of a welcome and a rope. 'He did much to foster good fellowship and bring the Devon Association and ourselves closer together,' writes Mr. W. H. Ware, secretary of the N.E. Branch of the Guild.

Mr. Taylor was a member of many ringing Societies, including the Ancient Society of College Youths. With St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, he was a beloved friend of all ringers. To those who visited him in hospital he was always cheerful—the perfect patient, appreciative of all that was done for him and never giving up hope that he would come back and join his friends again. He was also a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. The sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow and two sons.

To his memory half-muffled quarter peals were rung at St. Peter's, Tiverton, and also at Exeter Cathedral.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on October 29th. The Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley) officiated, and the lesson was read by Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers). Robed clergy present included the Revs. F. W. Pennington and C. F. Miles (curates at St. Peter's), the Revs. J. A. Jones (chairman of the N.E. Branch) and W. I. Eliot. As the coffin was carried from the church it was followed by a procession of sidesmen.

The family mourners were the widow, Mrs. M. Taylor (mother), Mr. L. R. Taylor (brother), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ford (brother-in-law and sister), Miss K. Taylor (sister), Miss Beer (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. W. Beer (uncle and aunt), Miss M. Beer (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. J. Beer (cousins), and Mr. and Mrs. J. de Jong (nephew and niece).

Representatives of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers present were the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews (chairman), Mr. E. M. Atkins (treasurer), the Rev. C. J. Poulton (chairman, Exeter Branch), Mr. J. Upton (captain), Mr. R. J. Kelland, Mr. P. J. Cork, also representing Mrs. Cork, Mr. A. Payne (St. Peter's Church), and Mr. F. C. Smale (chairman of the N.W. Branch and former secretary of the Guild).

Mr. A. T. Truman (also representing Mr. R. E. Truman) and Mr. G. Skinner (Exeter Cathedral), Mr. J. L. Glanville (Aylesbeare), Mr. J. F. Lilley (Newton Abbot), Mr. N. Mallett, also representing Mrs. Mallett (Exeter Branch), Mr. K. Walters, Mr. D. H. Yeo and Miss B. M. Boyle (Combe Martin), Mr. F. Wreford (secretary, Exeter Branch), Mr. W. H. Ware (secretary, North-East Devon Branch, also representing the St. Peter's Society), Mr. E. W. Biffen (Ringing Master, Exeter Branch), Mr. G. E. Retter (Honiton Clyst), Mr. D. Bellamy (Bampton), Mr. C. G. Dymond (Silverton), Mr. G. C. Woodley (chairman, East Devon Branch, Sidmouth), Mr. B. Pidgeon and Mr. J. R. Bray (Ottery St. Mary), and Mr. G. Vearncombe (Bickleigh).

Also present were Mr. R. O. Fry (secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers) and Mr. R. J. Bowden (Bristol).

There were also present very many of Mr. Taylor's friends in other walks of life. Floral tributes were sent from the Guild, branches and towers.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1.
Minor.—Plain Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 1, Four methods 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 7 (cond. 1), Stedman 9.
Major.—Double Norwich 15, Plain Bob 5, Kent T.B. 2, Little Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1.
Surprise Major.—Cambridge 7, Superlative 1, London 1.
Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 7.
Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge 1.
Cinques.—Stedman 8.
Total: 76.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with regret that the St. Peter's Society of Change-Ringers, Tiverton, heard the news of the passing of a beloved friend and fellow member on October 24th.

Admitted to the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital after a fall during last winter's freeze-up, Ernest James Taylor was, as all who visited him knew, always cheerful—the perfect patient—appreciative of all that was done for him and never giving up hope that one day he would come back and join his friends again.

We of the St. Peter's Society of Change-Ringers, the Devon Guild, and many other of his friends, had been hoping that a miracle would happen and that one day we would see him taking his place with us again, as we always knew him.

Mr. Taylor to us was the ideal ringer and general secretary of the Devon Guild, a sincere churchman, a fine leader and always good company.

He had done much for the Guild in fostering good fellowship and bringing the Devon Association and ourselves closer together.

I am sure that the sympathy of all ringers will go to his wife, two sons, mother, brother and sisters.

We will always remember him as we last saw him in the ringing chamber.

May he rest in peace.

W. H. WARE, Hon. Secretary,
N.E. Branch, Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

MR. HARRY MORGAN

The death took place on October 26th, at the early age of 52 years, of Mr. Harry Morgan, of Bilton, Rugby, and formerly of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. Mr. Morgan was taken ill towards the end of September and went into Rugby Hospital. He returned home on October 20th, but had again to go into hospital on the 24th, and died in his sleep in the early hours of the 26th.

The funeral took place at Bilton Parish Church on October 30th, and apart from the family mourners the service was attended by many friends and colleagues of Mr. Morgan from the English Electric Company, where he had followed his trade as a pattern maker. Among many floral tributes were wreaths from the Bilton Parish Church ringers, from the ringers of All Saints', Gainsborough, from the management of the English Electric Company, and his colleagues. The bells of Bilton were rung half-muffled to his memory on October 29th. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn his loss, and the sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to them.

Harry Morgan was a native of Gainsborough, where he learnt to ring, and in his early days, in company with several young Gainsborough ringers, cycled many miles each week attending practices. This enthusiasm inspired the late Herbert Haigh, at that time secretary of the North Notts Association, to arrange a special practice at Worksop as a joint practice for the locals, the Gainsborough contingent and a similar party of young ringers from South Yorkshire.

For a time, in 1926 and 1927, Mr. Morgan lived in Leicester, and rang a number of peals on both tower- and handbells with many of the Leicester stalwarts of those days. He returned to Gainsborough in 1927, rejoined the All Saints' company, and continued with them until he removed to Lea, a suburb of Gainsborough. He joined the Lea band, and did much to foster the art of ringing in that tower. From 1931–37 he was secretary of the Gainsborough District. He removed to Rugby nearly four years ago and joined the Bilton band.

Harry kept no record of any of his ringing activities, but he had probably rung somewhere in the region of 100 to 150 peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus. He was a safe ringer on both tower- and handbells, and although he was a reliable conductor and had conducted a number of peals, he generally preferred to leave that to others. Among his performances was the first tower-bell peal in Lincolnshire on 12 bells, Cambridge Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral, rung by a band resident in the county, the first peal of Maximus on the old bells at Wakefield Cathedral, and one of the rare peals at the then private church of Earl Ferrers at Staunton Harold, in Leicestershire. His peal total included a large number of Surprise peals in a variety of methods up to London and Bristol, and among one of his last few peals was one of Cambridge Royal at Chesterfield on October 29th, 1949. From that time, for health reasons, he ceased to take part in peal attempts, although it is possible he took part in an isolated peal or two afterwards. Although his health restricted his ringing activities, he continued as a service ringer up to the time he went into hospital.

Of a quiet, unassuming nature, Harry Morgan gave much to ringing in his lifetime, and his many friends have a host of pleasant memories of time spent in his company. J. E. C.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, Jean Dawson 3, R. G. Burton 4, R. H. Begrie 5, A. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

BACK TO PHILADELPHIA

Memories of a Six Months' Trip

The visit to this country of Mr. Morris Alfred Turner (70), of Philadelphia, U.S.A., came to an end on October 26th.

During the six months he had been here Mr. Turner had rung in over 50 towers and had scored one quarter peal and two peals. The quarter was of Grandsire Triples at Honiton Clyst, and the peals were Bob Minor at Brampton Speke and Bob Major at St. Edmund's, Northampton. Two other peal attempts—Stedman Triples at Rothwell and Grandsire Triples at his 'home' tower—were unsuccessful.

What remarkable performances these were is only realised when one knows that Mr. Turner had not rung since leaving for the U.S.A. in March, 1909. His last peal was Superlative in 1908 with the Kettering band. One of the best remembered of his 30 or 40 peals was one of Stedman Triples at Finedon in 1906, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who afterwards congratulated Mr. Turner and his brother, Robert, in their performance in what was their first of Stedman.

During his stay Mr. Turner became an inveterate 'tower-grabber.' This is mainly due to the enthusiasm with which he was received by Mr. Ernest Rowe and his band at Sidmouth, during a short stay with a cousin in that place. Mr. Rowe very kindly arranged ringing expeditions on most evenings. These included a visit to Exeter Cathedral, where the opportunity to 'strap' the famous 'Grandison' was taken. As a result of this particular visit the Exeter Press published a column about Mr. Turner.

On October 14th the ringers of Kettering and adjacent towers were entertained to a most enjoyable supper by Mr. Turner, who afterwards thanked everyone present for their kindness to him during his stay, and said that he hoped to return next year for much more ringing. He would also like, through these columns, to express his grateful thanks to the ringers in Devon and other places, who made him so welcome in their towers.

As a result of the article in 'The Ringing World' at the beginning of his stay, an invitation to visit and ring at Kent School, Connecticut, has been received by Mr. Turner, who is very much looking forward to going there before Christmas.

It has been a most enjoyable experience to meet and ring with someone who will no longer be merely a name among the 'Greats' of the past on the peal boards in Kettering belfry. P. I. C.

QUARTER PEALS

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Kempsett (first on eight bells) 1, F. W. Bird 2, Miss F. Hankey (first on eight 'inside') 3, A. Strecter 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, M. Johnson 6, G. Olliver 7, J. Burgess 8. For harvest festival.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Vinnecombe 1, J. Bowden 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, W. Cholwill 4, F. Pearce 5, T. Finnemore (first quarter) 6, H. Stacey 7, O. Gittens (first quarter) 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct 21st, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Killamarsh Variation): S. Hume 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, D. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, Miss E. Cansdale 5, A. Cansdale 6, L. Mills 7, E. Hynard (cond.) 8. For Matins.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Hampton (first quarter) 1, P. J. Morton 2, J. Anderson 3, P. J. Rigby 4, A. Ager 5, M. G. Morton (cond.) 6.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, C. W. Ottley 3, F. Ranson 4, L. W. Bullock 5, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 6, P. G. Davies 7, T. W. Wyatt 8. For harvest festival.

NOTICES

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MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT. — Felkirk, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 3s. Notification immediately to H. Chant, The Rowans, School Lane, Ryhill, Wakefield. 9222

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Following tea, Mr. C. K. Lewis will give a talk on Method Construction.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9212

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Previous notice amended to West Hartlepool (St. Oswald), Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2.30 p.m. 9237

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Nov. 10th, Ticehurst (6). Tea at The Bell. Names to S. G. Ponting, School House, Ticehurst, Wadhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 9192

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9189

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 9163

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Nov. 10th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9178

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, 3 p.m., at Great Amwell. Will you please send names for tea Mr. D. Munden, 16, French's Close, Stanstead Abbots, Ware.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9204

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Saturday, Nov. 10th, Berkhamstead (8), 3 p.m. 9213

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Michael's, Tilehurst. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, meeting and ringing after. 9193

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Please take own tea.—H. Denman. 9243

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9181

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. 9124

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Nomination meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at Wandsworth. Holy Trinity bells 3 to 4.15 p.m., followed by service there. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. All Saints' bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9152

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—*Alteration* of quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th. *Fittleworth, not Petworth*, as previously advertised. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 at the Swan. Service 6 p.m.—T. Francis. 9228

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m. Election of officers. No ringing at Southwark Cathedral on November 13th.—A. B. Peck. 9232

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Tickenham, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9234

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Westoning, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 9225

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Bunbury, *not Tarporley*, Saturday, Nov. 17th Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 'Buses from Nantwich 1.30 and 3 p.m., return 7.57 p.m.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 9252

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3 p.m. Braunston (6) available after tea. Tea available for those notifying me by Monday, Nov. 12th. Bus 572 from Rugby or Daventry every hour. Train from Leamington to Braunston, 2.37 p.m. Everybody invited.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec., 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 9230

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 15th to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.—A. B. Cooper. 9257

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, 2.30 p.m. Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 9223

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis Sec. 9236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Earle Colne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to W. Arnold, Tey Road, Earls Colne, Colchester. 9202

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Horsell, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell. 9217

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 15th to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 9221

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 9184

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, at Tewin, 6 p.m. Bells 6. — S. Huckle, District Sec. 9256

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each inclusive, can be obtained from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, enclosing cash please. 9203

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Snodland on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, London Road, Bethersden.—C. T. H. 9215

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting, Sileby, Nov. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea to follow. Associated with meeting at Cossington of Syston District of Leicester Guild. Names for tea to Mrs. L. M. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. 9255

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17th. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9246

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, South Shore, Parish Church (Blackpool) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. —J. F. Turner. 9235

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, Nov 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Own tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9224

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Bell Inn 5 p.m. Notify by Wednesday, Mr. M. Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leicester. 9251

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Glenn on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., the Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 9247

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Cossington, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea at 5 p.m. by the previous Wednesday to Miss M. Carpenter, The Homestead, Main Street, Cossington 9242

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Bennett, Bicker, Boston, Lincs. 9218

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Blyton on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Everyone welcome. Good attendance requested. Further details regarding towers and times will appear next week.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 9227

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Annual ringers' Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. Names to John Pogson, 6, Station Road, Marsden, near Huddersfield, for Nov. 15th, whist and dance 7.30 p.m. 9183

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9238

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Marlborough, St. Mary's, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9239

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9258

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. J. Copp, North Muskham, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9198

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—Silver jubilee of bells. Service of thanksgiving on Nov. 17th, 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Lawrence's Schools. Names for tea by Nov. 13th to E. A. Knight, Longwood, Stanwick. 9253

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Nov. 14th Mr. A. Foord, 15, Mill Mead, Ringmer, Lewes.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9229

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Cane 9182

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at New Alresford on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 9231

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 15th to Miss V. Parish, 76, Burman Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham, Yorks. —J. J. L. Gilbert. 9248

COLLIERS WOOD.—A Ringers' Service is to be held on Sunday, Nov. 18th, at 6.30 p.m., at Christ Church, Colliers Wood. All ringers heartily welcomed. 9220

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Gaywood. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 9250

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivenham, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 21st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 9233

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Kelsale Eight Bells 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Alan R. Bridges, Hon. Sec., Theberton, Leiston. 9244

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Dedication Service, Rev. Heard Memorial at Mulbarton, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available after tea. Full particulars later.—W. Love, Gen. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 9249

BREDON HILL AREA TOUR

It all began when someone said that she'd never been on 'a real tower-grab.' Amid reminiscences of past 'grabs' ('Now, when I was living in Kent, . . .') from more experienced souls, maps were produced, Dove's Guide consulted and plans laid.

Finally, prompt on 9 o'clock on the morning of October 20th, eight ringers from the Cheltenham area met at St. Margaret's, Alderton, for a quiet trip to 13 6-bell towers in the vicinity of Bredon Hill. As an added refinement, two 'old hands' had produced a special method for each tower, and a thick sheaf of Minor diagrams was much in evidence throughout the day. Before our new-found expert on the inns of Britain (see 'R.W.', page 667) had been introduced to the Crown at Eckington—for coffee!—Overbury, Kemerton, Bredon's Norton and Eckington had been visited, and London Bob, Hereward Bob, London, York and Wells rung, while Bastow Little Court had been found the ideal method for 'a quick touch and down 'em.'

The afternoon was enlivened by frantic key-hunts, weak stays, and another five towers—the Combertons, Elmley Castle, Ashton-under-Hill and Dumbleton, with Edinburgh Delight. Durham and Beverley ticked off the list. A somewhat prolonged tea-hour at Broadway was greatly welcome, before going on to the last three towers—Broadway, Buckland and Toddington. At the last two it was felt that Central Council standards in method construction might be safely ignored, and Boatrace Delight and Superlative Minor, not to mention a 'Beard Special' of Spliced Doubles and Minor in six plain, Treble Bob and Little methods (successfully brought round in spite of the band!), helped to restore flagging spirits.

Sincere thanks are accorded to all incumbents who so readily gave us permission to ring, and also to the two drivers who managed to find their way in spite of much argument as to where the next tower was. Incidentally, does anyone know of any professional bell puller-uppers and/or puller-downers in need of a Saturday's employment? My hands . . . ! C. A. W.

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IS CHANGE RINGING ONLY 300 YEARS OLD?

WHEN I was a boy and anxious to follow in the footsteps of the 'Shepherd' family I used to listen with rapt attention to conversation between ringers when they were not engaged in the belfry, and one of the assertions which impressed me greatly was that change ringing as an art went back many hundreds of years. This assertion was heard by me a few years prior to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, but what a surprise to learn in later years that change ringing is not, as is often supposed, of great antiquity, in fact we can hardly claim 300 years of history for it.

In mediæval times bells were very important, and the care and use of them was the responsibility of the clerks who rang them before service, and often during a service, but when it came to ringing at the processions they could not be in church and tower at the same time on account of various duties in connection with the service. To overcome the difficulty some strong young lads were chosen to go up into the belfry and carry out this portion of the work which entailed swinging the bells as high as the fittings would allow. Before long they found it rather enjoyable and quite good exercise, with the result that it became a fascinating hobby. The Inventories of Edward VI.'s reign give us details of the number of bells in various towers, usually three or four in most cases, and five for the wealthier and more important parishes.

As time went on and ringing became rather popular many complaints were made about bell-ringing at night time, which resulted in various rules, regulations and resolutions being drawn up to regulate ringing 'without any evident necessity.' In those days ringing could not be done like it is to-day, and it is recorded at Exeter Cathedral in 1678 that £60 was paid to a bell-hanger for hanging the bells 'to be rung upon the sally,' which gives us an insight into conditions existing before that date.

Change ringing or method ringing is credited as being introduced by Fabian Stedman, a Cambridge printer, but the actual date seems to be unknown. Some writers have stated the year as 1657, probably because this date appeared in Shipway, but it was not until 1667 that the 'Tintinnalogia' was published, a work generally attributed to Stedman, and afterwards found to be the work of Richard Duckworth, although Stedman had a big hand in its production. From that time change ringing was taken up in many parts of the country not only as a healthy exercise but intellectually, and yet it was not until 1715 that the first true peal of Bob Triples was rung, followed by Grandsire Triples three years later.

In the years that followed change ringing experienced many ups and downs, due to quite a number of causes, and when new methods were introduced many ringers began to regard their healthy exercise as a pastime becoming too complicated and involved, which led to a shrinkage in numbers.

Two great drawbacks were the absence of Diocesan and County Guilds, and a paper really devoted to ringers and ringing. In 1874 the Devon Guild was formed, and soon afterwards many others sprang into being in order to give proper recognition to the art of ringing, but when it came to a ringers' paper very little news could be obtained. Bits and pieces sometimes came out through 'Bell's Life,' but it mostly depended on how much space was left over after dealing with various sporting events, and if the activities of boxing, racing, wrestling, cock-fighting, etc., were numerous the ringing material was omitted. 'Church Bells' devoted a small portion of its columns to ringing performances, but it was the 'Bell News,' starting as a monthly journal, that supplied ringing news to those interested in ringing. This paper soon became a weekly publication and the writer first became acquainted with it in 1888 when on commencing school he was allocated the duty of going to the newsagent every Saturday morning to bring home father's favourite weekly. In that year (1888) the total number of peals amounted to 759, of which only 26 were Surprise Major, quite different to 1953 with a total of 2,566, of which Cambridge Surprise Major claimed 115. Much of the increase is due to five- and six-bell ringing, which applies not only to peals but other uses as well.

It has been said that the big increase in the number of methods framed and named in recent years is the cause of our numbers becoming fewer in the towers throughout the land, but this is purely hypothetical, for many reasons can be advanced why the bells cannot be rung in accordance with their numbers, various reasons for different localities. Change ringing when first introduced became very popular and in many places the bells were ringing for long periods five or six evenings a week with the result that curtailment rules were made and ringers given a bad name. To-day all is different, many lessons have been learnt, and though half-pull ringing is not so old as many people imagine, we realise that parishioners like to hear bells well rung, whether rounds, call-changes or by half-pull, the most modern of the three systems. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ralph G. Edwards	*Treble*	H. David Holland	6
Muriel Reay	2	John R. Joyner	7
George E. Fearn	3	Norman J. Goodman	8
John Pinfold	4	Peter Border	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*M. Angela Carter	*Treble*	Frederick C. White	6
Mrs. A. E. Lock	2	Alan R. Pink	7
†Brian R. White	3	Alfred H. Webb	8
Marie R. Cross	4	Malcolm S. Cloke	9
George W. Bishop	5	Francis A. White	*Tenor*

Composed by George Holifield. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. The conductor's 300th peal as such for the Guild.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen to open the County Hall, and to mark the 400th anniversary of the granting of a Charter to the Borough of Abingdon.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

R. George Morris	*Treble*	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Doreen D. Dutton	2	Bryan C. Stirland	7
David J. Marshall	3	George E. Evenden	8
*Shirley M. Parsons	4	Noel J. Diserens	9
†Valerie Willard	5	David Beacham	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise Royal.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Albert E. Thompson	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	6
Francis R. Lowe	2	Denis R. Carlisle	7
Philip H. Whitaker	3	Vivienne M. Horton	8
Mark J. Barker	4	Harold Taylor	9
Peter J. Skinner	5	Roy Marsden	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
Rung to mark the 29th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral, and also for the Patronal Festival.

STEPNEY, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

Victor Savage	*Treble*	David Hoare	6
Richard J. Crago	2	Ronald H. Gardiner	7
Anthony J. Sanger	3	Gilbert H. Harding	8
Victor Roberts	4	Henry J. Sanger	9
Gwilym Salmon	5	Leonard Derrick	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. J. Hawkins. Conducted by David Hoare.
Rung as an expression of gratitude and love for the life and work of the late E. J. Taylor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	Mrs. G. S. Mills	5
Raymond Johnson	2	Roger Leigh	6
Philip J. Hudson	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
Orrell Davies	4	Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Composed by George Cross. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
Rung to celebrate the wedding, with Nuptial Mass, at this church on this day of the assistant priest, Rev. D. J. R. Moseley, to Anne Philipa Ball, and the second anniversary of the recasting of the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth M. Yardley	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	Frank E. Haynes	6
Evelyn M. Fletcher	3	Terry R. Hampton	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	John M. Jelley	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Brian S. Chapman	6
Phyllis Poole	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
William Thornley	4	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Thornley.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Alec Gammon	*Treble*	Colin J. B. Taylor	5
Donald H. Niblett	2	Robin A. Hodgson	6
Dermot J. Roaf	3	Frank A. Barrett	7
Peter R. Sanders	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope.
Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

G. Ronald Edwards	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards	5
Arthur D. Cook	2	George E. Fearn	6
Patrick I. Chapman	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	A Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	WILLIAM CARNWELL	5
*CHARLES WEBB	2	HAROLD WHITE	6
*NORA STEELE	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	7
NORMAN SARGEANT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal.
Rung in memory of George Jones, who rang for 49 years at the above church and was head ringer for 20 years.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM GORRINGE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
RALPH BIRD	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*DEREK WHITEHOUSE	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	PETER J. BARKER	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by STANLEY PRESTIDGE.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
*BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to John W. Hartley, a member of the local band at Norbury for many years, who was buried on Saturday, October 20th, 1956.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
*VERNON GREEN	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Davis's Ten-part, C.C Collection, No. 6. Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb.

*EDWARD G. BURROWS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	HAROLD SMITH	6
MRS. H. SMITH	3	WALTER HUNT	7
WILLIAM J. BROOKS	4	†HUGH GOODEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung to commemorate improvements to the church through a bequest of a parishioner. These include a new organ, a new approach to the ringing chamber, and renovation of walls of sanctuary and chancel. The dedication service was a fortnight previous.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours exactly,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
*†DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	*PHILIP MEHEW	7
*RALPH BIRD	4	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALAN R. PINK. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Oct. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED	*Treble*	MICHAEL SOLLEY	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	6
HORACE W. EASEY	3	PETER KINDRED	7
DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4	JOHN ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
First peal on the bells by all regular Sunday service ringers.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*JUDITH R. COX	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	*JOHN L. MORRIS	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	*BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

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CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, seventh observation. Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb.

WALFORD DAVIES	*Treble*	ALBERT J. PITMAN	5
TREVOR LEWIS	2	THOMAS PETTY	6
KEITH JONES	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	ROYSTON ESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

Rung as a compliment to Seymour R. Barker on attaining 50 years' membership of St. John's tower. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.'

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Mon., Oct. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	*Treble*	*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	5
*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	2	†F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	6
*P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	7
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by H. BARTON. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Lincolnshire.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 HALLAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ in F.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	*FRANK BRUNT	5
IAN HOLLAND	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	3	JOHN S. SEAGER	7
CYRIL RUSBY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to mark the dedication of the new baptistery, dedicated by the Bishop of Pontefract on the previous Wednesday.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN HULME	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. DILLEY	5
MRS. F. MAGER	2	GEOFFREY W. MAYES	6
*MRS. A. CRAVEN	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	7
†JILL MAYES	4	PERCY W. TOMPKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*BRIAN E. JEFFREY	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
†EDWARD J. JENNER	2	†ERIC J. BRUNGER	6
‡GEORGE FRY	3	†STANLEY JENNER	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.
A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenner.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. CHARLES BROWNE	*Treble*	*JOHN R. SMITH	4
*MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
* 50th peal together. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band. J. R. Smith has now 'circled the tower.'

WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten varied callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*SONIA CROSS	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	4
DAVID SMITH	2	WILLIAM HORNBY	5
HENRY PARKER	3	*ERNEST BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT E. JONES	*Treble*	†DESMOND FERGUSON	4
*JEAN HUTTON	2	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

NEWTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER WESTON	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	3
RONALD RUSSELL	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
Rung on the fifth wedding anniversary of the conductor, and also a birthday compliment to William A. Kitchenside.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	4
HENRY PARKER	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
CECIL RADDON	3	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John H. Davenport, the leader at this tower.
H. W. Howard has 'completed the circle.'

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Walter J. Copp	*Treble*	Arthur R. Tudball	4
Horace W. Arscott	2	Isaac Farmer	5
Leslie H. Arscott	3	Raymond F. Arscott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Horace W. Arscott.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the service of Walter J. Copp of over 50 years as a ringer at this tower.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

Arthur W. Hoodless	*Treble*	*Septimus Neave	4
Stephen Bromfield	2	†W. Arthur Crowder	5
Michael W. Crowder	3	Walter Ayre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur R. Clarke	*Treble*	*Alan Streeter	4
F. Eric Roberts	2	†Brian A. Cracknell	5
George Olliver	3	William F. Slaughter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian A. Cracknell.

* First of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the first anniversary of the induction of the Rector, Rev. G. I. Williams, M.A.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 32 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb.

John A. Underwood	*Treble*	Jack Beniston	4
*Wilfred Lord	2	John Hawtin	5
James A. Lord	3	George E. Howlett	*Tenor*

Conducted by John A. Underwood.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beniston on the birth of a son (Paul). Also as a welcome to Philip Richard Lord, grandchild of the ringer of the second.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 each of Kennington, London, Old Doubles, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

Philip Jones	*Treble*	Jack Kightley	4
Michael Blason	2	Anthony Ford	5
Raymond Henman	3	Leslie Battison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip Jones.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Leonard G. Toseland	*Treble*	Bryan S. Cope	4
*Frank Crozier	2	*David James	5
Sheila Collins	3	Burley P. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Burley P. Morris.

* First peal in seven methods First peal of Minor in seven methods as conductor.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of All Saints.

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Roger O. Fry	*Treble*	*Alan F. Lee	4
*Tudor P. Edwards	2	*Richard J. Bowden	5
*Frank D. Mack	3	Albert F. Butt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest J. Taylor.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

Beryl Matthews	*Treble*	Stephen Duxbury	4
Pat Bathe	2	John L. S. Glanvill	5
David Wills	3	Mrs. E. Bathe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John L. S. Glanvill.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four callings of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire, twice repeated. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*Alan A. Croucher	*Treble*	*Joseph J. Batchelor	4
†E. Patricia Lewis	2	Alexander Waddington	5
†Peter F. T. Smith	3	†Percy M. Town	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander Waddington.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At 4, Heald Grove, Whitworth Park,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frederick Wm. Grocott	1—2	Robin G. Turner	5—6
*Derek Ogden	3—4	*Wilfred L. Robinson	7—8
		*Leslie Boumphrey	9—10

Composed by M. J. Morris (No. 37).
Conducted by Wilfred L. Robinson.

* First handbell peal of Caters.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Blue Bell Inn,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Smith	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
John Vernon	3—4	Michael Vernon	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

Rung as a compliment to C. Roger Hayward, a ringer of St. Michael's, Stoney Stanton, and Nancy M. Toone, a ringer of St. Mary's, Hinckley, who were married the previous day.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 28, 1956, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	Mrs. B. G. Warwick	7—8

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
At 153, Ratcliffe Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

*Derek M. Sawyer	1—2	B. Stedman Payne	3—4
†Michael White	5—6		

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.'

BAMPTON, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. S. Hodgson 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, M. J. Thomas 3, M. J. Hallett 4, D. H. Niblett 5, F. A. Barrett 6, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 7, R. A. Hodgson 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bull (16) 1, 1, Miss J. Huddleston 2, R. Story 3, H. Balaam 4, J. Weaver 5, A. Taylor 6, E. F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, B. Dawes 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. J. B. Woodley.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Gadsden (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Heasman 2, Miss A. Eldridge 3, Miss D. Pankhurst (first quarter) 4, C. Verdon (first as cond.) 5, C. Grisbrook 6. Rung for the opening of the new Church of England Junior School by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Gasson 1, J. Gasson 2, G. Packham 3, F. Godsmark 4, H. W. Brown (first of Triples) 5, R. Johnson 6, J. Lilley (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Gasson 1, J. Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, T. Gasson 4, G. Packham 5, R. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, T. Brett 8. A 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, who has completed 54 years as a ringer at this church.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Schofield (11 years, first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, F. Waspe 3, H. B. Schofield 4, A. Ashton 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6, F. Rayment tenor (covering).

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Carveth 1, Miss M. A. Birch 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, J. M. Jelley 5, E. J. Jelley 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8. For the Feast of St. Luke.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. George 1, J. Parker 2, J. Pannell 3, W. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, V. Webster 6. Rung for the 10th anniversary of St. Martin's Guild Youth Fellowship, all ringers being members of the Guild.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, R. Shire 2, H. Churchill (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, R. Braddick 6. Rung on the sixth anniversary of the first peal on the bells, called by the came conductor.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Britten 1, H. May 2, W. Wills 3, K. Wannell 4, D. Wills (cond.) 5, Mrs. E. Bathe 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Willcox 1, C. Batten 2, L. Framcombe 3, G. Smart 4, R. Williams (cond.) 5, W. Cook 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Walters.

ELING, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann E. Lewin (first quarter) 1, Ruth A. Carey 2, D. C. Exell 3, Isobel Inman 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, P. W. M. Jones 6.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, B. J. Luck 3, D. Chatfield 4, B. R. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. Pack 8. Rung prior to the Operation Firm Faith family service for the Deanery.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. H. Wycherley 1, Miss E. Overend 2, W. H. Poole 3, J. Looker 4, G. Gaylard 5, D. Flower 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,256 Grandsire Caters: Pamela Clarke 1, B. Buswell (cond.) 2, W. R. Read 3, Mrs. K. K. Ketteringham 4, D. A. Frith 5, K. K. Ketteringham 6, R. Stephenson 7, H. R. Woods 8, J. D. Clarke 9, T. Greasley 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 4 and 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 14th, 720 each of St. Clement's and Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Before morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Feuer 1, L. Sharpe 2, E. Nice 3, L. Melton 4, J. Stannard 5, A. Ballam 6, K. G. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Windwood 1, E. R. Rapley 2, D. Mitchell 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, G. Francis 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung immediately after the baptism of Ian Basil, son of Basil and Mary White.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lambert 1, A. W. Durham 2, R. T. Lambert 3, E. Bromley 4, F. Bromley 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, A. Bromley 7, W. Fuller 8. For harvest festival, also a birthday compliment to the brothers R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Margaret A. Evans 1, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 2, Cynthia Pendlebury (first 'inside') 3, J. Fox 4, E. Edginton 5, A. Edginton 6. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Evans 1, J. Fox 2, E. Edginton 3, E. H. White 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, A. Edginton 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Pamela Timmis, a local ringer.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Glenys Thomas 1, T. Gwilliam 2, D. Walklate 3, A. Evans 4, G. Harris (cond.) 5, P. Romney 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, A. T. Palmer 2, W. Moore 3, T. Bevis (cond.) 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Moore 6. Arranged by Miss J. Peel as a compliment to her grand-parents on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 300 Grandsire): B. C. Machon (first quarter) 1, R. H. Jones 2, Christine M. Woodward (first as cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, D. C. Woodward 5. For Evensong.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, R. Chapman (first quarter) 2, J. Harrison 3, C. Bickerstaff (first quarter) 4, E. Edwards 5, J. Thornett 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Waddy), lately a housemaster at Rugby, and former Test Match player for Australia and county cricketer (Warwickshire).

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. Sellars 1, A. E. Chilton 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, C. F. Briggs 4, P. N. White 5, W. L. Exton 6, J. W. Raithby 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. For the third Sunday of Gopher.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Holdom 1, C. Pooley 2, R. W. Balls 3, L. Risebrow 4, J. R. Smith (cond.) 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, F. W. Bird 2, G. Olliver (cond.) 3, A. Clarke (first 'inside') 4, A. Streeter 5, W. Clarke 6. All are employes of The Fullers' Earth Union Limited, Redhill.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. B. Hartley 1, D. Sanderson (cond.) 2, W. T. Light 3, J. T. Walmsley 4, D. Seville 5, J. Mayrick (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, Terha Barnett 2, J. Vardy 3, Jean Day 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. Pope (first quarter) 6.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Gorringe 1, Miss M. J. Skinner 2, Miss S. M. Clayton 3, N. D. Robinson (first in method) 4, E. Thurlow 5, E. R. Wilkinson 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. For harvest festival.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Davis 1, J. Pinfold 2, Dorothy Battersby 3, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 4, H. J. Turner 5, A. V. Davis 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. Walters 8. Rung in the octave of All Saints.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): P. J. Shute 1, H. G. Weedon (first as cond. at first attempt) 2, H. W. Knauss 3, L. J. Fox 4, R. Sumner 5, S. Smith 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Shute (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Jean M. Powell (first 'inside') 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, Betty A. Tester 4, A. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong within the octave of All Saints.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 4th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Sinkins (91) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, C. D. Nichols 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, C. Champion 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Burgess (first quarter) 1, J. A. G. Ball (first of Minor) 2, G. W. Barton 3, F. C. Love 4, A. G. Leahy 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. For Trafalgar Day.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baker (first quarter) 1, Beryl Churchill 2, Sylvia Vine 3, R. Baker 4, R. G. Perry (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. Rung for eve of All Saints' service.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. Bennett 1, C. R. Lovett 2, F. E. Wiseman 3, F. Crapnell 4, J. Crapnell 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For the institution of the Rev. E. W. S. Broadbent.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. L. Gray 1, K. Gray 2, Vivian T. Boase 3, E. Jones 4, J. A. Webster 5, T. Rogers (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Joan Mary Webster, of St. Hilary's (Wallasey), to Charles Bancroft Pemberton, of St. Oswald's (Bidston).

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob: J. Fox (cond.) 1, Miss J. Sharp 2, J. Bird 3, M. Parker 4, L. Harvey 5, W. R. Wiskin 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Oct 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Gill 1 C. Wallater 2, Stella Hughes 3, J. S. Eastwood 4, P. J. Barker 5, E. Stitch (cond.) 6, G. W. Hughes 7, G. F. Howlett 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

WEST DIDSBURY, LANCS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss A. Lucas (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Kay 2, V. Griffin (first in two methods as cond.) 3, D. F. Manning 4, A. Bennion 5, P. L. Forrest 6. First in two methods by all the band except the conductor. Rung for morning service and as a welcome to the conductor on the completion of his National Service.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. C. Ridgway 2, H. Jones 3, L. A. Smith 4, W. Townsend 5, G. E. Green (first in method as cond.) 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. C. Case 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Betty Elliott.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 St. Clement's: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. Pope 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Kentish Delight: Miss B. Philpot 1, L. Pope 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,368 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes (first in method) 2, L. Pope 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Pope (first of Minor) 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Miss M. Hall (first quarter) 2, W. Baker 3, A. Turner 4, P. Bird 5, C. Bellew 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, F. Salter 8. A farewell compliment to Miss Hall on leaving the district.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Bennett 1, Miss M. Legg (cond.) 2, Miss M. Hodges (first 'inside') 3, Miss L. Hammond 4, Miss B. Johnson 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6.

LEICESTER GUILD MAINTAIN THEIR REPUTATION

THE last Saturday in October is reserved by members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for the annual dinner and social. This annual event, initiated by the Guild's founder and first president, the late Harold J. Poole, has achieved great success, attracting visitors from all over the country.

This year the event was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe, near Loughborough. Loughborough was chosen as the venue this year as a compliment to the Guild's new president, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, head of the famous firm of bell-founders which bears his name. Doubt had been expressed whether members would find Loughborough convenient to reach, but all fears were removed when a company of 115 sat down to dinner.

Both the Loughborough rings—the Parish Church of All Saints, with ten bells (tenor 30¼ cwt.), and the Bell Foundry ten (tenor 6½ cwt.) —were open for ringing during the afternoon.

Supporting the president and Mrs. Taylor at the dinner were the Ven. R. B. Cole, Vicar of St. Philip's, Leicester, and Archdeacon of Loughborough, and the Ven. W. J. Lyon, Rector of All Saints', Loughborough, Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. P. A. Corby (vice-presidents), Mr. B. G. Warwick (hon. general secretary), Mr. A. E. Rowley, (hon. treasurer), Mr. S. Burton (hon. peal secretary), Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mrs. B. G. Warwick, Mrs. S. Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood.

After the loyal toast had been honoured on the call of the president, the Archdeacon of Loughborough proposed the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.' 'Bell ringers,' he said, 'played an important part in the life of a church, and it was necessary to regard ringers as *church* bell ringers and not just simply as ringers.'

The president in reply stated that the Leicester Diocesan Guild was still of a high standard in all its activities, including the peal attempts and meetings and social activities. Outstanding events during the year were the visit of the Central Council to Leicester at Whitsuntide and the visit of A. P. Cannon's touring party for a whole week in August, when 13 peal attempts and visits to 70 towers were organised for the tourists by the general secretary. Publicity to the tourists and to the Guild was given when the B.B.C. caught up with the party at Loughborough. A recording of the Foundry bells, together with a commentary by Mr. A. P. Cannon, was broadcast after the news the same evening.

Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-president) submitted the toast of 'The Guests and Visitors.' The Guild, he said, had often had visitors attending meetings and dinners, and it was necessary to give them a good impression to take back to their own Guilds or Associations. The following visitors were present: Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary of the Midland Counties Guild), Mr. G. A. Halls (Derby), Miss V. M. Horton (Duffield), Mr. T. J. Lock (Hatfield), Mr. G. S. Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. W. H. Poole (Yeovil) and Mr. H. J. Gaylard (Yeovil). The guests were the Archdeacon of Loughborough and the Rector of Loughborough. He noticed that one of the Guild members was wearing the new bell-ringer's tie, and he wondered whether they could be obtained in bows!

Mr. T. J. Lock, in acknowledging the toast on behalf of the visitors, said they were grateful for all the efforts made for their entertainment. During the day he had had three surprises: (i) a peal of London Surprise Major at Prestwold, (ii) the surprise of the local catering arrangements, (iii) the surprise and pleasure of being asked to reply to that toast. On behalf of all the visitors he said that they had always enjoyed coming to the Leicester Diocesan Guild dinners.

Before members adjourned for the social evening, the president mentioned that a letter had been received from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, of the Kent County Association, who were holding their annual dinner on the same evening, wishing the Guild every success. A telegram was sent to Dr. Hatcher on behalf of the Leicester Guild by the secretary.

The highly successful social evening which followed was organised by the secretary of the Hinckley District (Mr. F. K. Measures). The Leicester Guild socials are well known throughout the country and therefore need no further description. Suffice it to say that this one came up to the usual high standard. B. G. W.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A Elsey 1, D. Bray 2, G. Dudley 3, H. Kilby 4, P. Immins 5, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Wilson, a ringer of this church, who passed away on Oct. 21st.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. C. Mogford 1, Marjorie Legg 2, Monica Fray 3, H. Collings 4, G. Prescott 5, W. A. Prescott 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Nicholas', Islip, Oxon, bells have been augmented by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to a ring of eight. The dedication will take place next Sunday at 6 p.m. by the Bishop of Oxford, and the bells will be available for visitors after the service.

Stepney Parish Church is becoming the nurses' tower in London, and several from London Hospital ring there when their duties permit. Among them ringing in a quarter on November 5th was Miss Betty Tester.

Mr. S. Wade, a member of the Southgate band for over 50 years, who recently moved to Essex, is at present in Rochford Hospital, near Southend. He would be pleased to hear from some of his older friends.

Ringing in a quarter peal at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on November 4th was Mr. F. V. Sinkins, who is now in his 92nd year. It will hearten his many friends in the Slough district to learn of this virility.

A septic hand has kept Mr. Tom Myers, of Plymouth, 'out of action.' After three weeks in hospital he is attending daily for physiotherapy. He is hoping to be his old self by 1957.

The quarter peal at Selly Oak on November 4th was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Battersby, of Bournemouth, who, together with Mr. Arthur Davis and Miss M. Davis, were on a visit to the Midlands on the occasion of the Worcester dinner.

The Society of Friends of the Exercise had to cancel their October weekend because of pressure of business on the organiser, who was arranging the East Budleigh carnival week. Mr. C. Savage informs us that 'the Friends' will move in the New Year, and preliminary plans are being made for a Whitsun tour of the Isle of Wight.

From Dar-es-Salaam we received this week an order for the Manual of Ringing Training of the College of Campanology. We have passed the order on to the author, who will doubtless be as surprised as we were to receive this letter from Tanganyika.

Sixteen-years-old Miss J. Ball, of Basingstoke, rang her first quarter peal on November 3rd at St. Michael's Church on a bell minus a stay.

Mr. W. M. Mann, of Caston, has begun his studies at Nottingham University. His friends in Norfolk wish him a happy and successful stay at Nottingham.

There are about a dozen ringers employed by the Fuller's Earth Union Company, Ltd., Redhill, and they ring at Redhill, Nutfield and Bletchingley.

Bozeat, Northants, ringers have lost a member of their tower for 30 years by the death of Mr. Joshua J. Partridge. To his memory a quarter peal was rung on November 5th.

The band who rang the peal at Nutfield on October 29th desire to express their gratitude to Mrs. Kempsell and her daughter Nancy for their kind hospitality after the peal, and also after a previous attempt had failed because of a broken rope.

It was the local band, with the exception of the conductor, who rang the first peal on the recast and rehung bells of Clyst St. George, Devon, on November 3rd. This was one of the first churches to be completely destroyed by enemy action in 1940. The bells were cracked by the fire but did not fall to the ground. The church is now fully restored. Ringers associate Clyst St. George with the Rev. G. Ellacombe, one-time rector, author of a book on Devonshire bells and the inventor of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus.

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319th ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

RECTOR OF BOW THANKS RINGERS THE WORLD OVER

The 319th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths at Bridge House Restaurant on November 3rd attracted a large attendance of ringers from all parts of the country—178 sitting down. The reunion was one of the happiest of gatherings. During the evening the Society's first contribution to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund—a cheque for £50—was handed by the Master to the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, Rector of Bow.

In time-honoured fashion the Master, Sqdn. Leader J. S. Mason, entered, escorted by the stewards, Mr. S. H. Dearden and Mr. P. A. F. Chalk, carrying their regalia of office.

After the loyal toast the Master proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He said he often wished they had more detailed information of the way in which these dinners were conducted in the 18th century. The cost of the dinner was the same then as it was that day, although, of course, the cost of living was not 2s. a pint. They could see from the copy of their rule book that the invitation card was an elaborate affair, and he had no doubt that the dinner was elaborate too. The guests were invited to the appointed place and, in the words of the card, 'there to dine, it being the annual feast.'

The character of the Society had changed since those early days and so had the relationship of ringing, as they knew it, to the Church. The primary use of church bells today was that of ringing for Sunday service, a thing unknown in the early days of their Society: today the ringing exercise was a real part of church activity.

This, and the interest taken by the community at large, had resulted in the considerable amount of bell restoration which had taken place in the last 30 years: in fact there were areas in the country where it was unusual to find a ring of bells in poor order.

In the city of London, where losses due to enemy action were considerable, several restorations were on hand and the immediate prospect was very promising. In fact it seemed that the most serious problem facing them was the ever-present one of more bells than ringers, which was a challenge to them all.

'But what of the future? There is no evidence that ringing is becoming a dying art, but a Society such as ours, which is almost as old as the Exercise, should look farther ahead than the immediate prospect. If your church has a suitable tower, experience has shown that money can be raised to install a ring of bells, and ringers can be trained, but if you are faced with the prospect of building a tower it is a very different story. Hence the popularity of electronic devices.

'Ringing is part of the English scene, but it requires the co-operation of the Church authorities and it must be accepted, if only passively, by the community at large. Today more and more people are moving out from their old centres of population with their established customs to new estates, churches are being built to cater for their needs and new social habits are being formed. At the summer exhibition of the Royal Academy this year, not one of the designs for new churches included in the architectural section had provision for a tower holding a ring of bells. It seems, therefore, that the English scene will change more than ever in these areas.

'There is no easy solution to this problem, but a traditional institution can be maintained in a healthy state if its supporters keep in step with contemporary conditions, and it seems to me that today more than ever it is necessary that we should realise our responsibilities as churchmen and act accordingly.'

THE PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of his speech the Master said he would like to call attention to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund. The Society had voted a subscription from their funds, and an appeal had been made to members all over the country and that appeal was still open. As a first instalment he asked the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins to accept a cheque for £50.

Thanking the Master and those who had contributed towards the cheque, the Rev. Evan Hopkins said he would also like to thank the very large number of ringers who had contributed through their Guilds and Branches. He had had about £150 to £200 from ringers all over the country and also some from overseas. On behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Appeal Committee he would like to thank them all most sincerely. It made one feel that these famous bells belonged not only to the Church and London but all who rang and loved the art of ringing.

He would like to report progress about the restored ring. As they knew, the bells had been recast with due ceremony and each named by a churchwarden. He had nine parishes combined with his own parish. With a very impressive ceremony they cast the tenor bell and at the same time the second, which was called Fabian by their Master.

The bells were cast and tuned and were to be mechanically chimed for the Lord Mayor's Procession. Their steeple would have to be demolished and rebuilt, and he was afraid it would be two or three years before the bells could be rung. While they were waiting for that they were trying to raise money for the rebuilding of the church. As the foundations had given way it was going to be a very expensive business. Towards that cost they had got about half way.

Round the sound bow of each of the recast bells there was a border of London Pride, and he thought that those who had the responsibility for restoring the bells of Bow could take pride that London had recovered from the devastating blitz of 1941 and that the bells would ring once more to the glory of God.

'BLYTHE COLLEGE YOUTHS'

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' and said he regarded the occasion as a great honour as he was not yet a member of 50 years' standing, although he was fast travelling that way. It was difficult to say something new to a toast that had been proposed for 319 years. He found in Ernest Morris' book, 'The Church Bells of England,' this verse:—

The blythe College Youths,
Rather old stagers,
Accustomed for years
To pull bells for wagers.

He would add to that:—

Now ring Stedman Cinques
Much better than Caters.

He congratulated the small band of ringers resident in London for keeping alive the traditions of the Ancient Society for the benefit of the large provincial membership and, of course, themselves. Their job today was to encourage the many young ringers, both male and female, to take on some responsibility and to help them with their ringing, and above all remember that they would have to carry on after 'we old stagers have passed on.'

Mr. Garner-Hayward concluded by suggesting that the dinner for 1957 should be for members and their wives. It would have to be done some time, like the friendly undertaker who closed his correspondence with 'yours eventually.' He coupled the name of Mr. A. B. Peck with the toast.

The Master made an appropriate interpolation by saying that the average age of the ringers on a recent Sunday morning at St. Paul's was only 36. Ladies were present at their centenary dinner in 1937.

Mr. Peck, on rising to reply, received a great ovation. When it had subsided he said: 'I have in front of me the finest set of ringers I have seen. I think nearly all of them can ring as well as I can. The young ringers of today are as good as I am.'

Mr. Peck announced that apologies had been received from the Provost of Southwark, Brian Threlfall, John Crampion, G. Massey, George Elphick, Richard Stannard (who wrote that he was afraid his ringing career, which started in 1884, was finished), George Symonds, R. Lathbury, Roland and Caleb Fenn, Tom Myers and Donald G. Clift.

NEW MEMBERS

During the year the following new members had been elected: A. J. Sanger (Evercreech), J. R. Badman, R. J. Crago, D. M. C. Hill, G. Francis (Itchingfield), A. L. Weller, C. A. Wratten (Hounslow), H. Newman (Gloucester), G. Uglow (Falmouth), B. Bladen (Tottenham), P. J. Westwood (Dover), D. F. Wheeler (Devonport), W. J. Ridgman (Cambridge), A. E. Austin (Newmarket), P. Border (Cambridge), W. Turk (Martock), G. Gaylard (Yeovil), J. D. Painter (Harpenden), W. A. Yates (Buckingham), G. W. Holland, T. E. Roberts, C. W. Towers (Nottingham), M. P. Moreton (Hereford), J. B. Long (Bedford), S. Leatherbarrow (Blackburn), J. W. R. Quinney (Cambridge), R. J. Chapman (Walthamstow), J. N. Brown (Ormskirk), B. and D. Holland (Sheffield), J. N. and N. J. Diserens (Reading), R. K. Russ (Sonning), R. F. Baker (Brampton), C. Wander (Donington), N. J. Goodman (Kings Norton), C. Skidmore (Stourbridge), J. Lloyd (Brierley Hill), J. Armstrong (Dagenham), R. W. Sumner (East Ham), S. Smith (Stepney), H. Hamer (Milnrow), I. Kay (Oldham), E. M. Fielden (Halifax), R. G. Leale (Surbiton), H. C. Beard (Newport Pagnell), A. F. Thirst (Richmond), F. C. White (Appleton), E. W. Drewett, D. L. Mills (Bures), G. S. Mills (Heywood), J. Wilson (Kendal), F. A. Ranson (Hammersmith), R. S. Long (Sheffield), J. H. Lilley (Cuckfield).

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as the names of the following, who had died since the last dinner, were remembered: W. H. L. Buckingham, Alec Rusby, A. W. Heath, B. Knights, C. Mayne, J. C. Mitchell, G. Hawksworth, J. W. Jones, G. Preston, F. Dexter, W. C. Dowding, Dick White, F. G. May, Dr. I. G. Iles, Reuben Charge, Sidney Macey, W. T. Elson, E. J. Taylor, F. Tillett, F. Borrett, W. Nudds, L. C. Wightman, G. F. Williams, W. Spice, W. H. Chalk, W. Massey, E. A. Young.

Mr. Peck gave details of the 17 peals rung by the Society during the year. They had held 46 meetings, practice and business, including meetings at Birmingham, Cranford and Heston.

The speech was followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques, perfectly rung by W. Williams 1-2, F. W. Perkins 3-4, A. H. Walker 5-6, F. J. Smallwood 7-8, John Freeman 9-10, John R. Chilcott 11-12.

A CERTIFICATE FOR MR. WALKER

The Master recalled the visit of the Society to Birmingham, which almost coincided with the 80th birthday of Mr. Albert Walker. They found that Mr. Walker did not possess one of the original certificates. He had pleasure in presenting an original certificate to Mr. Walker with the date of his membership, December 1st, 1896. This certificate was No. 3,993.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.

Thanking the Society for the gift, Mr. Walker said he hoped he would be spared to attend many more dinners.

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. J. Waugh, in which he coupled with the toast the name of Mr. H. E. Audsley, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Speaking on the subject of service ringing, Mr. Waugh said the bulk of the ringing must take place in the heart of the City. There was no resident population and the ringers had to make a journey of an hour or more from the suburbs. In consequence they suffered from a double wastage—those who could not last the course and those who could not face making the journey seven days a week. The same difficulty arose in other provincial centres.

There was also another ringing society, 'The College of Campanology,' of which they saw a great deal in 'The Ringing World' just lately. He did not pretend to have read through all the articles—it was too much of a headache. He did wish, however, that the series had been publicised under the Central Council.

GOOD FRIENDS WITH CUMBERLANDS

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, in reply, said in his early days as a Cumberland he was led to believe that the Cumberlands and College Youths were two camps very far apart, but he now took a very different view. He thought it started, as far as he was concerned, with the last peal on the old Bow Bells rung by the Cumberlands. After the peal they adjourned to the 'Gog and Magog,' and as they walked into the bar there were a dozen College Youths assembled. They thought they were for it, but instead they were complimented on ringing a very good peal. From then on his opinion of the College Youths changed considerably and today some of his best friends were among them.

His own county of Kent had provided three Masters of the College Youths. There was Mr. Thomas Groombridge, a man of blunt speech but a good College Youth, Mr. Frederick Mitchell, whom they were hoping to honour at the Kent dinner at Rochester the previous Saturday, but he was prevented from attending through illness, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was present with them that night and was in the chair on that memorable occasion, the tercentenary dinner at the Cannon Street Hotel. All the time they had Masters from the provincial societies the kindred societies would have faith in the College Youths.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. Albert Walker, and he appealed to the company to do their utmost to increase the present circulation of 5,400. There were at least 30,000 change-ringers in the country, and an increased circulation was the only method to meet the rising costs. There were also district representatives, and he asked them to do what they could in the matter of circulation. He thanked the Editorial Committee, who silently worked harder than many people thought.

Mr. T. W. White, the editor, replied. He expressed gratitude to all who by donations had helped 'The Ringing World,' and had a special word of thanks to the generosity of those who rang quarter peals. The success and interest of the paper depended upon the contributors—those who sent reports, articles and news items. All readers could help.

The toast of 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was proposed by the Master. He said of T. Cook, who was Master in 1656, they knew nothing. There was no record of the name of the Master in 1756 and he was afraid that state of affairs would continue for some years as no record appears to have been kept. The Master 100 years ago was Matthew Wood, who was the leader of the Bethnal Green band which made history in that period. There was one in that room who remembered Wood saying to him: 'Boy, do that.' Mat. Wood's peals were still in existence and they hoped to be ringing at Bethnal Green in two weeks' time. The house where he lived was just by the church.

Mr. A. A. Hughes added that he learnt his ringing with Mat. Wood and he had the honour of calling his last peal—Holt's Ten-part. Mr. Hughes said he was ringing the third and Mat. Wood, who was in his 85th year, was ringing the fifth. At the end Mat. said: 'I taught you to ring and now you have called my last peal.' Mr. Hughes replied: 'No, we shall ring another together,' but they never did.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), the Revs. Evan Hopkins (St. Mary-le-Bow), A. Powell Miller (St. Olave's), E. G. Turner (Cripplegate) and H. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, H. E. Audsley, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, H. Miles, A. York-Bramble, H. Pitstow, G. N. Price, H. Hodgetts, J. Freeman, K. Croft, W. Hughes and R. Wilson.

Others present were Messrs. D. Painter, E. Fielden, J. Fielden, C. Johnson, R. Dennis, F. Wilkins, G. Webb, H. Edwards, R. Howson, R. Begrie, H. Roberts, W. T. Cook, R. Clouston, P. Chalk, J. Gipson, J. Ward, E. Moore, F. Scott, W. Butler and E. Langley.

S. Dearden, H. Haymer, S. Parry, A. Smith, I. Kay, T. Townsend, J. Hawkins, H. Bishop, W. C. Cook, L. Barry, R. Bowden, T. Newman, H. Newman, F. Skidmore, A. Hillier, T. Edwards, E. Hancock, F. Hansford, W. Theobald, A. Tyler, R. G. Hooper, J. F. Sims.

I. Davis, P. Davis, A. Rose, J. Waters, J. Hill, D. Fowles, F. Price, K. Mackintosh, M. Chilcott, J. Chilcott, J. Stephenson, R. and D. Parsons, W. Kingcott, R. Price, D. Neal-Smith, B. Lunn, Jim Phillips, R. Keeley, M. Moreton.

F. Perrens, J. H. Jones, J. Garner-Hayward, E. Fenn, C. G. Watts, S. Kimber, F. Darby, A. C. Winn, C. Pipe, W. Rawlings, W. Williams, R. Deal, J. Phillips, R. Meadows, J. F. Smallwood, T. W. White.

L. and T. Fox, J. Waugh, C. Malden, G. Cecil, R. Shute, S. Smith, R. Cousins, A. Lewry, D. Langdon, A. Warboys, H. Thompson, F. Gant, R. Sumner, J. Prior, G. Boomsma, H. Wheadon, R. Keeley.

C. and R. Norris, I. Emery, W. Grice, W. Manser, F. Budgen, W. S. Cook, L. Tidy, J. Weller, F., J. and G. Hurrell, J. Sims, A. Mason, P. Westwood, F. Collins, W. Oatway, R. Davies, A. Laker, H. Lilley.

V. Cherrill, J. Sharman, R. Burton, J. Sharman, jun., S. Foskett, A. Riddington, H. Stalham, J. Rott, R. Russ, W. Paice, J. Rea, A.

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Udall, C. and R. Wood, W. Beard, S. Holgate, D. Mitchell, D. Hughes, B. Petchey, A. Barber, F. Mead.

J. Dyke, W. Osborn, H. and A. Sanger, D. Hoare, P. Hull, G. Salmon, M. Horseman, D. Yeo, G. Harding, W. Coles, W. Turk, T. Marks, V. Roberts, V. Savage, T. Harris, S. Atwell, G. Massey, L. Derrick, T. Setter, T. Look, R. Crago and R. Gardiner.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES NASH

An endearing character in the village in which he was a life-long resident, Mr. Charles Nash was affectionately known as 'Skipper.' For several years before the ban on ringing he was captain of the St. Mary's, North Mymms, band, and for a long period was a member of the Hertford County Association.

Mr. Nash died at his home on October 29th, having been confined to his bed for some time as the result of a stroke. He was aged 77.

In his time he was part of the backbone of the Exercise—always regular and punctual in his service ringing and attendance, and was very much missed when, a few years ago, he was forced to give up actual ringing. T. J. L.

MR. A. C. PHILPOTT

We regret to record the death in hospital of Mr. Alfred Charles Philpott, of Canterbury. In failing health for some time, it was only recently that he had been unable to get about. He was taken to hospital, and passed away there on October 29th.

Mr. Philpott, who was 62, and known to all as 'Charlie,' first learnt to handle a bell at St. Alphege's, Canterbury, previous to the 1914–18 war, being taught by the late George Jenkins. A territorial, he was called up at the outbreak of hostilities, and sailed with his battalion, 1/4 Buffs, to India. He did not resume ringing on his return, but when his daughter commenced to ring at St. Dunstan's he felt the urge to ring again, and since then he had become one of the most regular members of that tower. He was a member of the Kent County Association and a regular attendant at meetings in the district. He had three peals to his credit.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Lawler, took place in St. Dunstan's Church. Among ringers present were members of the Cathedral, Sturry and Wickhambreaux bands, together with fellow ringers from his own tower. Also present was his old battalion commander, and members of the Old Comrades Association of the 1/4 Buffs, of which he was a member. Much sympathy has been expressed to his widow and two daughters. B. J. L.

Memorial Service for F. W. Munnings

A memorial service for the late Mr. F. W. Munnings was conducted on Sunday afternoon, October 28th, at Mendham, where he had lived most of his life, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, a fellow ringer and freemason.

Mr. Thurlow said that Mr. Munnings was thought to have taken part in the last peal rung at Mendham about 30 years ago, before the bells became unringable, and that the rehanging of the bells could be a most fitting memorial to him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRAND PRIX TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Considerable time has elapsed since I had the pleasure of corresponding in your columns when the Cranbourne and Hawkley peal controversy was unhappily at its height. There is still no resident band in the village, but occasionally visiting bands have use of the bells for peal attempts.

After many wanderings overseas I'm once more staying in this district, and was delighted to hear the bells being rung up, and thought now to hear some good ringing on this quiet Sunday afternoon. Much to my dismay the changes were set off at a fantastic rate so that one couldn't tell if it was Stedman or Grandsire being rung. I understand that two previous peals have been brought round in 2 hours 35 minutes, and there have since been attempts to get peals in quicker time, all, so far, resulting in failure. To the ringers concerned I would ask this question: Are the bells hung in the tower to be rung to the glory of God or for man's glory of a peal in record time?

After the peal had failed the bells were rung even faster for the service at 6.30, and so fast were they rung that three or four of the ringers failed to set their bells at the 'Stand.' To the best of my knowledge there are at least six old Hawkley ringers at rest in the churchyard and they must have turned in their graves at such a disgusting exhibition. They never aspired to great heights of campanology, but I always remember them in my youth ringing each Sunday in quiet solemnity, and their striking left nothing to be desired.

I understand that Mr. A. York-Bramble was in previous attempts. If he was in this one I would ask him and his brother and sister ringers to study the Manual of Campanology more diligently: it is not sufficient to be able to write it in technical terms and thrust it into the columns of 'The Ringing World' unless it's brought to perfection on the bells by the authors. At times I wondered if I was within the vicinity of God's house or listening to the Grand Prix on the radio. Finally, the next time you treat us to a peal let us have a real good struck peal in about 2 hours 50 minutes—it's been done before by the Guildford Diocesan Ringers—and no more of the Grand Prix, or was it Le Mans, Triples.—Yours sincerely,

T. E. C. SWINTON.

Hawkley, Hants.

KING ALFRED'S COLLEGE, WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—As a matter of history on the subject of university and college ringing, might I mention that at my old training College of King Alfred, Winchester, there was, in 1929, a set of handbells bequeathed to the College by one Canon Braithewaite, some 35 in number. These were regularly rung, in the science room, after chapel on Sunday mornings, and the six who attended scored at least one 120 Grandsire Doubles.

We also used to give the late Mr. Wilfred Andrews a headache at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoons. (We were willing enough). On one occasion we obtained the bells of St. Maurice's on a Saturday afternoon.

I don't think Mr. Nolan Golden would mind confirming that there was ringing in that college before my time, and doubtless has been since. —Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT, K.C.A.,
also year secretary, 1929–31,
King Alfred's College, Winchester.

Gravesend.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Charles Edward Borrett, aged 81 years. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MANUAL TOO HIGHLY ORGANISED

Dear Sir,—Everyone agrees that there is room for a text-book of ringing compiled by responsible members of the Exercise. The latest attempt is written by Mr. York-Bramble and assistants.

Some of the material in his Manual is good, but it is surrounded by a welter of nonsense, more suitable for 'Andy-Pandy,' or 'Listen with Mother,' and certainly reminiscent of 'Corn. R. Stone,' whose 'corn' is well remembered.

How much of this is proved practice? Has anyone been taught successfully to ring changes using fully the methods set out in the Manual? The Manual is being used as a vehicle for the introduction of his own system of phraseology. How can a text-book be accepted as standard containing so much highly controversial matter?

The style of the Manual is uninteresting. No text-book really succeeds unless it is easy to read and assimilate. It is inflexible, making no provision for variation in aptitude of student or instructor, and allows no introduction of personal ideas or variations in teaching. The Manual is too highly organised, and this is immediately its own undoing.

This organisation in the broader concept of the College of Campanology seeks to remove the informality which is one of the most delightful attractions of ringing. Remove this attraction and there will be fewer learners. Imagine having obtained a Diploma, then paying 2s. 6d. to the treasurer and then receiving a Diploma, tied with pink ribbon, then the handshake and congratulations of the president of the College. Ugh!

The aim of the College is that everyone who teaches ringing shall possess a Diploma. I can only see two ways in which this could occur: (1) Nationwide popular acclaim, which seems most unlikely; (2) The College asks clergy to promise that only College-qualified individuals be allowed to instruct in their churches. This would be a restrictive practice of a most vicious nature.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD E. PRICE.

Sunbury-on-Thames.

SILENT TOWERS IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—I feel that a remark made by Mr. R. Collins at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. He said that if more ladies were recruited there would be fewer silent towers in Devon and Cornwall. I can, of course, only speak for my own county, and it is on the question of 'silent towers' that I should like to comment. In the county of Cornwall, there are 146 rings of bells, of which only four are unringable and, to my knowledge, ten others at which no regular ringing takes place. Thus 90 per cent. of our rings sound regularly for Sunday services and practices, as high a proportion, I venture to suggest, as is to be found anywhere in the country.

Although not all the towers in Cornwall are members of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and only a few are change-ringers, all Cornish ringers are proud of the continuity of regular ringing at their various towers, and it would be interesting to know the proportion of 'silent' towers in Mr. Collins' own county.

Mr. Douglas Burnett, the Ringing Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, would like to be associated with the above remarks.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN CARVETH,
President, Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Truro, Cornwall.

LONDON'S UNRINGABLE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I have had many enquiries of late regarding the unringable towers in London, especially since the new publication of 'Dove.' I herewith enclose an up-to-date list of all towers which are regarded as 'U.R.' in London.

I am hoping at a later date to send you a complete report on all the silent towers in England.

Tottenham. ERNEST J. ROWE.

St. Sepulchre, Holborn (10). Definite.
St. Barnabas, Pimlico (10). Definite.
St. James, Bermondsey (10). Tower and bells unsafe.
Holy Trinity, Southwark (8). Derelict.
St. Peter, Walworth (8). Could be rung after attention.
St. Michael, Paddington (8). Tower unsafe. Definite
All Hallows, Tottenham (8). Tower unsafe. Definite.
Christ Church, Spitalfields (8). Two broken wheels. Could be rung.
St. Dunstan in the West (8). Derelict.
St. Nicholas, Deptford (8). Church bombed. Bells will not be rehung.
St. Paul, Shadwell (8). Definite.
St. Mary, Islington (8). Depending on architect after church rebuilt.
St. Martin, Gospel Oak (6). Third wheel broken; also parson's gag.
St. Paul, Homerton (6). Parson's gag.
St. Luke, Nutfield Place (6). Hung dead.
Holy Trinity, West Ham (6). Church derelict. Bells dispersed.
St. Andrew Undershaft (6). Hung dead.
St. Catherine Cree (6). Derelict.
St. James, Islington (6). Rather hastily condemned as unsafe. A few hours with a spanner would have righted this as the bells were on ball bearings and were quite ringable. Recording apparatus installed. Will not ring again.
St. Thomas, Bethnal Green (5). Church does not exist.

ST. MAURICE'S, WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—Mr. King's notice stating the six bells have been sold and taken away must come as a surprise to many ringers, especially as a peal was performed on them as recently as last month.

The four back bells are historic and two of them came from the old Wokingham foundry, one about the 1380 period and the other about 40 years later. A John Wallis (Salisbury) bell of 1603 was also included in the ring, and the tenor was cast in 1610 by a travelling founder, R. Becconsall. These four bells were tuned in 1919.

In order to have records brought up to date, could Mr. King tell us what became of this ring of six and why it became necessary to sell them. I sincerely trust they have found another tower and have been saved from the melting pot.—Yours, etc., WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL PEALS

Dear Sir,—Referring to a third peal rung for Melbourne Cathedral, Australia, Mr. Barnett is right in saying that a party of English ringers rang one at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on October 24th, 1936—Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,088 changes. The ringers were William Linter, jun., 1, Mrs. R. Richardson 2, Joseph Hardcastle 3, Charles Sharples 4, W. H. Fussell 5, John S. Goldsmith 6, George Martin (cond.) 7, Rupert Richardson 8.

On looking up my records I find we rang a peal of Kent T.B. Royal for St. Paul's, Melbourne, Australia, on the bells of St. Clement Danes', Strand, on September 14th, 1935. It was in this peal that Mr. Madgwick kindly helped us to make up the band.—Yours, etc.,

Lytham St. Anne's. C. SHARPLES.

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PART I. — CATHEDRAL SYSTEM

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SECTION XII. (Lesson 10)

PLAIN HUNTING (OPEN)

134. **Thinking before Ringing.**—Students will be referred to the silent exercises they took in plain hunting **(Exs. 40, 41 and 41a)** and to the beat variation which, when consciously followed until the ringing settles down, makes for better striking. **(Ex. 13.)** With good ringers on 2, 3 4, 6, 7 and 8, and students on the treble and 5th (for a start), two can be given practice simultaneously in what they have already done silently, i.e., plain hunting on four bells, the front four working independently of the back four, but the eight bells ringing change after change, until the eight rows of plain minimus have been produced. So the treble hunts from lead to 4ths and returns, while the 5th hunts from his starting position to 8ths and returns. Students must be led to think, before the pull-off, exactly what it is they are about to do; and reminded of previously given advice that, normally, odd bells move up behind and even bells move down to the front, on the word 'Go!'. (Q)

135. **Extending the Hunting. (Ex. 54.)** Following the 'repeat' 4-bell hunting (they had done it previously, silent), exercises are taken (but only one student at a time) in extending the range of hunting. First on six bells, then on eight bells, and varying from odd-bell starts (up) to even-bell starts (down). Students may not all get a turn in the part-time allotted from the regular practice-night period, especially in a large class; but tower-bands will find it advantageous to give up the whole of a practice night to helping the students in this last stage. If this is not practicable, the lesson must be repeated the following week(s) until all are proficient. Then they will be ready to go ahead with method ringing, e.g., Plain Bob Minimus and Stedman Doubles; though this is really the beginning of the next practical course of the Manual—Part III. (Q T)

136. **Course Conclusion.** — Normally, this 10th lesson concludes the practical work of the Course. The students now join their 'allotted' tower(s), and will continue their progress under the leader or instructor there. It is preferable, of course, that they should continue with the College Syllabus of Training, if arrangements for this can be made. This means a simultaneous study of Parts II and III of the Manual. Meanwhile, however, there is the Examination to be considered and this is discussed in the following Section. The Tutor advises the students on this matter either following this session or at an ensuing one by arrangement. (Q T)

(Registration and Closure.)

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Mr. K. Arthur New President

October 13th was a fine day, and the annual general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association began on a cheerful note in the newly-painted belfry of All Saints', Gosforth. These bells were available in the morning, and quite a few ringers were present to work up an appetite for lunch. How attractive is the new light colour scheme in the ringing chamber!

In the afternoon the eights of SS. James and Basil's, St. Stephen's and St. John's were open for ringing before the special service in Newcastle Cathedral, conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby. The Rev. J. R. H. Prophet gave an address which would certainly not send the ringers away with any exaggerated ideas about the part to be played by bells and ringers in the service of the Church. It is probably a good thing that one should be aware of one's limitations! A collection for the Bow Bells Restoration Fund realised £3 11s. 5d.

A company of 60 sat down to tea in the Cathedral Library. Nearly 20 towers were represented and there were visitors from Richmond, Ripon and Middlesbrough. The business meeting followed the tea

The president, Mr. Richard A. Gofton, took the chair and welcomed those present. He had completed his term of three years and had enjoyed it. He thanked all for their support at meetings and felt sure that the Association was a vigorous body, if not a large one, and he stressed that the real strength lay with the Sunday service ringers rather than in the number of peals rung.

ANNUAL REPORT

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1955-56. The Association had completed 79 years and he hoped that some celebration might be arranged for the 80th anniversary of its foundation in 1957. The handbook had at last become a reality, and members now had practically all that information that was contained in the old style report available with the handbook and the shorter annual report. New members (resident) would receive a copy free, and other persons could purchase a copy for 1s. 6d. or 2s., by post on application to the secretary. The plan drawn up last October for avoiding clashing in the district meetings appeared to have worked very well. Discussions had taken place on the instruction scheme and some ideas had been formulated, but nothing really concrete could be reported.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented the cash statement. This showed that the overall balance had declined from £117 5s. to £77 17s. 2d., with the figure for the general fund falling from £96 8s. 9d. to £56 10s. 5d. The decline was largely expected and was accounted for by the production of the handbook costing £37 10s., but a reprint should not be necessary for about five years. Other expenditure remained much the same but income from subscriptions and arrears was rather lower than in the previous year.

The editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, presented the peal report. A very detailed analysis showed that 40 peals had been rung during the year in 25 towers. These included the first peals for the Association in 21 Surprise Minor methods, four Spliced Surprise Major with all the work for each bell, and Cornwall Surprise Major. The highest individual total was F. G. Bloomfield 19, followed by K. Lawson and R. G. Leale 18, and J. A. Ainsworth and D. A. Bayles 17. The principal conductors were D. A. Bayles 13, R. Park 7, J. A. Ainsworth 5 and K. Arthur 4.

Mr. K. Arthur was unanimously elected president to succeed Mr. R. A. Gofton, who was debarred by rule from seeking re-election. The other officers were re-elected en bloc and the complete list for 1956-57 therefore reads as follows: President, K. Arthur, general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird: Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

The District officers show changes in vice-presidents with the list now reading: Northern vice-president, J. A. Ainsworth; secretary, G. S. Deas; Southern, T. Cooke and E. P. Rock: Eastern, C. N. Lea and W. F. Sheraton; Western, S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted with the meeting and the service—the Provost and Chapter of Newcastle Cathedral, the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, and other incumbents for the use of their bells, and Mr. J. L. Keen, who had acted as organist.

The committee had arranged the meetings for the coming year as follows: J. W. Parker commemoration, Sunderland, March 16th; half-yearly meeting, Gosforth, May 18th; annual meeting, West Hartlepool, September 28th. The possibilities of a social gathering about Christmas time and a special meeting for the 80th anniversary were to be left for the secretary to investigate.

Two clerical and nine ringing members were elected—the Rev. C. Smith, N. Errington and K. Graham (Consett), R. Haigh (Chester-le-Street), the Rev. R. Race, Misses J. Ramsey and P. Brabbon, and S. Walker and T. Welsh (Tanfield), J. Scott, jun. (North Shields) and Miss M. S. Capey (Whitley Bay), formerly a non-resident life member.

In other business Mr. C. McGuiness moved that the collection for Bow Bells be made up to £4 from the Bell Restoration Fund, and that was carried. He also spoke of the serious illness of Mr. J. Anderson, a past president, and it was agreed that the good wishes of the meeting should be sent, wishing him a speedy recovery.

After the meeting the bells of Newcastle Cathedral, St. John's and St. Mary's, Gateshead, were available for further ringing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty ringers, including visitors from Frome, Chippenham and Salisbury, attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Warminster on November 3rd. It was good to see Mr. E. Marlow taking an active part in the ringing despite his 80 years. The new Vicar conducted the service and gave the Branch a warm welcome. Several new members were elected at the business meeting, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise. S. R.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a large attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch, held at Wilby on October 20th. For the Guild service the choir was supported by several male visitors. The Rector (the Rev. H. D. Pitchford) conducted the service and gave the address. The collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 1s. 10d.

Tea was served by Mrs. Pitchford and other workers to a company of 85. At the business meeting the Branch chairman (the Rev. W. C. Knight) presided, and three new ringing members were elected—Dianne Croxon and Janet Drage, of Wilby, and Timothy Wooding, of Yardley Hastings. The annual Branch meeting will be held at Finedon on the third Saturday in January.

BISHOP CHARLES-EDWARDS' MESSAGE TO WORCESTER DIOCESE

WORCESTERSHIRE'S historic Guildhall is one of the finest Queen Anne buildings in the country. It was planned by a Worcester man, Thomas White (a pupil of Wren), and restored by Sir Gilbert Scott. Its noble assembly room was the scene of the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on November 3rd. Under the magnificent ceiling illuminated by huge chandeliers, and gazed upon by the worthies of Worcester, whose portraits cover the walls, a company of 171 had assembled.

The Association's president (the Dean of Worcester) was prevented from taking the chair by ill health, and the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright) deputised for him. He was supported by the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. A. Webb (clerical vice-president), the Rev. H. L. Davies, Mr. J. R. Newman (lay vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Cartwright.

The Master welcomed the patron, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and Mrs. Charles-Edwards on their first occasion of dining with the Association, and Bishop and Mrs. Stuart, and other guests.

An excellent dinner was followed by the loyal toast, after which the traditional toast, 'Church and State,' was proposed by Mr. D. J. Marshall (Gloucester and Bristol Association). He said that it was often remarked that ringing was a dying art, but pointed out that the Exercise had improved steadily over the last 200 years and had an illustrious history. Ringing was an important part of the Church's worship, and we could be grateful that successive governments had been pleased to permit its continuance.

'THE LITTLE CHURCH ON LUDGATE HILL'

The Lord Bishop replied, saying that he had no doubt over both the Church's and the State's debt to ringers. He personally wished to thank them for their work in the towers of his diocese and the adjoining districts. He added that he was a non-ringing member of the Cumberland Youths, who had their headquarters in his last parish. They were the rivals of another company of Youths who had their headquarters in a little church at the top of Ludgate Hill. As membership of the one excluded him from the other, he appreciated the remark of the young lady who observed that the Ludgate Hill men did not attract women!

He continued by saying that many of our poets had commented on bells, Tennyson describing them as 'wild bells,' but this was on a wild night. Housman on Bredon was first charmed by them, but when his life was marred by an unhappy love affair said: 'Noisy bells, be dumb.' His Lordship preferred Thomas Hood's 'Dear bells! how sweet the sound of village bells . . .'

In their use of them as signals, the State was especially indebted to bells and ringers. The Bishop recalled that in the 1914 war he and some friends had gone to ring the angelus for the vicar of a Surrey parish. Between them they made something of a clatter, which (unknown to them) was an invasion signal, and the local defence force turned out ready for action!

When the government imposed the ban in 1940 the Bishop and his North Shropshire ringers thought they ought rather to be rung in defiance. They told a member of the government of their hope, and liked to think that part of the credit for the restoration of ringing was due to them. In some places church bells were the fire alarm, and if there were not so many church bells and clocks the State would be obliged to provide public clocks; our towers provided the time free for the State.

The Church's debt to ringers was immense, even though there were those who admired the sound of the bells with their call to worship—while walking in the opposite direction. Bells were a reminder of the one, true and living God by their repeated invitation to serve Him, and by their marking of every occasion of joy or sorrow. When the bell rings for Holy Communion it is a reminder to the sick and suffering of the Church's prayers for them and of Christ's offering for them.

In so many and varied ways the bells were a link between community and parish church, and it was a source of gratitude to the Bishop that he had had bells and ringers in his four parishes. In the Trent valley, which is noted for fogs, the sound of Newark bells on a practice night had caused a traveller to change direction and saved him from possible drowning in the Trent. In gratitude he left a sum of money to have the bells rung in the fog months of October and November. Modern street lighting had made a similar danger unlikely, but the bells still rang, now as a reminder of the Christian's journey through life to God.

INEXPERT JANGLING A DISTRESS

The Bishop hoped that parish priests and church councils supported their ringers; they were an important element in parish life, and non-worshipping ringers might be encouraged if the P.C.C. itself obeyed the summons to worship. He wished young ringers to be encouraged and experts to help learners to achieve high standards. Good ringing was lovely, but inexpert jangling was distressing to the listener. He thought that experienced members of the Association might foster ringing in the 'silent' towers, too. In the new churches the Bishop hoped that no recorded bells would boom across the countryside, saying that one good bell was infinitely preferable to 'canned' music.

Amid great applause the Bishop sat down, after thanking the Association for inviting him and Mrs. Charles-Edwards to dine with them.

'The Worcestershire Association' toast was proposed by Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) who, in posing the question, What is the use of an Association?, said that change-ringing in Britain still demanded 'a good tower captain, a friendly and helpful band, goodwill and patience.' (Quoted from a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.') But it was not an Association's function to teach; cap and gown and a degree in Campanology belonged elsewhere. The Associations ought to foster the meeting of one another in different towers, to encourage ringers to get away from their own locality occasionally, to meet experts and discover their own inabilities.

Mr. Davis agreed with the 'exile' who said there was no other county in the world like Worcestershire—except one, his own. He had to admit that the county had much to offer ringers, cricketers and others. He favoured Associations and was glad that a proposal for a National Ringing Guild had come to nothing. It would be a pity if the Association had descended to the mere status of a district of a national guild. He ended with: 'Long may our Associations, with their friendly rivalry and individuality, survive and prosper.'

Miss Bryan replied briefly and humorously for the Association.

Mr. R. W. Cole proposed the health of 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' remarking on the friendliness and welcoming attitude in other towers and Associations. This was due to their common calling of change-ringing, and probably assisted by the variety of occupations which were to be found among ringers. In any tower a good cross-section of the community would be found working in harmony with one purpose. This was so everywhere, and the presence of visitors from such widespread parts as Bournemouth, Reading, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Gloucester, Claverley and Leicester was a demonstrable expression of the friendship which developed from this calling and harmony. He bade them welcome and hoped they might honour the Association with repeated visits.

Mr. Eric Lee (lately of the Sussex Association) replied to the toast on behalf of the visitors, speaking of the great welcome he had received since coming to reside in Worcestershire, which confirmed him in his high opinion of the values fostered within bands of the devotees of the art.

During the afternoon the Cathedral ring of 12 and All Saints' ring of ten were available, and various touches were rung by members and visitors. After the dinner there was an excellent musical programme, ably compered by Mr. D. Bcacham. The Leigh and Stourbridge bands played tunes on 24 handbells; Miss Pat Lewis sang beautifully, as did the Beoley Male Voice Quartet. Mr. Percy Sanger entertained the company and members of the Association rang a course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand': Valerie Willard 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5-6, J. Thomas 7-8, D. J. Marshall 9-10, Vivien Barnes 11-12.

The secretary announced that the Guildhall had been booked for Saturday, October 5th, 1957.

Organist and Ringer for 50 Years

A record of which he may justly feel proud is held by Mr. Walter J. Copp, of Timberscombe, Somerset. For over 50 years he has combined the duties of organist, choirmaster and ringer at the church of the neighbouring village of Wootton Courtenay, which has entailed a journey of two miles on his bicycle.

A plaque was recently fixed over the organ keyboard to record this fine achievement, subscribed for by the parishioners and, as recorded elsewhere in these columns, a peal of Plain Bob Minor (Walt's first) was rung in his honour by local members of the Association.

May he long continue his useful service is the sincere wish of his many friends.

HARLINGTON'S LEG OF PORK SUPPER

The traditional leg of pork supper for Harlington ringers was held at the Red Leaf Restaurant, Hayes, on November 5th, the ringers having fulfilled their obligations by ringing at 6.45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Morgan) presided at the supper over a company of 22 visitors, including Mr. Wm. Coles, now recovering from his accident, Mr. Finch and Mr. Frank Price. The visitors provided the entertainment: West country songs from Mr. Coles, and piano playing in which he tapped Cinques from Mr. Price.

Mr. L. Grice, captain, in his annual report said he was quite pleased with the progress during the year, and they had not missed a Sunday's service ringing. Their ability was not what was rung but how it was rung. While the band were mostly young ringers, they had one who had completed 50 years in the tower—Mr. C. Portsmouth, the churchwarden.

OBITUARY

MR. F. J. DODSON

The Guildford Diocesan Guild have suffered a grievous loss by the untimely death at the age of 47 of Mr. Fisher James Dodson, Ringing Master of the Chertsey District. He spent all his life in Hersham, and learnt to ring at St. Peter's Church at the end of 1923. For many years he served his church quietly, and it was not until after the war that his real worth became known.

In 1952 Mr. Dodson was elected District Ringing Master, an office he held until his death. He rang in nearly 50 peals, ranging from Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Major, nearly all of them in the last five years. His ambition to ring a peal of Stedman Triples was never realised, though he stood in about 20 attempts.

He graced his office with a personal charm, unfailing good humour and patience, and a very conscious sense of vocation. He was always ready to argue very strongly that ringing is essentially a church matter, and that all ringing, whether peals, meetings or practices, all serve to improve service ringing. Jim was particularly popular among the many young members of his district, and his visits to the various towers in the neighbourhood always drew the best from learners

His last appearance at a district meeting was at East Molesey on September 15th, after a long spell in hospital.

He leaves a widow and one daughter (Judy), to whom his many friends extend sincere sympathy. R. C.

MR. E. J. TAYLOR

AN APPRECIATION

I would like to add my small voice to the many who will pay tribute to the memory of Mr. E. J. Taylor, late beloved general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Over the past six years I had worked with him as Branch secretary to his general secretary, and he was always ready with advice and helpful suggestions. An excellent ringer and striker in all methods, he was very good company with his tales and anecdotes of his previous travels in ringing circles before settling at Tiverton. He was a tireless worker for the cause of change-ringing in a county where 'call-changes' predominate. Altogether a truly grand chap!

I visited him often at the hospital at Exeter, and was made to feel very humble at his amazing patience and cheerfulness in the face of what must have been to him extreme frustration, to say the least.

If it can be said at all of any man, that he is irreplaceable, that man is 'E.J.' May he rest in peace. He will be remembered as long as the Devon Guild lasts.

FREDERICK WREFORD,
Hon. Secretary, Exeter Branch.

Members of Bath Abbey company stood in silence when they met on November 4th in memory of Mr. Ernest James Taylor, of Tiverton, who was a former member of the band. During Mr. Taylor's residence in Bath he was of great help to the ringers, and was greatly missed when he left.

A touch of 593 Grandsire Caters was rung by Mrs. D. Evans 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, W. J. Prescott 3, G. Hawkins (cond.) 4, H. D. Taylor 5, W. Hurford 6, R. Stubbs 7, T. Jones 8, M. Helps 9, E. Naylor and H. Merrett 10. Miss S. M. Silcox took part in other ringing.

MR. FREDERICK S. PRICE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frederick Stanley Price, aged 83, at Beeston, Notts.

MR. HARRY PALMER

The death took place on October 30th at Skirbeck, Boston, Lincolnshire, of Mr. Harry Palmer, aged 93. He started ringing at St. Nicholas', Skirbeck, at the age of 15 and continued to ring until the bells were stated to be unsafe. Then he took over the heating of the church and tolling the service bell until the age of 90. He also introduced change-ringing in the tower.

An engineer by trade, he went to Rustons, of Lincoln, to finish his training, and there rang at St. Peter at Gowts. His last peal was rung in 1925. Both his sons were ringers. He is survived by one son and three daughters. The funeral was on November 2nd, interment being near the church he so faithfully served.

MR. WILLIAM L. WHISTON

Although not known to a very wide circle of ringers outside the Midlands, the comparatively sudden death of Mr. William Leslie Whiston (at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham), at the early age of 46, came as a shock to many of his friends.

Mr. Whiston was a member of Aston Parochial Church Council in 1935, and joined the few 'old hands' in response to a pulpit appeal by the then Vicar, Rev. H. McGowan, for recruits to ring the new ring of 12. He proved a very apt pupil and rang his first peal on May 12th, 1937—Grandsire Cinques, in honour of the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. His last peal was Stedman Cinques by the Sunday band in June, 1939. Following two operations, Mr. Whiston was advised to give up ringing, but he continued as honorary secretary and treasurer for some years. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt. F. P.

QUARTER PEALS

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Grandsire, 780 Plain Bob): B. Grainger 1, Angela Grainger 2, Ann Amor (first 'inside') 3, R. Churchill (first quarter) 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, K. Fleming (first quarter) 6. Rung on the front six. First quarter of Doubles in three methods by all the band. A wedding compliment to Barbara Stapleton and Dennis Evans, both members of the local band, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): R. Hart 1, Marjorie Legg 2, W. Blake 3, C. Bowden 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Hart 6. To celebrate 21 years of ministration by the Rev. Mr. Knight in this parish.

LEA, LINCS.—On Oct. 29th, 720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Johns 1, A. Gilbert 2, C. H. Baker 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, G. Hudson 6. In memoriam H. Morgan and W. Talbot, both one-time ringers at this church, who died the previous week.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Liscard, Wallasey, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. All welcome.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9290

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — Quarterly meeting, Hampton Bishop, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 20th, to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 9297

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter, Nov. 24th. 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 20th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9294

NOTICES

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BIRTH

HOWARD.—On Nov. 7th, 1956, at Bramcote Farm, Woodmancote, nr. Henfield, Sussex, to Rosemary and Denis, a daughter—Jacqueline Alexandra (sister for Charlotte and Caroline). 9295

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. E. J. TAYLOR wishes to thank all those who have written to her and sent flowers on the occasion of her recent sad bereavement. Will they please accept this intimation as she finds it impossible to reply individually. 9285

HANDBELLS WANTED

St. Wilfrid's Company, Church Lads' Brigade, Bradford, wish to acquire a set of HANDBELLS for boys aged 14 to 18. Details, please, to Mr. D. Whitley, 108, Spencer Road, Bradford, 7. 9261

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'A manual of undeniable importance to bell-ringers.' So says the October 'Book Exchange,' writing of Dove's 'BELLRINGER'S GUIDE TO CHURCH BELLS.' Have you bought yours? Stiff boards, 6s. 6d.; cloth, 9s. 6d. (post 6d.); interleaved, 12s. (post 9d.); from W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 9241

MISCELLANEOUS

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH.—Help us to pay for our bells by buying Christmas cards. This year's cards show a new and most attractive view of the church in the 18th century: 6s. 9d. a dozen (including envelopes), post free. Also a few of last year's cards (undated) reduced to 3s. 9d. a dozen. Orders, with cash, to Dr. J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18.

Requests for the BELLRINGER'S TIE have exceeded expectations. We regret that orders sent now cannot be filled until the December quota arrives. Order now for Christmas. See 'R.W.', November 2nd, for prices, etc.—The Aldershot Stores. 9240

BURES, SUFFOLK.—Owing to a special service on November 20th our practice is cancelled. Next one on December 4th. Sundays as usual. 10.15 and 5.45.—L. D. Mills. 9260

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 6 p.m. at Ship. Ringing, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m. Election of officers.—A. B. Peck. 9232

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3 p.m. Braunston (6) available after tea. Bus 572 from Rugby or Daventry every hour. Train from Leamington to Braunston, 2.37 p.m. Everybody invited.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec., 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 9230

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 9257

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis Sec. 9236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Earle Colne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 9202

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Horsell, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following.—Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell. 9217

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 9221

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, at Tewin, 6 p.m. Bells 6. — S. Huckle, District Sec. 9256

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. 9203

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. —C. T. H. 9215

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, All Saints', Poplar (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary-le-Bow East (8) 5.45 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 9284

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9198

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. —K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9229

ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, E.C.3.—Practice on Monday, Nov. 19th, postponed to Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at 6.30 p.m.—D. Priestley, Hon. Secretary, U.L.S.C.R. 9281

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 9272

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Puriton, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Fourways Garage 5 p.m. Names required.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 9276

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 9269

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bredbury, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 9286

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Wolborough, Newton Abbot, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Names for tea, please.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9268

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breaston, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to me. Barton bus, 5 or 5X.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 26, Derby Road, Duffield. 9273

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisbrough (8), Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, to Mr. M. C. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisbrough, Doncaster. 9287

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Heighington. Newly restored bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Nov. 21st. —E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 9262

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at Mangotsfield, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. (New Parish Hall). Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 20th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 9278

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Charlton Kings, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 20th. Please note—annual meeting, Bishops Cleeve, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Details later.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9275

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall. Service 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 9270

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Stoke-next-Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in adjoining hall. Holy Trinity, Guildford, open in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. M. Cox, R.S.C. Hospital, Guildford.—M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Hon. Dis. Secs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Berrington, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford. 9266

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 24th. 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Special method, Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9233

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (free) 5. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton. —Thornley, Sec. 9288

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Chad's, Headingley, Saturday, Nov. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds, 6. (No. 1 bus from City Station). 9289

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 24th. St. Stephen's, Ealing, 3.15 to 5 p.m. Brentford. 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea available at Lyons', Ealing Broadway. —F. Finch. 9280

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Gaywood. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood King's Lynn. 9250

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivenham, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 21st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 9233

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Dallington on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Nobles, 2, Stanfield Road, Duston, Northampton. Tel. Duston 378. —G. F. Roome. 9263

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Kelsale Eight Bells 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Alan R. Bridges, Hon. Sec., Theberton, Leiston. 9244

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, Hailsham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 21st to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9282

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 6.30 p.m. Cathedral bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Lawrence's Church 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9264

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claines, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 20th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9291

BRAILSFORD.—Any ringers interested are cordially invited to the dedication of the new treble bell at Brailsford, Derbys, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 2.30 p.m.—Vivienne M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 9274

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Annual general meeting, Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 26th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 9265

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Gentlemen and all non-ringers welcome. — S. Hughes. 9254

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Joint meeting with Southern District of Swansea and Brecon Guild, Aberavon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. —R. E. Coles. 9267

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Important meeting, Acle, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9259

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Dec. 1st. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Church Hall. Details of ringing next week. Names for tea, without fail, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12. No name, no tea. All welcome. 9279

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea (3s. each) to Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9292

THE ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHANGE-RINGERS' GUILD, Penn, Wolverhampton.—Ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Stafford. Collections for Lichfield Cathedral Restoration Fund. 9271

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CHURCHMANSHIP AND BELLRINGING

THE two things should go together, and generally in the villages and small market towns in the West Country they do. It is unusual to find that a ringer has no other office in his church, be it only a place on the Electoral Roll. Among the ranks of ringers are Churchwardens, Servers, Members of the Choir and Sidesmen. It is not uncommon to find that ringers spend at least four hours in church on Sundays in doing service and taking part in worship. That is probably because the Church forms a real part of village life, that there were schools where children were taught to know and love the Prayer Book, and Church and School were connected in the happiest way, so that recruitment to the band of ringers is not haphazard and only practising Church men and women find their way into the belfry, and rarely does a little girl have to enquire of her mother, as one once did, "Mummy, who are those men who come out of the little hole in the wall on Sundays?"

There is evidence, too, that the seasons of the Church are more closely observed by ringers. Footnotes to accounts of peals rarely are of the type, "Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the 14th daughter of the ringer of the 11th." More often do we find that bells are rung on the Patronal Festivals of the Church. In Somerset, it is an unwritten rule that no peals shall be attempted in Lent. The bells are rung on the Sundays as they should be and for necessary practice. Peals are rung generally for pleasure or to gratify some personal ambition, so that to abstain from peal attempts in Lent is a very good thing to mark one's Churchmanship in this way, so that the joyous bells of Eastertide are the more heeded. In Holy Week, the bells are in the main silent, although there are differences of opinion regarding this. Some maintain that the last day of Lent is Holy Saturday, and that the bells should go to sleep during Holy Week, and only wake up on Easter Sunday morning. Others claim that the day is Easter Eve, after a long period of preparation, and are inclined to anticipate the Festival. Ringers and clergy have their own minds to make up about this. If they do this, and really think about the matter, there is no doubt that they will arrive at the right conclusion.

There is another side to the picture. Many ringers, usually first-class ones, ring at two and perhaps three different churches on Sundays. They feel that they have done their duty, especially if, as usual, their ringing is practically faultless. To get perfection, or to aim at it in service, is a laudable aim, but unless this service is coupled with worship, all the rhythm and beauty of the ringing is worthless in the true sense. To ring bells with a lordly air of condescension on Sundays and then to go away in search of other attractions is the very antithesis of Churchmanship.

When ropes need renewal, and bells require skilled attention, there is ready and willing co-operation from the Parochial Church Council in the effort to raise money where the ringers are Churchmen first and ringers second. There would be fewer unrung bells in derelict frames if the ringers of them had been more closely connected with the spiritual life of their parishes. Since the XVIIIth century the standard of ringing has advanced far. Would that the standard of Churchmanship had advanced commensurately among ringers. With the approach of Advent, is it not a suitable time to give these things our thoughts?

J. T. D.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
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WILLIAM LOVE	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	11
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

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LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

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ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
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TEN BELL PEALS

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
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*MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
*WILFRID G. WILSON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

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ALFRED BALLARD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	9
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*JUNE CREAK	*Treble*	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	2	†DENNIS A. HEWITT	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	8
†VERONICA E. DUPRE	4	JOHN H. LOTT	9
WILFRID G. WILSON	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal.

A birthday compliment to Harold W. Rogers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*DENIS NORRIS	*Treble*	ROBERT BLOND	5
ALFRED GREENOUGH	2	*ERIC GRIFFITHS	6
FREDERICK SMITH	3	JACK BERRY	7
FRANK GODDEN	4	ERNEST GARRARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

* First peal.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,240 of Cambridge, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	J. FRED MILNER	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
JOHN S. BARNES	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

In memoriam Frederick William Munnings.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

DENNIS NORRIS .. .. .. *Treble*		ROBERT BLOND	5
NEVILLE PAGE	2	FRANK GODDEN	6
FREDERICK SMITH	3	ERNEST GARRARD	7
ALFRED GREENOUGH	4	JACK BERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung to celebrate the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Wallingford on this day.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN L. SIMS .. .. .. *Treble*		FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	5
†EDWARD J. BRAGG	2	REX J. CORKE	6
HARRY POYNER	3	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON..	7
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ..	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

Rung as a farewell to Dugald M. Macpherson, who is joining H.M. Forces.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN C. S. BENSON .. .. *Treble*		RONALD C. BURNS	5
JENNIFER HIGHLEY	2	TERENCE BARTON	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ..	4	*ROBERT BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal. Conductor's 50th peal of Triples.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also as birthday compliments to the ringer of the fifth and Peter F. Borer.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

NOLAN GOLDEN.. .. .. *Treble*		ROBERT E. LESTER	5
*WILLIAM LOVE	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	6
JOHN R. SMITH..	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ..	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*JOHN A. ANDERSON.. .. *Treble*		J. EDWARD CAWSER.. ..	5
ANN BARR	2	†PAUL J. RIGBY	6
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT..	3	†PETER MORTON	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	EDMUND MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*E. KEITH JORDAN .. .. *Treble*		RUSSELL H. R. PARKER ..	5
S. KATHEEEN M. KNIGHT	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
†MARION J. PARKER	3	ROBIN G. LEALE..	7
‡BETTY J. DAISH..	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

ALAN R. PINK .. .. .. *Treble*		MALCOLM S. CLOKE.. ..	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	6
CHARLES COLES	3	*EDGAR J. SMITH	7
MARIE R. CROSS..	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in connection with the enthronement this day at Lincoln Cathedral of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, formerly Bishop of Dorchester, and a Vice-President of the Guild.

KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK.. .. *Treble*		BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*JOHN A. ACRES	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,240 changes of Cambridge, 1,536 of Yorkshire and 1,408 of Superlative; 136 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. *Treble*		GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS ..	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. ..	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in three Spliced Surprise by all, on the bells, and by a resident band for the Association.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. *Treble*		H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	3	PETER D. BEEDIE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. This is the 100th different Surprise Major method rung for this Association.

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WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEOFFREY HAIRS	*Treble*	JOHN JELLEY	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Rung to mark the birth of a son (Paul) to the conductor.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
First peal of Braunstone by all and for the Guild.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 2,880 Cambridge, 1,536 Superlative and 672 Yorkshire, with 135 changes of method. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	*IAN M. HOLLAND	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	*Treble*	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	5
†PETER R. SANDERS	2	ROBIN A. HODGSON	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal on eight bells † First peal of Yorkshire.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

ROGER J. FOX	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
HARRY G. KEELEY	3	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 HOCKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COLEBROOKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 17 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST W. ROWE	4
L. KENNETH DAWE	2	JOHN QUICK	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	A. COURTNEY THORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
First peal in the method of Doubles by all the band

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	4
*P. CATTERMOLE	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

HAROLD STEVENSON	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	W. NEVILLE BROWN	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
In memoriam Clement Glenn (October 23rd, 1955). A personal tribute by the conductor, with whom he rang in 50 peals.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Court, College Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	4
GEORGE SAYER	2	J. FRED MILNER	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WADDESDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL D. FROST	*Treble*	DONALD G. WHEELER	4
MRS. JOYCE DODDS	2	GEOFFREY DODDS	5
†GERALD PENNEY	3	ROY WOODRUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods and of Minor on tower bells. The first peal on the bells since 1902 and first of Minor on the bells.
Rung as birthday compliments to M. D. Frost and G. Dodds.

STOKE CANNON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (eight callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY SKINNER	*Treble*	JOHN CARTER	4
CYRIL DEEM	2	JOHN QUICK	5
L. KENNETH DAWE	3	CECIL PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.
First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and in the county.
In memoriam Mr. E. J. Taylor, Hon. Secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of (1) Kentish and Oswald Delight, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) College and St. Clement's, (4) Double Oxford and Hereward Bob, (5) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Double Court, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROSEMARY E. GOWER	*Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
LAURENCE T. POPE	2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in 12 methods by all of the band.

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. G. Williams, M.A., who was inducted and instituted Rector of the parish on October 27th.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1), (2), (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob and Double Bob Spliced. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

ALFRED E. HINMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
*ROLAND H. COOK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the Diocese.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN	2	BRIAN M. BARKER	5
ROY L. SHUTTER	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal, and first local ringer to ring a peal.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 2,640 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*HARRY KING	*Treble*	*ERNEST BISHOP	3
*LESLIE PIERCE	2	†LEONARD SHARPE	4
†KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

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

Rung for the induction of the Rev. M. P. Sargent, B.A.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
LEONARD W. KING	2	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

Rung to celebrate the end of East Harling Church Week. A death in the parish prevented the attempt taking place at East Harling.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*MRS. EDNA G. PANNELL	*Treble*	†SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
HERBERT W. PEARCE	2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	3	†WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal. † 25th peal together.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	2	IRVIN SLACK	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ALLEN W. CANSDALE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BRUNT	4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	2	ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	3	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

PURTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb.

*BARBARA KAY	*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	2	ERIC SUTTON	5
CYRIL R. SHAILES	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal.

A welcome home to Victor Griffin on his return from the R.A.F.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

JOHN C. FORD	*Treble*	*JOHN BAGNALL	4
*CLIFFORD H. FORD	2	ALAN CAPSTICK	5
*FRANK RAYMENT	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of Canon and Mrs. Rimmer coming to the parish, and for the birth of a son on October 27th to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ford

WIDFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. ALDRIDGE	*Treble*	JOHN WELCH	4
FRANCES M. WELCH	2	NATHAN PATMORE	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15.

DENNIS L. HALL	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	EDWIN BARNETT	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

ARDELEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Frost 1, D. C. Wellington 2, S. Huckle 3, Mrs. J. Dodds 4, G. Dodds 5, G. Penney (first as cond.) 6. Rung within the octave of the Feast of All Saints.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Manning 1, J. Smith 2, H. Bristow 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, B. Manning 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. S. Bristow, captain of the local band, and Mrs. Bristow.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Clark 1, P. Newland (cond.) 2, G. Case 3, G. Green 4, Rev. J. R. C. Laughton 5, C. Hodges 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. E. Long, one-time churchwarden of this church.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. A. Marshall 1, Miss V. I. Relf (first of Minor) 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. C. Marshall 4, J. R. Cooper 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. A first birthday compliment to Michael C. Marshall.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (half-muffled): R. Hinton 1, C. Massingham 2, Betty M. Mansfield (first as cond.) 3, C. W. Rigby 4, A. H. Hinton 5.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 3, W. A. Perry 4, F. Kemp 5, S. G. Honeyball 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Gnr. William Doe, aged 19, killed on active service in Cyprus.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 660 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): W. King 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, A. J. Ede 3, D. Attwater 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, R. Kearn 6. First in three methods for 2 and 5. For Matins on Remembrance Sunday.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Bailey 1, L. L. Willis 2, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, E. H. Hill 5, H. Walker 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. G. King 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, Miss M. L. Hamilton 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except 2 and 5. Rung within the octave of All Saints (patronal festival).

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Bond 1, H. E. Audsley 2, H. Hoverd 3, D. L. Hall 4, W. J. Lemon 5, G. Huckstep 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, P. J. Daw 8. For Remembrance Day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. G. Humphries 1, E. W. Razzell 2, G. F. Cartwright (first on 10 'inside') 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, Pamela M. Humphries 5, G. H. Humphries 6, R. G. Abbott 7, N. G. Steere 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, W. F. Oatway 10.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pankhurst (first attempt, aged 13) 1, J. W. Rollison 2, W. J. Hayes (first 'inside') 3, Kathleen M. Yeo 4, H. G. Reynolds 5, L. J. Baldock 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, E. T. Baldock 8. A 15th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pankhurst, and a welcome home from H.M. Forces to Messrs. E. T. and L. J. Baldock.

EBBW VALE, GLAM.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Stephens 1, Miss B. Evans 2, Miss B. Stephens (first 'inside') 3, Miss A. Evans (first 'inside') 4, Miss A. Stephens 5, D. Bruten 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, J. Jeynes 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Redwood 1, R. N. Marlow 2, Joan Gray 3, R. Hoare 4, Barbara Hiscock 5, W. C. Shute 6, L. F. Cobb (first as cond.) 7, E. Turner 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whiting 1, O. Payne 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby 4, C. Underwood 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, H. Pentelow (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret C. Howe 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Shirley H. Dorey (first of Triples) 3, R. E. Waters 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. E. Slade 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, B. W. Huntley 8. For the wedding of Miss Joan Swetman at Washington, D.C.

QUARTER PEALS

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Queen (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Miss A. Carpenter (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Goode 4, Miss E. Pearson 5, Mrs. F. Bowden 6, H. Gauntlett 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Webb 1, B. A. Rose 2, P. Golding 3, C. J. Newnes 4, J. Barbrook 5, G. E. Ruck 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Sansom, mother of a member of the band.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, R. Newman 4, W. D. Prockson 5, A. W. Butler 6, A. Turner (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. For Confirmation service.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, O. Griffen 2, A. Hodge 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Gomer 6. First quarter for Mr. G. Gomer for 24 years.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Johnson 1, H. Perry 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, R. Hartland 4, H. Gaylard 5, G. Hartland 6, T. Locke (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. First quarter on the newly rehung bells. Also a farewell to Mr. and Miss Taylor.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. T. Mannering (first of Stedman) 1, F. Leeson 2, W. R. Manser 3, W. T. Grice 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, G. F. Cantrill 7, B. F. Baker 8, L. Mannering 9, H. Smith 10.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Wilson 1, S. Perry (first quarter) 2, R. Nutt 3, J. B. Webb 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Brett 1, Mrs S. Brett (first quarter) 2, G. Avis 3, J. Pell 4, R. Bennett 5, A. Hart (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. E. Hayward after induction as Rector.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Ellison (first quarter) 1, J. Mawdesley (sen.) 2, P. Millward 3, A.C.2 K. Edwards 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, E. Flint 6. For Remembrance Day.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS. — On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Ann E. Lewin 1, J. Elizabeth U. Exwood (first quarter 'inside') 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish 3, Mary Vallender 4, Ruth A. Carey (first as cond. in two methods) 5, Isobel Inman 6. First in two Doubles methods for all except the conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Vallender. First quarter for the Southampton University Guild by a ladies' band.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Brown (first quarter) 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond) 2, Miss G. Neal Smith 3, W. A. Lewis 4, M. Hill Brown 5, Dr. R. E. Price 6, D. Hill Brown 7, J. Thorpe 8. For the baptism this day of David Charles Neal, son of the conductor and brother of the ringer of the third.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 21st, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Pullin (first quarter) 1, A. R. Tysoe 2, H. V. Frost 3, B. C. Johnson 4, F. J. Spicer 5, A. E. Ewer 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, G. W. Debenham 8. The band wish this quarter to be associated with the wedding of W. J. Southam, of St. Peter's, and Miss A. E. Salter, of North Mimms, which took place at such short notice due to W. J. Southam's recall to the Army that no special ringing arrangements were possible.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwenda A. Miles 1, J. W. Carter 2, Myrtle A. Cass 3, Mary Merrett 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, C. S. Goodburn 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hayward 1, C. Dale 2, T. Warner 3, R. Cann 4, J. Bragg 5, C. W. Bragg 6, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 7, V. W. Rigg 8. Rung with bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker (first as cond.) 3, M. Rowe 4, W. Theobald 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam a prominent resident. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: Miss J. Secker (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss J. Turner 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, M. Rowe 6.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Underwood (first quarter) 1, M. Vernon 2, N. L. Walker 3, C. R. Hayward 4, G. Ball 5, J. H. Bailess 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Vernon 8. Rung after Evensong on the occasion of the Wakes and harvest festival.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. S. Girling 1, L. G. Foster 2, R. E. Lester 3, C. Snowden 4, W. B. Duncan 5, F. Sterry 6, A. G. Fever 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. E. Lester 1, C. Snowden 2, A. E. Lester (first in method) 3, L. Melton (first of Major) 4, W. B. Duncan 5, O. G. Barnard 6, A. G. Fever 7, K. G. Brown (first in method as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: A. J. Print 1, W. H. Male 2, G. Ingrum 3, R. C. Chapman 4, V. B. Hunt 5, F. C. Lyne (cond.) 6, H. Huxley 7, J. L. Findon 8, C. R. Steed 9, E. Smith 10. For Remembrance Sunday.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Oct. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Talbot 1, I. Oram 2, J. Cook 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, M. Oakshett 6, R. Bird 7, R. Sanders 8.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bridges 1, A. H. Bridges 2, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 3, E. Bunting 4, P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stone 1, R. Lindars 2, A. Peasley 3, W. Elles 4, W. Gibbard (cond.) 5, T. Lay 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Barron 1, J. Thorpe 2, W. A. Lewis 3, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 4, Dr. A. J. Muir 5, M. Hill Brown 6, Gillian Neal Smith 7, Dr. R. E. Price 8. The second of two quarters rung on the day of the baptism of David Charles Neal, son of the conductor and brother of the ringer of the 7th.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): G. Cozens (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. For the festival of All Saints. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Highley 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray (first of Triples 'inside') 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Lumsden 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, E. E. Holman 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, D. Hewitt 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate 70 years of service from choirboy to churchwarden of Mr. W. H. Phillips at this church.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, Mrs. A. North 2, D. H. North 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, C. Webber (first of Triples 'inside') 6, G. Gammon 7, C. E. Baker (first on eight) 8. For Evensong and the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to dedicate new church doors.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, G. Goodman 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, A. Brunton 6, M. Moreton 7, F. Corfield 8. For Remembrance Day.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Coggins (first of Triples) 1, L. T. Oliffe 2, Lottie Pim 3, E. Hill (first of Triples as cond.) 4, B. J. Coggins 5, D. J. Smith 6, A. Cornish 7, P. Powell 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, D.D., as Bishop of Lincoln in Lincoln Minster on this day.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

At their meeting at Sittingbourne on November 3rd, the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild were honoured by the presence of the new president of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Lock. There was a good attendance and the ladies received abundant support from the gentlemen. It was refreshing and pleasing to see so many young people taking part in ringing enthusiastically.

The gentlemen served tea and did the washing up afterwards while the business was taking place. Three ringing members and one honorary member were elected, and Mrs. Lock spoke of the meeting at Worcester. The vote of thanks was to the Vicar, the organist, and all responsible for the tea, which everyone enjoyed. It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Sevenoaks. P. J. B.

SUDBURY DISTRICT SUPPER

The Sudbury District of the Suffolk Guild held a supper and social at Lavenham on Oct. 27th. Ringing took place previously at Lavenham Church, and a quarter peal was rung at Cavendish during the afternoon. There was also an unsuccessful peal attempt at Preston.

Speeches were restricted to one from the Master, Mr. S. J. Twitchett, who welcomed everyone, especially the many visitors from towers outside the district; and later, a vote of thanks from the secretary, Miss R. J. Seabrook, to the ladies (mainly the wives of the Lavenham ringers) who had prepared and served the excellent supper, to the Rector and other helpers, and to the Lavenham ringers.

Entertainment included songs and violin solos by local artistes, four-in-hand tune ringing by Mr. Stedman Symonds and his band, games, dancing and community singing.

Fifty Years Ago at Lichfield Cathedral

The first peal of Royal on the bells of Lichfield Cathedral was rung on November 24th, 1906, in 3 hours and 20 minutes for the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It was a peal of 5,000 Kent T.B. Royal to a composition by John Carter, conducted by Albert Walker.

The ringers were: Thomas H. Reeves (first of Royal) treble, Albert Walker 2, Charles Dicken 3, John Neal 4, Horace F. Street 5, A. Paddon Smith 6, Samuel Grove 7, Frederick J. Cope (first of Royal) 8, James E. Groves 9, Arthur E. Pegler, tenor.

A LINK WITH THE U.S.A.

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Harrow, Middlesex, on November 10th, was rung to honour the wedding of Miss Joan Swetnam to Mr. Moody, which took place at Washington, D.C., U.S.A., the ringing being time to synchronise with the ceremony taking place across the Atlantic.

Although a non-ringer, Miss Swetnam, who took up a nursing post in Washington about two years ago, is an old friend of the local ringers, who wish her every happiness in her future life. They also wish to extend their cordial thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, of All Saints,' Harrow Weald, and to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, who made up the band at short notice and without whom the ringing could not have taken place. C. E. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

At Great Amwell

Into the tiny belfry at Great Amwell Church some 30 Eastern District members and others squeezed for ringing on November 10th.

The pleasant ring of six bells was enjoyed by all and full use was made of it by visitors and the steadily progressing resident band.

After a service and tea, the business meeting was held, at which the Rector presided. A number of new ringing members were elected and the District secretary read a letter from Mr. G. Blake regarding a future joint meeting with his N.W. Essex District. It was agreed to accept this invitation to a joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford on December 8th.

After the meeting ringing recommenced, and methods rung included Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. Cooke, Ringing Master, and all others at Great Amwell who made this meeting possible, and, more important, successful. C. E. H.

At Codicote

The Northern District met at Codicote on October 27th. A successful meeting was held in spite of poor weather, and the ringing was good. Members were reminded of the annual District meeting at Hitchin in January, when the president is to be elected; the next ordinary meeting was fixed for Stevenage on November 24th. J. S.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 28th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. N. Pittman 1, F. A. Pickard (first of Minor) 2, Miss A. J. Bagnall (first of Minor) 3, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 4, D. R. Stoddard 5, C. J. D. Taylor 6.

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BELFRY

Four one-armed ringers rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at Newbury, Berks, on November 4th. Messrs. J. W. Faithfull 1, H. Balaam 2, G. Pullinger 3, each lost an arm in the 1914–18 war and R. W. Rex 4 in a recent accident. Others in the band were Miss P. Gaunt 5, E. Murphy 6, G. Wiggins 7, H. Lawrenceson 8, P. A. Reed 9, H. P. Reed (cond.) 10. Probably this is the first time there has been such a quarter peal.

Dr. W. J. Neal Smith, of 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, would be grateful if any ringer has a copy of 'The Ringing World' for July 2nd, 1948 (No. 1,943) to spare.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Aston Parish Church on November 10th was Dr. R. E. Price's 100th tower for a peal. These have been rung in 24 counties.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Farnworth on October 13th (see page 722) was Alan Sharples and not Philip Hudson. Our correspondent sends his apologies.

We are pleased to learn that the Hitchin, Herts, band have been re-formed and are getting on quite well. They would welcome visitors on practice nights and Sundays.

Correction.—The peal rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on October 25th (see page 722) was Double Oxford Bob Major and not Double Norwich Court Bob Major as printed.

Mr. B. W. Willgress, of Acle, Norfolk, now with the R.A.F. at Henlow, Beds, wishes to thank and send kind regards to all North Somerset ringers for their kindness to him during his nine months' stay at Locking.

Mr. A. W. Searle, a vice-president and the oldest member of the Guild of Devonshire ringers, was prevented by chronic arthritis from attending the funeral of Mr. E. J. Taylor at Tiverton.

GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris has returned from his first visit to Wales where he lectured to the Creuddyn Society at Llandudno on 'Bells of All Nations.' His talk was featured in 'The North Wales Weekly News.' In Holy Trinity belfry, Llandudno, he had the pleasure of meeting on October 24th many North Wales ringers. 'They did me grand,' writes Ernest.

Ringing has been stopped for the time being at Pirton, Herts, where the tower is being repaired.

The August issue of 'The Musical Times' contained an article entitled 'Bells,' written by Mr. Trevor Holloway, dealing with the origin of bells, a brief history, the method of casting and a brief explanation of change-ringing.

Peals for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, formerly Bishop of Dorchester, as Bishop of Lincoln, were rung at Dorchester Abbey (Lincolnshire Surprise) and at Lincoln Cathedral (Stedman Cinques).

Waddesdon, Bucks, where the first peal has been rung since 1902, has a ring of six steel bells. The bells were rehung about 1951 by R. White and Son, of Appleton. The 'go' is reported as excellent, and the tone compares not unfavourably with orthodox bells.

For veterans among Sunday service ringers Streatham is particularly fortunate with F. Sinkins (92), R. Sanders (82), J. Hawkins (77) and J. Chapman (72). F. Sinkins and J. Hawkins have been 'good companions' in quarter peals since their first together 58 years ago.

David Vincent (Dee 'Cee' Vee), of 6, Stanway Drive, Hale, Cheshire, is being installed Master of his Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Sale, near Manchester, on Saturday, December 8th, in the afternoon. A welcome is extended to ringing brethren. An early reply will be helpful and appreciated. Tel. Altrincham 2333.

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELFRY

AT last the great day, October 27th, arrived, and in full October splendour the ringers of Kent converged on the ancient city of Rochester. During the afternoon the bells of St. Mary's, Chatham, rang out merrily, to be followed after tea by the stately music of the Cathedral bells. By 6.30 p.m. a large company, including the Dean, had forgathered in the Cathedral. Came the message: 'The Archbishop's car is here,' and in a moment their president, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, was being welcomed. Introductions over—and how friendly they were—all crossed from the precincts to the Corn Exchange, where everyone was introduced to the Archbishop before taking their place at table.

It was a large company of over 160. Seating was according to district, and several 'family' parties included a coachload from the Ashford district and three large groups from the Lewisham district. The Archbishop presided, supported at the high table by vice-presidents John Willis and G. H. Spice (on either side), the Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Chavasse, the Dean of Rochester and Mrs. Crick, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, our special guest, and her son Mr. F. A. Mitchell, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. May, Mr. M. S. Lancefield, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Miss Jean Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Luck, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Waters and Mr. D. Chatfield.

Before saying grace, the Archbishop was presented with an Association badge to wear as a sign of office. After a splendid meal, His Grace proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen. So began a full and varied and quickly-passing three hours, with greetings by telegram from the Leicester Diocesan Guild, who were also at dinner.

A beautifully-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells preceded the speeches and delighted everybody, especially the distinguished president and guests. The ringers were Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, E. J. Ladd, T. E. Sone and A. Waddington.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. Geoffrey Waters (Ashford District), who said that while their churches faced many difficulties today there was a spiritual awakening—small groups working together for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. One focus was Lee Abbey, in Devon, where thousands of Christian folk had experienced not only a wonderful holiday but wonderful fellowship too, a fellowship which could be found in the great bond between ringers.

THE ANGELS OF THE BELLS

In response, the Lord Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Christopher Chavasse) recalled his chairmanship of the Archbishops' Commission on Evangelism which had produced the report 'Towards the Conversion of England,' in which was recommended the need for modern advertising methods. By its bells the Church had always advertised the Gospel of Christ, and it was difficult to dissociate church and bells, bells making a deeper impression on people's minds and souls than is often realised.

The Bishop continued: 'I think not so much of the bells but of the angels of the bells; and for such angel voices you must have persons; synthetic bells will not do. Likewise the Gospel can never be a synthetic thing either, but has to be proclaimed by human messengers. So church and bells together speak to many hearts, and the Church was never more on tiptoe than at the present time.'

'This enthusiasm,' said the Bishop, 'was reflected too in the activities of you ringers, in the highly organised life of your Association, as evidenced in your printed report and in your craftsmanship, which is also expressed in the beautifully-printed menu card—not the product of a commercial house but the work of one of your members, Mr. Waddington, of Egerton, who is a teacher by profession and a printer at home. Will you ring on,' concluded Dr. Chavasse, 'encouraging us all, sounding the alarm and the summons to go forward.'

MR. F. M. MITCHELL'S SERVICES

There was a touch of sadness when Mr. G. H. Spice (Rochester District) rose to introduce the intended special guests in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, for Mr. Mitchell was not well enough to be present. The previous week Mr. Mitchell had reached his 78th birthday and only a few months back was compelled to hand over the reins of the office of treasurer. Mr. Spice recalled the opening words of one of Mr. Mitchell's reports: 'Time marches on,' familiar but very true. Fred, as he was known to rather older ringers, became a district representative soon after joining the Association, and later took over the duties as secretary for the Rochester District. Time marched on with Fred's zeal and interest becoming still keener, so much so that when Canon Helmore gave up the office of general secretary the man unanimously elected to take over was Mr. Mitchell. These duties he discharged with distinction for 17 years, duties which since the war have been shared out by the creation of the offices of treasurer and peal secretary. Mr. Mitchell had also held the coveted office of Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mrs. Mitchell, too, had also been an acquisition to the Association, not only by the tremendous amount of work in the back room assisting Mr. Mitchell, but also helping others in the ringing chamber, particularly the ladies and younger ringers. She was now a most active vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

Milton-next-Gravesend had been their church and tower for very many years, and Mr. Spice asked the Archbishop to present to Mrs. Mitchell a framed and inscribed photograph of their parish church, the words of the inscription being:—

> 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell by the members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers in token of their affection, 27th October, 1956.'

Mrs. Mitchell, deeply touched, spoke quiet words of appreciation for both Mr. Mitchell and herself.

The Archbishop, in proposing the toast of 'The Kent County Association,' prefaced his remarks with a reference to the 'unruly' Bishop of Rochester, who had said almost all there was to say about bells and ringers. He had come, His Grace went on, not only because he was president but, as the dinner was in Rochester, to keep the flag of Canterbury flying. The last badge he had been presented with was in September at the Trades Unions' Congress.

PEACEFUL CONCENTRATION OF RINGING

His Grace continued: 'I count ringers and ringing as among those things which have so often excited my imagination and stirred my heart. My earliest longing was to be an engine driver, but now it is too late, not because I am too old but because diesels are ousting the steam locomotives—and who wants to drive a diesel! My next longing was to be a bank clerk, because in my youth I remember one shovelling golden sovereigns. Alas, there are no more sovereigns and so I am now too late for that. With ringing, I watch and admire without a notion of how you do it. I read your report until page 53, when a lot of hieroglyphics reminded me of the football pools (which come delivered to Mr. Fisher at the Old Palace, Canterbury). This I do know, that for entirely peaceful concentration and gift of anticipation watch a bellringer.'

The Archbishop voiced a prayer for bellringers—that they have a vicar who is interested and sees to it that his ringers do their job well. 'I like bellringers myself,' he said, '—though not everybody does—and have always lived near bells, in village, at Repton, and now at Lambeth. I always want to get up into the belfry, and do so if not snatched off by a thoughtless vicar. The fellowship of the belfry means a lot to me; a sense of tremendous keenness, and a lovely thing, with some there very old, some very young, and a few intermediate as well!

'In Australia and New Zealand, where folk travel many hundreds of miles to see a live Archbishop, two impressions strike one forcibly: one, the absence of choirboys—who are a confounded nuisance but who justify themselves in spite of it all—and the absence of towers and rings of bells. Home is with our singing and our ringing, lovely things of England. For ringing is a peculiarly English art, with all the glories of England about it: honest, straight, rather assertive, with all the quiet skill which goes with everything English; a part of the great tradition of the parish church, with the choir at one end and the bells at the other, each making its own noise.'

The whole company warmed to these words of their president, and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (Maidstone District), general secretary of the K.C.A., answered for them in his response to the toast, saying that he would like to forget his own speech and talk about a few of the things the Archbishop had said. One thing he must do was to pay tribute to the efforts of ringers 'down under,' to keep what bells they had ringing. In 'The Ringing World' that very week were published details of a peal rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, for the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Society by ringers who at one time or other had rung in Melbourne, Australia. 'The Ringing Towers' was the Australian monthly ringers' paper, which was read and contributed to by a number of English ringers who appreciate the noble work of their fellows in Australia and New Zealand.

LOOKING FORWARD

Dr. Hatcher recalled that this was only the second time ever that the Association had enjoyed the privilege of sharing the same table with their Archbishop president, the other being in 1930 when the golden jubilee of the Association was celebrated. It was not only a great day for the K.C.A. but for ringers everywhere. Last year they celebrated their 75th birthday and had looked back; this year they were looking forward. There seemed to be two main tasks facing them—the provision of ringers, and the provision of bells for them to ring.

In providing ringers there was first of all recruitment. The attraction of the ringing chamber was a strong as ever, but today they had to compete with many other attractions, with the consequent danger of dissipated interest, a risk which could be best countered by the proper balance between ringing as a joyful pleasure and ringing as a responsibility, duty and service. Then with the decline in church attendance in the present century, and the contracting potential of church-going families, the present position was a challenge to bring young people back into the life of the church, using the ringing chamber as one effective means of doing this.

Recruits had to be trained, and here continued the pre-eminent task of the Association accomplished in a variety of ways. Since the war

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K.C.A. DINNER—Cont.

there had been a rapid development of ringing in the universities, with individual universities linked through the Universities' Association. This movement among the younger generation had now spread to the schools, and they were watching with interest and pleasure the development of school societies in Kent.

'STANDARDS OF RINGING'

For training there must be instructors; and recognising the difficulties of teaching a band from the outside, it was encouraging to see the interchange of help between towers in combined practices. Good instruction there had always been, and bad, but in the past there had been no ready means of comparison, no recognised standards of achievement. The discerning eye was now witnessing the beginnings of a movement which within a few years would establish standards of training and enable the influence of good instruction to spread on a scale not hitherto possible.

The second issue, the provision of bells for ringers to ring, was more than the preservation from decay of existing bells, continued Dr. Hatcher, though this was not unimportant. There was, for instance, the parish church of Maidstone, the county town, a glorious church with excellent traditions of worship and singing, but a ring of bells quite unworthy, cast when the bellfounders' art was at a low ebb. It was the dear hope of Kent ringers that soon this would be remedied, and when this moment came it was hoped that the Archbishop would bring his influence to bear.

BELLS AND NEW CHURCHES

'But what reveals most forcibly our real attitude to bells is the challenge of the new churches. Are these to have bells? The Diocese of Rochester has an enormous task, and the Bishop is to be commended for the tremendous programme of new church building. Yet there are few signs that towers and bells will eventually come. If all that has been said tonight is true, bells are not a luxury, and in the 20th century we should build to the glory of God. The cost of bells is not particularly low, neither is it particularly high compared with the whole cost.

'So,' concluded Dr. Hatcher, 'the Association must continue not only to recruit and train ringers but do all in its power to ensure that the bells will always be there for them to ring, in the older parish churches and in the new.

YOUTH'S TRIBUTE

Miss Barbara Brooks (Tonbridge District), speaking for her own generation (as well as the ladies, and the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society), proposed the health of the 50-year members, which she did most charmingly, saying that younger ringers did not fully realise the difficulties the older members had to face in their early ringing years, and acknowledging the great help they gave to the young ringers of today. The spray of roses presented to Barbara was well deserved.

In response, Mr. E. Barnett (Lewisham District) recalled the debt owed to the founders of the Association, and the great foresight of Sir Arthur Heywood in founding the Central Council and binding all associations and guilds together into one cohesive body. Mr. Barnett also commented on the much happier relations which now existed between clergy and their ringers.

The final toast, 'The Fellowship of the Belfry,' was proposed by Mr. B. J. Luck (Canterbury District), linking together several distinct thoughts about the fellowship of the belfry. The speaker introduced the Exercise at large and also the kindred societies, especially Kent's neighbours, the Essex Association, the London County, the Middlesex, the Surrey, the Sussex, the East Grinstead Guild, the Hawkhurst and District, and recalling the once active and delightful Romney Marsh Guild. Running through all was the Ladies' Guild—God bless the ladies! Thirdly, 'The Ringing World,' spelling Friday, the one day of the week when he let his dinner get cold to see how much the Editor had slashed—truly the main artery of the Exercise. Finally were remembered absent friends, those who were ill, those on National Service, and those who had passed to higher service.

On this note the company rose and sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' so bringing to a close a truly wonderful evening. The one regret is that Mr. Mitchell could not be there.

During the evening songs were sung by Cyril Jarrett (accompanied by John Cooper) and there was also tune ringing on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Luck and Mr. and Mrs. R. French.

E. S. J. H.



The Archbishop of York at Snowdon Dinner. — A happy picture taken at the Snowdon dinner at York on October 20th.

Seated, front row (left to right): The Ven. C. O. Ellison (president of the Yorkshire Association), His Grace the Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsay), Canon T. H. Tardrew (Precentor of York Minster).

Standing: Mr. L. W. G. Morris (general secretary, Yorkshire Association), the Rev. D. Oxby Parker (Vicar of Acomb), Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (chairman, 'The Ringing World' Committee), Mr. G. Benfield (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association), Mr. H. Walker (president, York Minster Society), the Rev. A. J. McMullen (chaplain, York Minster Society).

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was held at Marshfield on November 10th. Although only 40 ringers attended, the gathering proved most enjoyable, and was certainly an encouragement to the young band recently formed at Marshfield by Mr. Donald Clarke. The Master, Mr. J. Alsop, arranged the ringing, and the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. L. Jones, joined in touches of Grandsire.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who extended a very warm welcome to the Branch. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Vicar of Llanarth, read the lesson.

A bountiful tea awaited the members in the Church Hall, prepared by Mrs. R. E. L. Jones and her helpers. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards sincerely thanked these ladies for what he described as 'an old-fashioned ringers' tea.'

The Rev. R. E. L. Jones took the chair for the business meeting, and six new members were elected from Marshfield and one from Peterstone. Caerleon was chosen as the place of the next meeting, with Monmouth as an alternative.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSIGNIA OF PROFICIENCY

Dear Sir,—I write to enquire whether any of your readers have evolved any system of marking proficiency in the various stages of learning to ring? I had in mind a small metal bell badge or brooch of good design.

One bronze bell might mark the stage of ringing any bell in Rounds: all this will imply that the learner can raise a bell, manage it, good striking, time and lowering.

Two bronze bells might mark the ringing of Bob Doubles and Minimus, Grandsire and Stedman.

Three bronze bells, some further achievement. The gaining of three would qualify a learner for a silver bell.

One gold bell, only for the Masters in the Exercise.

The gaining of the first bronze bell seems to take about six months, and it will act as an encouragement to learners, particularly young people.

If the granting of each award is in the hands of the Ringing Masters of Districts, the possession of such badge could act as a passport to all the towers in the country.

It is with some satisfaction that I can now report that three adults and eight youngsters have reached Rounds and simple changes after seven months, and we have a further five adults starting their initial instruction at Stoke D'Abernon.

No celluloid button, please!—Yours faithfully, NORMAN CHAMPNESS.

St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey.

200th ANNIVERSARY OF CASTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—On August 21st we rang a peal at Caston to commemorate what we thought was the 200th anniversary of the hanging of the bells in our tower. Unfortunately, in the absence of churchwardens' accounts, we relied on the date of the treble, 1756, which was added to the five back bells that came from West Harling —the tower there was unable to support the weight — and on references in L'Estrange's 'Church Bells of Norfolk.'

However, we are indebted to Mr. Golden, of Norwich, for finding in 'The Norwich Mercury' for March 5th, 1757, a notice from the landlord of the Red Lion at 'Easton, near Walton,' but without doubt 'Caston, near Watton,' to the effect that: 'Thursday he 10th inst. is the day appointed to open the peal of six bells.' Further, that 'a dinner will be provided at the Red Lion, where all gentlemen, ringers, and others, that will oblige us with their company, shall meet with a hearty welcome.'

Thus although the treble was cast in 1756 and the ring of five removed from West Harling in that year, as the ring at Caston was not opened until March 10th, 1757, it is very probable that the hanging took place in 1757. I think it is unlikely that there would be a gap of three months between the dates of hanging and opening. Our peal, then, was nearly seven months early.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN S. BARNES.

Caston, Norfolk.

FIRST PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB FOR SALISBURY GUILD

Dear Sir,—A peal of Oxford Treble Bob *Minor* was rung at Scend, Wilts, on April 9th, 1949, conducted by F. S. Slatford.

Therefore the footnote of the peal of Oxford T.B. Major rung at Devizes on October 27th, 1956, and published on page 708 of 'The Ringing World,' should read: 'First peal of *Major* in the method for the Guild.'—Yours sincerely,

W. C. WEST.

Hon. Secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Melksham, Wilts.

SPLICED ERIN AND STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. F. L. Harries and his band on ringing the spliced peal of Erin and Stedman Triples, as this is the first time this composition has been rung.

At the eame time I have a further composition which should appeal to composers and conductors interested in the two methods.

It is in eight equal parts with all 67's at backstroke, and is arranged 126 Erin and 84 Stedman alternately throughout. There are only 208 calls, comparing favourably with Stedman or Erin compositions.

Following are the figures.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

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—	1 2 7 4 6 5 3	1
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—	2 1 4 6 7 5 3	3
—	1 6 2 7 4 5 3	1
—	2 1 4 5 3 6 7	6
P	1 5 2 6 4 7 3	1
S	5 6 7 2 1 4 3	2
S	3 7 5 1 2 6 4	6
S	7 1 3 2 5 4 6	1
—	4 5 3 6 1 2 7	5
S	5 6 4 1 3 7 2	4
S	5 6 4 2 3 7 1	7
S	2 7 6 4 5 3 1	2
S	2 7 6 1 5 3 4	7
—	4 5 3 7 1 6 2	4
S	6 1 3 2 5 4 7	9
—	4 5 3 7 1 2 6	5
S	2 6 7 4 5 3 1	3
S	4 3 6 7 2 5 1	2
S	4 3 6 1 2 5 7	7
S	2 6 7 1 5 3 4	5
—	4 5 3 6 1 7 2	4
S	3 7 5 4 2 6 1	8
S	4 1 7 3 6 5 2	3
—	1 5 2 3 4 6 7	3

Repeat the whole seven times with single for first bob in parts four and eight.

Ring Stedman from 1526473 to 4536127; from 4537162 to 4537126; from 4536172 to 1523467.

Commence Stedman slow, quick, etc. The rest of the ringing is Erin.

'DESCENDING OCTAVES' AT THE ABBEY

Dear Sir,—'The Times' of November 8th reports that on the occasion of the unveiling of the Smuts statue in Parliament Square the bells of Westminster Abbey were rung in 'descending octaves.'

This possibly explains why the Abbey is closed to all ringers but the chosen few. There is some magical unpatented sounding apparatus installed which enables the bells to be rung in different keys, unless, of course, there are several rings hanging in the tower.

Perhaps one of the trusted keepers of the secret would care to reveal all?—Yours truly,

C. A. BARRON.

King's Heath, Birmingham.

Dear Sir,—Referring to a certain well-drawn advertisement which has lately appeared in the papers, has anybody ever seen a bat in a belfry? —Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

HARD FACTS ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Dear Sir,—Although the guiding principles of our work have been stressed, from the outset, as provisional and subject to review with further experience, the invited criticism so far expressed has ignored this and has been neither helpful nor constructive, but has concerned itself with its own imagined objectives of our purpose and with what *might be*, instead of what *is*. Against such destructive criticism—stated or implied—may be viewed some hard facts.

Central Council

Statement or Implication. (a) College in opposition to Council. (b) Acting without prior discussion in Council. (c) Seeking to impose arbitrary standards on the Exercise. (d) Master and monster, etc.

Facts. (a) Article II of the provisional draft constitution of the College reads: 'The College will adhere to the accepted Rules and Decisions of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and loyally support the Council in the guidance of ringing activity. In electing its officers it will give preference, other qualifications being equal, to those who are Council members. The Council's official journal, 'The Ringing World,' will be recommended for subscription by all College members, and will be posted with College information and records.' (b) The Council has not hitherto laid it down that no teaching activity may proceed without its permission or prior discussion. (c) The College has already declared its opposition to any 'imposition' of the kind suggested, and stressed its function as helping those who wish for help, but that its helpers should attain reasonable qualification. (d) The suggestion of 'monster' is just—monstrous!

Origin of College

S. or I. Due to an editorial in 'Irish Bell News' written for a 'lark.'

Facts. (a) College first aware of article when sent by its author, the founder and editor of that paper and general secretary of the Irish Association. (b) Text of article and covering letter confirm author's sincerity. (c) He is now College Representative for Ireland.

Seriousness of Purpose

S. or I. (a) Regarded in one district as a 'stunt.' (b) 'Nonsense.'

Facts. (a) In the Guild 'covering' that district both the Master and the Immediate Past Master (now a V-P) have commended the work, the former in an open meeting of the Guild. (b) Those directing future activities include 11 members of the Central Council, with five of these as general secretaries of affiliated Associations. (Scarcely 'nonsense'?)

Attempted Ridicule

S. or I. Governors at 2s. 6d. (For example.)

Fact. NO fee is 'requisite' for governorship. A nominal fee is payable by College members only on registration as members, and is allocated towards defrayment of stationery, etc., costs. (This is typical of a number of untrue statements or implications.)

C.C. Committee for Revision of 'Hints' Booklet

S. or I. That the College is duplicating this Committee's work.

Facts. (a) The objectives of the College are different and wider. (b) Members of that Committee are, in fact, among the Governors of the College.

Meeting the Need

That there is real need for this work in ringing training is the more obvious when studied. It is being met by ringers of standing, working together for this end, *and is open to all interested. Their* hands and minds will finalise the Manual and draft constitution of the College and shape its policy. The practical results of the work of instruction, already promising, should be the final criterion of value.

Destructive critics might well turn to the book of The Acts of the Apostles, v.. 38, 39.

Southsea. A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

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PART I. — 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION XIII. (Lesson 10)

THE EXAMINATIONS ON PART 1.

137. **Revision Session.** — It will be found helpful to students (and most will wish for this) to arrange for a revision session (or two) before the examination takes place. This is preferably held in the tower where the Course has been conducted, and with a couple of the bells silenced in readiness for use in checks and demonstrations. The Tutor should run through the exercises of Part I (see Appendix I at close of this Part) and indicate the points that will be looked for by the Examiner, i.e., those noted in the text, Article by Article. Questions will be selected by the Examiner from any Article followed by the symbol '(Q)', but those followed by '(Q T)' are for selection for Student-Tutors only. Demonstrations, especially after check for faults, should be given on the bell(s), a student or Student-Tutor assisting where necessary, and students should be encouraged to take tests on a bell, as far as time permits. Typical oral questions should be given, and students may afterwards revise Part I with advantage. (Q T)

138. **Tutor's Procedure.**—The Tutor will advise the Registrar of the completion of the Course, and of suggested date(s) for fixing the examination, and will return the Course Register (Form 3), duly entered and signed by the Tutor. The Registrar, having arranged for the attendance of the Examiner(s), extracts the enrolment forms (Form 2) originally submitted by the students, and enters on them the particulars from the register as to attendances. He then advises by post each student of the date and place of the examination, at the same time confirming this to the Tutor and forwarding to him the entrance forms. These the Tutor now certifies as to the students' fitness for examination. He hands them to the Examiner on his arrival, having completed arrangements at the tower for the examination. (Alternatively a deputy, or the tower captain, perhaps, does this if the Tutor is unable to attend at the time of the examination.) At the same time two bells will have been silenced in readiness. (Q T)

139. **'Ringer I'—Practical.**—Students are admitted to the ringing chamber one at a time and take this test in three parts: (a) Solo; (b) Duet; (c) Quartet; and must pass in all three. For the solo test each demonstrates the approach and preliminaries as taught, and raises a silenced bell and sets it at back, to get the correct length of rope-end grip. This is to give a fair chance of control at the outset. The bell is then pulled off and set at hand.

To order, the candidate then demonstrates not less than six whole pulls, in the form of the nine-beat rhythm (as in Article 96—Ex. 28), setting on the call 'Stand!' from the Examiner. Not more than three faults in all (as listed in Appendix II) may be allowed, or the candidate is failed for the whole examination. The next candidate then enters and takes the same test.

For the duet portion, two candidates now take a rope each, and demonstrate not less than three whole pulls of mutual dodging and mutual place-making (Articles 131 and 132) to order from the Examiner of 'Go!' and 'Stand!'. In these tests the candidates must give the Examiner general satisfaction; and while no specific points are awarded, yet without satisfaction, the candidate(s) fail. Candidates lower the bells.

After the duet tests, candidates stand aside and await the entry and testing of two more candidates, when all four join in the quartet test, which is plain hunting. This is taken on four 'open' bells, or if not convenient, on four handbells (singly). If candidates are less than four, the Examiner and other ringers complete. The actual test is the 8-row plain-set of Minimus (as in **Ex. 53,** Article 134). The Examiner allows some latitude in the duet and quartet tests, but he must be satisfied that the candidates can, in fact, perform the exercises; although faults, as looked for in the solo tests, would risk a candidate's success. Candidates now leave the ringing chamber, and those who have passed the tests so far are recalled, in turn, for the Oral examination

140. **'Ringer I'—Oral.**—For this the candidates enter two at a time and are questioned in turn, as a pair, until each has had ten short-answer questions, selected as already indicated in Article 137, above. If one candidate cannot satisfactorily answer a question, the other may attempt it. Two points are given for a satisfactory answer but one only for a partly satisfactory answer. A minimum of 70% marks is required for a pass in the Oral test. Tested candidates stand aside until all others have been called in.

141. **Assessment — 'Ringer I.'** — Candidates must pass in all parts of the tests as indicated in Articles 139 and 140, and the aggregate attainment determines the 'Class' of the Diploma as follows:—

Practical: (Solo), 3 faults, 70%; 2, 80%; 1, 90%; 0, 100%.
Oral: 14 points, 70%; up to 20 points, 100%.
Example: Candidate has 3 faults or 70%, and 18 points or 90%, so aggregate is 80%.*
Class: 70%, Third; 80%, Second; 90% to 100%, First.

So, in this case,* the candidate would get a Diploma, 'Ringing (I) 2nd Class.'

142. **'Tutor I'—Practical.**—Two 'questions' or tests are given in this part. For each the Examiner selects a solo type of exercise, from the list in Appendix I, and acting as pupil, calls upon the Student-Tutor to introduce and explain the exercise in detail. For this, two points are given for a satisfactory result and one for a partly satisfactory result. The 'pupil' is then put through the exercise, and in this he makes three (deliberate) faults, which the candidate must spot and correct. For each of these another point is awarded. So far, five points are given, and the second exercise is gone through in the same way, to yield another five possible points, i.e., ten in all, for the practical part.

143. **'Tutor I'—Oral.**—For this the Examiner selects in all ten questions from paragraphs in the Manual, Part I, marked '(Q)' or '(Q T),' of which at least five must be from those marked '(Q T).' Two points are awarded for each satisfactory answer and one point for each partly satisfactory answer, i.e., a possible 20 for the oral part.

144. **Assessment—'Tutor I.'**—Preferably, all candidates for this Diploma should have acted as Student-Tutors in a course for Ringers I.' and should have been certified by the Tutor of such Course as fit to take the examination; specifically as having the ability to demonstrate, check faults, and maintain control and interest in the work. Alternatively, the Examiner may question the candidate on these points and give any such tests as he may think fit, to satisfy himself in this respect. (Professionally qualified teachers are excused this assessment.) For the rest, the candidate must have secured not less than seven points for the practical and not less than 17 points for the oral part; with the over-riding proviso that his aggregate must not be less than 27 points (90%) to gain the Diploma. A total of 29 or 30 points gains the Diploma—'Tutor (I) First Class.'

145. **Issue of Diplomas.** — Results as to failure or pass can be announced by the Examiner at the conclusion of his tests; but the degree of satisfaction is subject to confirmation by other College authorities; and successful candidates receive their Diplomas thereafter, upon payment of the Registration Fee (2/6 at present), if not already paid to the Bursar. The Examiner accordingly receives Forms 2 (enrolment and certification) for the class, from the Tutor or representative at the Examination, and certifies these and returns them to the Registrar, in whose office they are filed for reference. From them the Diplomas are inscribed, signed by the President of the College and the Principal, and then issued.

TWO QUARTER PEALS FOR A BAPTISM

The baptism of David Charles, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Neal Smith, of Twickenham, which took place at St. Matthias' Church, Richmond, on November 4th, during Matins, was celebrated by the ringing of two quarter peals at two different churches on the same afternoon.

There are no bells at St. Matthias' (although the church now possesses an enthusiastic band of learners), and by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. M. M. Barlow, M.A.), the rare privilege of a quarter peal at the Parish Church was granted. There have been only two quarter peals recorded in the last 20 years. This quarter was noteworthy in that it was rung largely by the band of All Hallows', Twickenham, with the addition of Dr. R. E. Price (Master, the Guild of Medical Ringers), and included the baby's eldest sister and his father (who conducted), and it was at the Parish Church that the baby's paternal grandparents were married and his father was baptised. The quarter peal also gave Miss Elizabeth Brown her first quarter, and was particularly creditable in the way she rang the treble of this difficult ring. It is probably unusual for any ringer to score a first quarter outside his or her own tower, but when the tower is an anti-clockwise one, as is Richmond, of which she had no previous experience, then it is even more worthy of commendation.

Immediately afterwards the band went to All Hallows' Church, Twickenham, and with Dr. A. J. Muir taking the place of Mr. D. Hill Brown (captain of All Hallows' ringers), and Miss Jill Barron that of Miss Brown, a second quarter peal (again of Grandsire Triples), again conducted by Dr. Neal Smith, was brought round.

To complete the ringing, the baby's health was, when proposed, received with a course of Plain Bob on handbells.

A Spalding Wedding

Saturday, November 10th, was a very happy occasion for members of the Spalding belfry when two of their members were married by the Vicar, Canon M. H. R. Synge. They were Mr. Maurice Bennett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett, and Miss Marjory Joyce Cooling, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooling. Ringing took place before and after the service. A reception was held in the Moose Hall, where 100 guests toasted the happy couple and wished them all success for their future happiness. A short honeymoon was spent in London. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to honour the occasion the same evening.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT

One of the leaders of the Norwich Diocesan Association during the first 20 years of the century, working with such men as the Revs. A. G. Blyth, C. L. Kennaway and R. W. Pitt, J. Sancroft Holmes, W. L. Catchpole, C. Mee and J. Motts, Charles Edward Borrett contributed in no small way in the building up and maintenance of the Association. He was a cousin of Frederick Borrett, the most prolific peal-ringer of his day in the diocese.

C. E. Borrett first appears as a member in 1890. His first peal, one on handbells, was in 1892, and the next year he conducted a peal of Bob Major, also on handbells—a composition of his lifelong friend, the late J. Armiger Trollope, who also rang 1-2. A few months later, on April 26th, 1894, he conducted an 11,200 of Bob Major, which was then the greatest length on handbells and still remains the record for the Association. Mr. Borrett's peal total of 155, 13 of which were on handbells, contains many fine performances from Triples to Maximus, and included a number on the bells of St. Peter's, Mancroft, where he was a service ringer for a quarter of a century. His last was to treble a peal of Cambridge on the back eight at Mancroft on March 15th, 1927. When he retired from business and removed to Sheringham ten years later. he took no further part in practical ringing, but his interest never declined.

It was as an organiser rather than a peal ringer that Mr. Borrett excelled and as a student of history that his great interest lay. In 1898 he succeeded J. A. Trollope as hon. secretary of the Norwich District and five years later was elected secretary of the Association, a position in which he served with distinction until his retirement in 1919. In recognition of his work he was elected a vice-president. During these 16 years the work of the secretary had been steadily growing, and the diocese then covering almost the whole of Suffolk, the compilation of the annual report became a formidable task. In 1912 the secretary was able to record 265 peals, to be followed the next year by 291, a total never exceeded in one year by any association. These reports make fascinating reading, and the care which Mr. Borrett took in editing them reflect his very great abilities. From 1902–1919 and from 1923–38 Charles Borrett was a member of the Central Council. During his first long tenure he was a regular attender at its meetings and often made worthwhile contributions to its debates.

Mr. Borrett was greatly interested in the history of ringing and was an authority on the giants of the Norwich Scholars and their exploits. He possessed many details of performances and kept a voluminous scrapbook of ringing matters. One of his interesting compilations was a collection of autographs of the famous ringers of his day. During the war years when his schoolboy friend, J. Armiger Trollope, was editor of this paper and hard pressed to fill its columns, Charles Borrett contributed a number of interesting articles and letters. He was able on many occasions to answer queries of historical interest and it was always a refreshing experience to be in his company.

Charles Edward Borrett died on October 24th, 1956, in his 82nd year. A peal was rung to his memory on Mancroft bells on October 30th. We, the present members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, owe a great debt to him and his contemporaries, for their great interest and work over the years to make the Association a virile body and a power for good among the ringers of the diocese. May he rest in peace.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

MR. JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE

It is with deep regret we report the death of Mr. J. J. Partridge, of Bozeat, Northants, which took place at Northampton General Hospital on November 1st. He was taken ill with a seizure at Podington Aerodrome, where he was employed, and taken to hospital where he passed away without regaining consciousness. He was 58 years of age.

Mr. Partridge was leader of the band of ringers at St. Mary's, Bozeat, which band he formed many years ago. He had rung a number of peals, ranging from Doubles to Major, and was a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Guild and Bedfordshire Association.

The funeral service, attended by a number of his ringing friends, took place at St. Mary's, Bozeat, on November 5th, followed by cremation at Kettering. So passes another old and esteemed friend, and one who will be greatly missed.

H. W. G.

MR. FREDERICK S. PRICE

Memories of the old Beeston (Notts) band are acutely stirred by the death at the age of 83 of Frederick Stanley Price, who passed peacefully to rest on November 3rd. Mr. Price was born at Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire, but at a very early age moved to Beeston. His mother was a member of the Bragg family, of Solihull, and she founded in Beeston a clan that has grown to a great size. Frederick, together with his brothers and sisters, was from the first closely associated with the Church, in which he served in minor offices, sang in the choir as boy and man, and made his offering of Sunday ringing from the beginning of this century, and earlier.

Under the leadership, first of Reuben Clifford, James Hutchby, and then the gifted Albert Coppock, the Beeston band gradually advanced its skill until, in 1914, it reached the Surprise stage. The war held up progress, but by 1919 a fresh attack was being made, and after considerable disappointment the first peal of Cambridge by the local band was brought round. The assault on London then began, but three years of patient toil and frequent frustration had to pass before success came. Those were the days of the Cliffords, father and son, the good-natured Alfred Moss, the whimsical Arthur Lowe with his store of quaint philosophy, the courtly Charles Dicken, the powerful, loose-built Percy Price, one of the best heavy-bell men in the Midlands, and Fred himself, with his indomitable courage and his infectious cheerfulness.

He was indeed a remarkable man, of versatile powers and flexible outlook. He was a notable footballer, a clever cricketer behind the stumps, an excellent exponent of all card games (having a prodigious memory) and a formidable opponent at bowls. There were few social activities that he did not touch, and as an active member and trustee of his Friendly Society he helped to found the Beeston Manchester Unity Club.

With all this there was running through his life a deeply religious thread that bound together all his being, and in his convictions he was outspoken and disarmingly sincere. His thoroughly unselfish outlook set him far apart from any self-seeking, and his whole life seemed to be devoted to acts of kindness and to thought for other people.

Bell ringing was his chief love, and in this art he showed considerable skill. He was an exceedingly safe change-ringer and a first-rate striker, and he had an aptitude for learning methods. He rang just over 100 peals in all the standard methods up to London Surprise, and the writer had the privilege of ringing in his last peal, Stedman Triples, at Radcliffe-on-Trent in April, 1953, conducted by the late Clement Glenn

The funeral service at Beeston Church on November 6th was attended by a large congregation, and handbells were rung by the Beeston ringers.

So passes one who has been to all who knew him an example of godly life, a cheerful liver and a lusty Christian, one whose constant prayer must have been: 'Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost . . . to labour and to ask for no reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will.'

E. C. S.

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AFTERNOON OF COMPETITION RINGING

ASHBURTON was once a place of great consequence: a borough sending two members to Parliament, a stannary town for the tin industry, and a great place for the making of cloth. From the days of its greatness it inherits some pleasant houses, a complete mediæval Corporation led by a portreeve, and consisting of people with the weighty titles of pig-drovers, bread-weighers, ale-tasters (they still do, too) and viewers of the watercourses, and a fine parish church with one of the best towers in Devon, an excellent eight by Taylor, and some shocking death-watch beetle in the roof. So Ashburton was an excellent place for the Eight-bell Competition of the South Devon Ringers' Association for 1956.

It was a pity that more ringers didn't seem to agree, for only four bands came to compete —one fewer than last year's turnout at Kingsteignton. It was a beautiful day, too, for once, and the stay-at-homes missed a treat.

Ashburton tenor is 21 cwt., and that is more than that of any of the four bands entered. For that reason the rises were not up to the standard which one might expect, and the first two teams to ring, Upton and Kingsbridge, both lost the tenor in the rise—and lost a good many marks with her. Kingsbridge's top ringing was excellent though, and their lower very good; from the end of the rise theirs was a very musical peal, but they lost four more marks—and I think Upton lost five—at the end of the lower because the lighter bells weren't checked enough and spoke in a jangle as they swung. This again is a result of the band being unaccustomed to bells of this weight, Kingsbridge bells in particular being very light and easy to handle, though not so easy to strike.

After Kingsbridge came the tea interval, and a very good tea, too; during the meal the idea came into the head of Mr. Miners, the secretary of the Devon Association, that with a few teamless ringers who had come to listen, and a few others from teams which were ringing, he might raise a band to swell the number of competing teams to five. This he did, with the condition that ringers who were going to ring or had rung with their own band should not ring the same bell with the mixed team. The eight were mustered and arranged to Mr. Miners' satisfaction, and after we had said goodbye to Kingsbridge ringers, who were going on to another competition at Newton St. Cyres, Mr. Miners and his team of the teamless took the tower. Some time ago Mr. Miners' doctor told him that he'd never ring again, but nobody who knew him would dream of making any prophecy so rash. Mr. Miners led the bells up beautifully — it wasn't his fault that the tenor and seventh got under for a few pulls—and called the Queen's Peal as well as ever. The top ringing settled down very nicely, though marks were lost when a ringer misheard a call, and the lower was good. The band, which someone called 'Doctor Miners' Mixture,' came down feeling that they might not have come last and, considering that they came from seven different parishes and had never rung together before, quite pleased with themselves. Anyway, they were sure of getting a certificate—there were six certificates for the five teams competing!

Dartmouth came next, and didn't have a very happy peal, though their own bells are nearer Ashburton's weight than anyone else's. I don't think they had all their regular band with them, so perhaps that accounts for it. Last of all came Kingsteignton, to give us the best peal of the day. Any idea that this young band may have owed their second place last year to being in their home tower is now indefensible; Kingsteignton have become, in a very short time, a band to be reckoned with in Devon eight-bell ringing, and they took away the Shield with 83 faults—three fewer than Kingsbridge, last year's winners. Upton came next, and 'Doctor Miners' Mixture' beat Dartmouth by five faults to come fourth.

Kingsbridge reached Newton St. Cyres just in time to ring the last peal of the day there, and they were the winners with 77½ faults, by all accounts a beautiful peal, as you'd expect from this band on bells of just about their own weight. Second and third came High Bickington, with 86½ and 90½; Witheridge, Tavistock, Kenn and Dawlish came in that order with over a hundred faults each. Barnstaple were very fortunate to be disqualified when one of their ringers got his arm hitched up in the next man's rope (the circle is small at Newton St. Cyres) and the peal broke up in confusion just after the rise.

Newton St. Cyres had a busy day, for it was their Michaelmas Fair, and they had an ox-roasting as well as the ringing competitions—plural because they also had a Junior Six-bell Competition for under-20's, in which five teams took part, the winners being Christow, with Dunsford second and Rewe third. By all accounts it was a splendid day; certainly with 13 teams ringing, *and* a fair, *and* an ox-roasting, there was plenty going on.

Between Ashburton and Newton St. Cyres there were six men who were seen hardly at all and did no ringing, but were the real enthusiasts of the day—the judges. At Ashburton they were the two Brewers, from Alphington, J. J. and H. J., and Mr. Tom Dawe, of Ipplepen; at Newton St. Cyres they were Jack Down, Tom Darch and Ralph Wright. To sit all afternoon with a pencil and notebook, listening to every stroke of every bell in every round—this needs a man of most unusual gifts and an exceptional love for bells and their music; yet I've never heard of anyone's having any difficulty in getting judges for a competition in Devon: it's a good sign for Devon ringing in the Devon manner.

J. G. M. S.

QUARTER PEALS

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: H. King 1, L. Pierce 2, E. Bishop 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): D. Cooper (first quarter) 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. E. Hinman (first as cond.) 3, C. E. Cooper 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For Evensong.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wells 1, Mrs. J. Peters 2, J. B. Daughtry 3, H. Hunt 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, G. Lee (jun.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Netley, a member of the local band.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Cotton 1, W. H. Curson 2, Joan Cotton 3, W. G. Hair 4, J. W. Cotton 5, H. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: C. Eustace 1, N. Bennett 2, P. Watson 3, B. Tomlinson 4, J. Bryant 5, T. Taylor (cond.) 6, D. Taylor 7, G. D. Fearnehough 8. For harvest festival.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Rita Stratford 2, Dorothy Stratford 3, M. Vernon 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Waters (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Oldershaw 2, R. C. Noon (cond.) 3, Mrs. R. C. Noon 4, T. Charlton 5, A. G. Moore (first 'inside') 6, F. Taylor 7, Miss D. Lawson 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. R. T. Proctor, former churchwarden.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breaston, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Barton bus, 5 or 5X.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 26, Derby Road, Duffield. 9273

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Stoke-next-Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in adjoining hall. Holy Trinity, Guildford, open in evening. —M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 24th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Special method. Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9283

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 24th. St. Stephen's, Ealing, 3.15 to 5 p.m. Brentford, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea available at Lyons', Ealing Broadway. —F. Finch. 9280

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter, Nov. 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9294

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—November meeting at Cotgrave on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Henson, Scrimshire Lane, Cotgrave. All ringers welcome.—M. I. Pailing, Hon. Sec. 9310

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, Hailsham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9282

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 6.30 p.m. Cathedral bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Lawrence's Church 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claines, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9291

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Nov. 29th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7.30–9. Next quarterly business meeting. Saturday, Dec. 8th. Nomination of officers. — Hutchings, TUL 0800. 9334

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Nutfield, Friday, Nov. 30th, 7.30 p.m. 9318

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Annual meeting, Wraxall, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9316

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual, Yeovil, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 9298

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton, St. Mary's, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Goldington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. No names no tea. 9317

BRAILSFORD.—Any ringers interested are cordially invited to the dedication of the new treble bell at Brailsford, Derbys, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 2.30 p.m.—Vivienne M. Horton. Dis. Sec. 9274

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Witton, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich. 9331

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sherbourne (6) on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Warwick. Names for tea by Nov. 28th. please. —H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 9302

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Annual general meeting. Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 26th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 9265

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. James' Church, Benwell, Newcastle, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 28th, to F. Ross, 26, Denton Gardens, West Benwell, Newcastle, 5. Service at 6 p.m. 9305

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 1st, St. Mary Redcliff (12) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Canteen, Redcliff Hall, Guinea Street. Business 6 p.m. Christ Church (10) after meeting. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 9315

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Saturday, Dec. 1st, Fairford (8) 3 p.m. Tea, business 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Morse, Milton Street, Fairford.—R. Wenban, Sec. 9300

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Ruardean, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to P.C. Hemming, Police Station, Ruardean, Glos. 9336

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Chatham (8) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. E. J. Norris, 39, Dale Street, Chatham, as early as possible. —Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 9337

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Meeting at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Gentlemen and all non-ringers welcome. — S. Hughes. 9254

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lancaster St. Peter's (10) Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Standish, Wigan, on Saturday, Dec 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 9329

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Joint meeting with Southern District of Swansea and Brecon Guild, Aberavon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. —R. E. Coles. 9267

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Stoke-on-Trent, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9330

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Important meeting, Acle, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9259

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanslope, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Nov. 26th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Practice at Great Milton on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea available for those who notify me by Nov. 28th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame 9328

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting in Oxford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.45 at St. Martin and All Saints' Church. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Michael's Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 9339

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne, Wilts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Holt, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9313

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Beaminster, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Nov. 26th.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9324

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Please note altered arrangements. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City (8) available 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Botolph's Church Hall. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), available after tea. Names for tea, without fail, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12. All very welcome, but please notify for tea.—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, F. A. Finch, Hon. Secs. 9306

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Haverhill (6) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare. 9338

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea (3s. each) to Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9292

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Blythburgh (6). Ringing from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 9323

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey. 9332

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst near Crawley. 9314

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Priory bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers for 1957 follows. Notify for tea, please.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth 9325

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, St. Thomas', Exeter. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 5th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9299

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9311

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ashtead, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Tea in Schoolroom, requests for which should reach J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by Dec. 5th.—A. H. Smith. 9312

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party at St Peter's, Walsden, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Whist drive and dance 7.30 p.m. Tickets, inclusive of tea and social, 6s.; children 4s. Please order tickets by Dec. 1st from J. Lord, 1, Knowsley Avenue, Walsden, or F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 9304

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Rededication, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.30, for those who notify me by Monday, Dec. 3rd. Buses 41 and 48 from Eastleigh or Southampton stop outside the church: frequent service.—R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants. 9308

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tea for those who notify me by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 9309

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of Swanmore bells (6). Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome. 9303

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A meeting will be held at 17, Euston Square, London, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15th, followed by tea, 3s. 6d. per head. Names for tea to G. A. Morris, Central Dispatch Office, Euston Station, London, N.W.1 Ringing details later.—S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 9301

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice. Annual general meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 1957. Please book the date.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 9307

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THE BELLS OF A HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE

THE Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Cheriton, Hants, stands on a little hill in the churchyard. The elevation is unusual as the surrounding ground is rather flat, but from this position the church stands above the neighbouring houses and overlooks the village green.

There has been a church here since the 12th century, and parts of that building are still to be seen in the present church, which was rebuilt after the fire of 1744. The present chancel remains from the old church and the nave and tower were rebuilt after the fire. The tower is a square, brick-built structure not much higher than the nave roof. At present it houses a ring of six bells and a clock.

The bells were recast in 1888 by John Warner and Son, of Cripplegate, from an old ring of five bells, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The tenor bell has an inscription on it which was reproduced from the old tenor bell. The inscription reads: 'To the church I will call and to the grave will summonce all. I. S. B. F. 1746.'

This inscription tells us that the old five bells dated from the rebuilding of the tower, or at least that particular bell did. The inscription is to be found on many tenors; there are other inscriptions which, whilst not exactly worded the same, convey the same thought. The initials I.S. are the initials of the bellfounder John Stares, who followed the Cors of Albourne, Wilts, from 1744 to 1746, and he was followed by Edward Read, and later the famous Wells family, who sent many bells to Hampshire. The initials B.F. are probably those of the donor of the bell.

When the bells were recast the old oak bell frame was retained, and in order to accommodate the extra bell the pit in which the tenor bell hung was divided in two and the two treble bells hung therein. The other bells were each moved round one place and thus they hang to-day.

On the rafters at the top of the tower is nailed a small board with the following details written on it:—

'Ringing Grandsire on the Church Bells, 1888.

Robt. Crockford, sen.	Treble	Robt. Crockford, jun.	4th
John McKenny	2nd	William Harfield	5th
Ernest Shearman	3rd	James Harfield	Tenor

Bells opened February.'

The above details are written in pencil and have become very faint after nearly seventy years.

These old ringers were very keen, and to-day you can see the rules of the 'Cheriton Bellringers Association' in the vestry. Details are given as to the number of services each ringer must ring for each month, times of practice, winter and summer, fines for various offences such as being absent without giving notice, the fee for ringing at weddings (£1 1s.), etc. All moneys to be held by the captain and shared out at Christmas!

The old ringers were very particular about their striking and many of the older residents in the parish will tell you that the ringing was like clockwork. Within living memory a 'Bonfire Night Carnival' was held in Cheriton and the church bells were rung on that occasion as well as on all the Church Festivals. Early morning ringing was the order of the day for Christmas Day and Easter Day, ringing commencing at 6 a.m. New Year's Eve had its share of ringing, and the royal birthdays were observed by 'firing' the bells 21 times. This latter custom has died out at Cheriton, although to hear the bells 'fired,' that is all the bells striking at the same time, certainly attracts the attention of the listening public.

Although the bells were rung regularly for Sunday services and local and national occasions there has only been one full-length peal of 5,040 changes rung on the bells. On July 27th, 1938, a band of ringers, mostly from New Alresford, rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles, 5,040 changes, in 2 hours and 48 minutes, the ringers being:

Harold H. Shaw	Treble	Alan Tremeer	4th
Harry Newnham	2nd	Rev. G. A. Ellison	5th
Leslie A. Tremeer (conductor)	3rd	W. Wearring	Tenor

This peal nearly came to grief as towards the end the rope of the treble bell came into contact with something as it passed through its guides and started disintegrating, Luckily the treble man managed to carry on and finished the peal with only one strand of rope remaining. The Rev. G. A. Ellison was at that time chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester and is now the Bishop of Chester.

During the last 16 years the bells have been silent three times. The first time was during the war when all bells were silent. The second time was about five years ago when the fabric of the tower was being repaired, and now as the bells are being overhauled. The bell frame has to

be strengthened, the wheels trued up, the clappers and clock hammers repaired, and the plain bearings replaced with ball-bearing fittings.

The work is to cost approximately £300. Of this amount about £50 has been collected so far. If these notes about the bells and ringers have interested you, would you please help us to get our bells ringing and our clock striking again? The Rector, the Rev. A. P. Skene, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any gifts, however large or small.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	8
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	9
RONALD J. SHARP	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5080 BEDFORD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
ANN BARR	2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
*MILTON C. FOWLER	3	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	9
JOAN BERESFORD	5	*WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.
In memoriam Harry Morgan.

SOUTHEND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

*JOAN M. PEACOCK	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
MABEL PROCKSOM	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	9
*ROY D. TOMLIN	5	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method and on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Annable's. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

GLYN WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JACK ALSOP	5
JEAN POWELL	2	REV. IVOR RICHARDS	6
DONALD G. CLARKE	3	A. RYAN PRICE	7
W. GWYNNE JONES	4	*THOMAS PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal.
A farewell peal to Canon James Davies, upon his retirement after 23 years as incumbent at Bedwellty.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWNE	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
FRANK K. MEASURES	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Arranged as a compliment to Roger Charles Hayward and Nancy Margaret Toone, who were married at this church on October 20th. Also to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Milner.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

DAVID A. MELLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
*MICHAEL H. PAULSON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
ALEX. RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	4	†RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal 'inside.' † 300th peal. First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Rev. G. Gordon Graham, of Bakewell, who is leaving the district.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	RONALD W. PANKHURST	6
LESLIE J. BALDOCK	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. K. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JILL COOK	*Treble*	*EVELYN GIBSON	5
WALTER AVERY	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	6
*ERIC G. SILVEY	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
JOSEPH L. YOUNG	4	JAMES T. CLAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.
* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JOHN F. BRYANT	*Treble*	*JAMES V. DAVIES	5
CAROL EUSTACE	2	BRIAN TOMLINSON	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	7
ALAN SHARPLES	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*D. PRIESTLEY (University)	*Treble*	*J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	5
D. BERESFORD (King's)	2	*R. KEELEY (King's)	6
J. L. MORRIS (Queen Mary)	3	*J. R. LEEMING (King's)	7
D. G. JACKSON (Imperial)	4	D. N. LAYTON (Imperial)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by D. N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol for the Society.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
*BERNARD GROVES	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	6
*ALAN MCFALL	3	HENRY KIRK	7
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	4	ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band, and on the bells. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. George Headington, a patron of this church.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	5
*HAROLD E. RAXTER	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to the tower captain, Mr. R. Dowdeswell, and his wife, upon the birth of a daughter.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	*GWILYM SALMON	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
ERIC NAYLOR	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First touch of Yorkshire and first peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	5
FREDA OLDERSHAW	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	ALBERT H. BENNETT	7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	*PETER BUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Maurice Bennett to Miss Marjory Joyce Cooling, both members of this tower.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	TERENCE BARTON	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	*ALBERT J. DUNK	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	RONALD C. BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
RICHARD PRIME	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	FRANK CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. Canon J. R. Collins, M.A.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
*ANN M. COX	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
*GEORGE FRANCIS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.
Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. S. Bensted, who was inducted to the living on November 8th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 15. 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
*WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
PAUL J. RIGBY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	THOMAS M. COX	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	ROLAND PARK	6
*MALCOLM P. HAMMOND	3	THOMAS COOKE	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob. Standard calling. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

RONALD DAWSON	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
*MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	3	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* 25th peal together.

GREAT PAXTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four extents of St. Simon's, six extents of Plain Bob (four different callings in each), one Morris's 240 and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	*GILES C. GANNEY	3
JOHN R. SPICER	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. G. F. Dowden, Curate of Great Paxton, Little Paxton and Toseland.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LYNDA GRENHAM	*Treble*	LESLIE MAYNARD	4
ARTHUR E. WEBB	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal.

GAMLINGAY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

EDMUND J. WHITING	*Treble*	BRYAN F. SIMS	4
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	PETER BORDER	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 18 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 45 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

*ROBERT SMITH	*Treble*	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
*MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	‡WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	3	†ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 18 methods. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. The most methods yet rung in a peal for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. M. J. B. Henry.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H WILLIAM BARRETT.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bacon, of Yoxford, on their 62nd wedding anniversary.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES HORREX	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	PERCY W. MILLS	5
LESLIE N. MELTON	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

The treble ringer is 73, and it was his first peal since about 1910.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London and three extents each of Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*ALEC DENSON	*Treble*	†GEORGE E. CRISP	4
STANLEY SHIPP	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in three Surprise methods. † 75th peal.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 11 cwt.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WENBAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	RICHARD G. OUSTON	5
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being spliced extents of Single Court and College Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Thelwall and Childwall, Plain Bob and Double Bob, and extents of Single Oxford and Fulbeck Bob; 51 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	4
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the treble ringer's 84th birthday.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	DOUGLAS THORP	4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	2	PETER DAWSON	5
MARGARET S. RHODES	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

In memoriam Harry Morgan.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

MOLLY HOVERD	*Treble*	ALLAN LEACH	4
GEORGE SHEFFIELD	2	IVOR HARRIS	5
BERT PRATLEY	3	WILLIAM CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVOR HARRIS.

First of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. The last peal on the bells, which are now being augmented to eight.

Rung as a compliment to Philip Coombes, a ringer of the local Branch, and Heather Jackson, on the announcement of their engagement.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Mark W. Lewis .. .. *Treble*	Mrs. A. Simpson 4
C. Frank Butler 2	Alan Simpson 5
F. William Midwinter .. 3	*William L. Exton .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* 50th peal.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Donald E. R. Knights *Treble*	†Geoffrey A. Lucas .. 4
*Harold J. F. Muncey .. 2	George E. Crisp 5
*Henry C. Foster 3	Stanley Shipp .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Donald E. R. Knights.
* First in the method. † 25th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

IRON ACTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Lesser,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 Twelve-scores (Morris's and Pitman's). Tenor 17 cwt.

*Malcolm Hendy .. .. *Treble*	†Thomas T. Walters .. 4
†John Ferris 2	William F. Scudamore .. 5
Henry Taysom 3	†Herbert T. Ferris .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. B. G. Sanders, M.A., who was recently inducted into the living of Iron Acton.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

Edwin F. G. Jones .. .. *Treble*	Harry Wooding 3
Rex Line 2	Norman Line 4

George F. Roome .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by George F. Roome.
* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

Bernard G. Moore .. .. *Treble*	George Francis 4
June M. Clements 2	W. Leslie Weller 5
Robin G. Leale 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The quickest peal on the bells.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Blanche M. Hunt .. .. *Treble*	Alan H. Sturgess 4
*John A. G. Ball 2	Frederick W. Burnett .. 5
Renee Sturgess 3	John H. Hunt .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Frederick Watson .. .. *Treble*	*A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 4
John H. Bailess 2	John Vernon 5
Michael Vernon 3	James H. Musson .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal and first attempt (age 14).
Rung with the bells half-muffled 'in remembrance.'

A WILTSHIRE WEEK-END

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 KELSO SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 94, 96—101).
Tenor 9 cwt.

Derek P. Jones .. .. *Treble*	Brian Bladon 4
Ralph Bird 2	†Malcolm S. Cloke .. 5
*Ronald J. Sharp 3	Philip Mehew .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* 50th peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. S.13). The first peal of Surprise on the bells

MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Ralph Bird .. .. .. *Treble*	Derek P. Jones 4
Ronald J. Sharp 2	Philip Mehew 5
Brian Bladon 3	Malcolm S. Cloke .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. S.20). The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAERNARVON DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 95—101).
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Ronald J. Sharp .. .. *Treble*	Ralph Bird 4
Brian Bladon 2	Philip Mehew 5
Malcolm S. Cloke 3	Derek P. Jones .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.4). The first peal of Minor on the bells and the first peal on them since 1922.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Brian G. Warwick .. .. 1—2	John M. Jelley .. .. .. 5—6
†John A. Acres .. .. 3—4	Mrs. B. G. Warwick .. 7—8

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 200th peal as conductor. † 100th peal 'in hand.'

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 6, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
At 51, Dover Road, Northfleet.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*John L. Morris .. .. 1—2	George J. Butcher .. .. 3—4
Cyril S. Jarrett .. .. 5—6	

Conducting shared by the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6.
* First peal 'in hand.' 50th peal of Minor for the ringer of 5-6.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At 24, Doyle Avenue, Hilsea,
In four methods, being one extent each of Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose, and four of Cambridge. Tenor size 7 in D.

S Kathleen M. Knight .. 1—2	*Robin G. Leale .. .. 3—4
*†Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 50th peal this year. † 50th peal together. First peal of four Surprise methods 'in hand' by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At Glengariff,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Norah H. Bibby .. .. 1—2	George E. Feirn .. .. 5—6
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 3—4	George H. Randles .. 7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Forrest (first of Minor) 1, Pamela R. Gough (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Diana M. Gough 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. For the celebration of Choral Communion on the eve of St. Leonard's Day, the patronal festival.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Littlewood 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, R. H. Cook 3, J. H. Cook 4, A. E. Hinman 5, G. A. Bowcutt (first as cond.) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. E. Littlewood, who still rings regularly at this church.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with 7 and 8 covering): B. Piper 1, E. A. Lewis (first of Bob Minor 'inside') 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, P. J. Jackson 4, J. Haynes (first as cond. and first of Bob Minor 'inside') 5, D. G. Astridge 6, H. H. Haynes 7, B. Warnecke 8. For Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Abell 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, A. Skinner 4, C. Linch 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. Half-muffled.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Andrews (first in method) 1, J. R. Mossop 2, A. E. Daniells (first 'inside') 3, H. Sear 4, F. Stonton 5, W. Daniells 6, D. J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Tomkins 1, F. J. Bedford 2, H. J. Thomas 3, W. Mantle 4, R. Bethell 5, G. Corbett 6. Conducted by J. H. Thomas. Rung half-muffled for evening service.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, E. R. Mackrill 2, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 3, A. B. Peck 4, C. H. Wood 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. Phillips 7, T. F. V. Neil 8.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): J. Cooper 1, W. Lord 2, J. A. Lord 3, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 4, K. Burdett 5, G. Howlett 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beniston on the birth of a son (Paul). Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. F. R. S. Byfield (first quarter) 1, K. Burdett 2, J. A. Lord 3, C. W. Hall 4, J. Wardle 5, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Pamela Tooby.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, C. Bennett 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, W. Fern 4, W. Holloway (cond.) 5, L. Busby 6. Rung half-muffled on the parish memorial bells in memory of the Fallen.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Canterbury, 540 Plain Bob): Miss D. Hicks 1, K. Alton 2, J. Hadley 3, R. E. Old 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, J. M. Nash 6. To commemorate the feast of dedication.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stevenson 1, J. Ball 2, Mrs. R. Sturgess 3, Mrs. B. Ball 4, G. Miles 5, J. Hunt 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. For Evensong.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. McGuiness 1, A. N. Brown 2, P. M. Giles 3, R. Telford 4, G. S. Deas 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, C. N. Lea 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On July 1st, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. W. Croft 1, S. H. Ashton 2, A. C. Harris 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, L. Runnacles 4, R. Head 5, P. Croft (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Norwich): S. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, F. Croft 5, P. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Oct. 28th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Parkin 1, M. V. Copping 2, S. M. Taylor 3, D. S. Hollas (first of Surprise) 4, J. H. Fielden 5, R. Mann (first in method) 6, E. M. Fielden 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. Rung for the baptism of Roger William Henderson, son of the Vicar.

QUARTER PEALS

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): G. H. Reeves 1, G. L. P. Aldhouse 2, H. M. Windsor 3, T. K. Farrow 4, R. M. Andrews 5.

HATTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: T. K. Farrow 1, Miss D. M. Palmer 2, A. C. Morris 3, G. L. P. Aldhouse 4, H. M. Windsor 5, D. Harrison 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Hobbs 1, A. V. Good 2, W. J. Puddifoot 3, Mrs. Manchip 4, W. C. Hughes 5, F. J. Plummer 6, B. Barker 7, W. Ayre (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. For All Saints' Day.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 28th, 480 St. Simon's and 780 Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. P. A. Bird 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, Miss E. Hiley 4, Mrs. V. Lathbury 5, H. Colcombe 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, J. King 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. J. Dodson, ringing master of Chertsey District, Guildford Guild, and captain of Hersham tower, who was cremated this day.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 1, W. W. Webb 2, P. A. Ruch 3, C. J. Newnes 4, W. A. Lewis 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. E. Ruck 7, G. W. Golding 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Oct. 18th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: R. Maher 1, N. Tomkins 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 4, R. Leigh 5, J. Thornley 6, P. Crook (sen.) 7, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 8. Rung on St. Luke's Day to mark the dedication festival.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the heavy eight): M. T. Young (first quarter) 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, G. F. Hinton 3, J. L. Hilton 4, P. J. Evans 5, T. M. Bailey 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. W. White 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer (first of Surprise) 1, Miss B. Spicer (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, B. Pattison 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong on All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer (first in method 'inside') 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe (cond.) 1 and 2, J. Marriott 3, H. A. Massey 4, G. Gregory 5, D. Jones (first quarter) 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomews, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Wm. Fulker 1, R. Tuckwell 2, F. Godden 3, B. Collins (cond.) 4, J. Godman 5, E. Morris 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Frank Absolom, ringing master of the South Oxford Guild, to Miss Rosemary Edwards, ringer at this church, married this day. Rung after an attempt at a peal failed.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, J. Crampion 2, Miss V. Hester (first in method) 3, C. Hughes 4, L. Fox 5, R. Smith 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. For thanksgiving service for completion of restoration of church.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Marchant 1, T. Coombs 2, T. Petty 3, W. Dare 4, F. Rowsell (cond.) 5, W. Davies 6, T. Yeoman 7, H. Jones 8. A farewell to Mr. Thomas (Vicar), who is leaving the district.

LONDON.—At the Church of St Giles-in-the-Fields, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hibbert 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, James Phillips 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8. For Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Arscott 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. C. Keeley 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. S. Morris 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Remembrance Day.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pell 1, G. Avis 2, Miss S. Brett (first in method) 3, R. Bennett 4, A. Hart (cond.) 5, T. Brett 6. Rung as a tribute to the late Major T. M. Bowles.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, Mrs. A. M. Guy 2, H. Long 3, A. Jackson 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, Wm. Upton 6, A. Drake 7, Wm. G. Scott 8. A tribute to Mr. Tom Carter on his retirement as verger of St. Thomas', Newport, and also for his 82nd birthday.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Holloway 1, Mrs. F. Penn (first of Double Norwich) 2, Miss R. Brown 3, P. Harding 4, G. Eyles 5, F. Penn 6, F. Slatford 7, G. Harding (cond.) 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Fry 1, Miss A. Knight 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, J. Page 4, K. Jacobs 5, R. Allen 6. For the patronal festival.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Austin (first quarter) 1, M. Jill Fisher 2, Stella Hughes (cond.) 3, Samela R. P. Thomas 4, G. W. Hughes 5, A. Hewlett (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Michael Austin, who is starting National Service in the R.A.F.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Tripies: D. Burnett 1, Miss M. L. Lidgey 2, F. J. Roberts (first in method) 3, Miss M. A. Birch 4, A. Carveth 5, R. A. Southwood 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, A. Locke 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1, T. P. Harris 2, R. J. Sharp 3, E. Sharp 4, D. R. Brazier 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. For the birthday of Mr. George Wood, parochial reader and member of the local band.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Le Grice 1, H. W. Lidbetter 2, Doris Lidbetter 3, E. W. Brown 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5, May Lidbetter 6. Rung for the Somerleyton Estate service.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Green (first quarter) 1, P. W. M. Jones 2, R. E. Finch 3, O. N. Curtis (cond.) 4, Eileen Arthur 5, Ruth A. Carey 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, J. Pitfield (first quarter) 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wilf Seldon 1, A. Gooding 2, W. Panter 3, Wm. Seldon 4, G. E. Retter 5, H. G. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, E. Burnett 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shepherd 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Kitty Willers 3, Jane Thorpe 4, E. Bullman 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Maynard 1, H. Rumens 2, D. Hewitt 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, R. Lumsden (first on ten) 6, C. A. Hughes 7, E. E. Holman 8. R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, M. J. Hayes 10. For Evensong, also for the birth of a grandson (Nigel John) to Mr. E. E. Holman.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, Mrs. Saunders 2, G. Parsons 3, J. Rea 4, A. Lewry 5, J. Euston (cond.) 6, G. Peters 7, R. Saunders 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 28th, at All Saints', Stranton, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Maughan 1, K. Lawson 2, R. Webster 3, W. Maughan 4, P. G. Graffan 5, A. Watson 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, J. Maughan 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,269 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Nixon (first of Triples) 1, Miss P. Holborn 2, Mrs. H. Roberts 3, H. Roberts 4, A. H. Lawton 5, W. G. Talbot 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Over 50 ringers attended a meeting of the Chertsey District at Horsell on November 17th to pay tribute at the service to the late District Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Woodard), who based his address on the word 'Ringers,' which he said could stand for Reverence, Inspiration, Neighbourliness, Grace, Endurance, Righteousness of Life and Saints, with whom they were in communion.

Following tea, the Vicar, who is a vice-president of the Guild, presided at the meeting. Before the usual business the secretary (Mr. R. Collins) informed the meeting of the death during the previous week of two more members of the District—Mr. Percy Underwood, a loyal member of the Ottershaw band, and Mr. H. J. Collis, for 50 years a ringer at Chobham. The meeting stood in silent tribute.

Nomination for District officers for 1957 were: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins and Mr. J. King; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Collins and Miss H. Hancock; auditor, Mr. W. Shepherd; executive committee, Mr. G. Talbot and Mr. T. Luxford. The election takes place at the annual meeting at Hersham on February 2nd, 1957.

A tribute to the late Ringing Master was made by Mr. W. Shepherd who said that Mr. Dodson was an example to all, a sentiment shared by those present.

Good wishes were extended to the Rev. F. A. Woodard who is leaving Horsell for Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon, on January 1st, and thanks for his great help and encouragement. Mr. Woodard, in acknowledgment, said he had always been happy to meet ringers both in and out of the belfry, and his family had insisted that if he ever left Horsell his new church must have a ring of bells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deanery at Bicker

The Elloe Deaneries Branch visited Bicker on November 17th for the last meeting of the year. A smaller attendance than usual arrived for a service at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. S. Horsley, who also acted as organist.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, about 30 members and friends being present. A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar as chairman. He was also elected an honorary member of the Guild, and one ringing member, Miss Brenda Dawson, was elected. Tea was rather expensive and it was agreed to pay part of the expense from Branch funds. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 0s. 6d. A comprehensive vote of thanks was expressed to all by Mr. J. G. Ames. The bells were kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Clawton is 2½ miles from Holsworthy and has a tuneful six (tenor 9 cwt.). Here the N.W. Branch of the Guild held their annual meeting on November 10th. About 40 members and friends were present. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, came from Axminster, and we were pleased also to welcome Mr. R. H. Moon. Ringers from Plymouth, Combe-Martin and Stratton, in addition to the members of the Branch, were also in attendance. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. N. McGee, who gave a special welcome to all.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall by the wives of the local band, led by Mrs. Pennington and Mrs. McGee. At the following business meeting the company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. E. J. Taylor, the late general secretary of the Guild. An apology for non-attendance was received from Messrs. Myers, and we all were sorry that Mrs. G. H. Myers had broken her arm.

The secretary, Mr. J. W. Sangwin, in his report stated that a number of quarter peals had been rung by members. The balance in hand was £6 16s. 4d., with some subscriptions outstanding. Mr. W. H. Slee was nominated as a life member of the Guild. Two non-resident and five new members from Stratton were elected. It was decided that the summer meeting should be held at Holsworthy on August 10th.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. F. C. Smale; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sangwin; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Sangwin; representatives to the general committee, Messrs. R. G. Collacott, R. E. Pearce and W. H. R. Smale. Preb. Cox presented eight Guild certificates to young members of the Branch. Appropriate votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to such a successful meeting. F. C. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

One of our oldest readers is Mr. George Headington, of Fairfield, Buxton, whose 90th birthday was marked by a peal on November 10th. He is still a keen spectator of the local band and usually arrives first for evening ringing.

Members of the Ashford District of the K.C.A. heard with regret at their meeting on November 17th that Mr. Mark Lancefield, peal secretary of the association, was in bed with pleurisy. The latest report is that he is feeling better.

A Gloucestershire correspondent enquires of an infallible method for keeping awake when (mis)calling the final 720 of Cambridge in an attempt for seven Surprise Minor methods.

Mr. D. T. H. Robertson informs us that the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Marston Bigott on May 29th and printed as being for the Bath and Wells Association was in actual fact a non-Association peal.

Some 14 pupils of the initial course of the College of Campanology, after an average each of about 3½ hours' bell handling, made their ringing debut before Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral on Remembrance Sunday. Next week tests are being held locally of candidates for the grades of Ringer I and Tutor I, trained in accordance with Part I of the Manual.

Illness has prevented two peal attempts at Thame, Oxon, recently. It was intended to honour the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and on November 10th to ring for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, a frequent visitor to Thame, as Bishop of Lincoln. The Ringing Master of the South Oxon Branch, Mr. F. Absalom, met with an accident the previous week, and Mr. H. Badger, the Branch secretary, has had an attack of lumbar pneumonia.

A sign of popularity and appreciation of services was the re-election of Miss M. Andrews, of Bexley, as District Ringing Master of the Lewisham District, K.C.A. This is the first time since the office was instituted in 1945 that the holder of the office has been re-elected.

The band who rang the peal of London at Hinckley on October 22nd were afterwards entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Toone, to whom they extend their thanks. The Leicestershire members trust this will explain why R. G. E. was rather late getting home.

Helmdon lads enjoyed a day's rest from work on November 16th and indulged in two peal attempts. They were successful in a peal of Doubles in seven methods at Croughton, Northants, but failed in seven Surprise Minor methods after five 720's at Lois Weedon.

Mr. R. J. Stannard, of Barking, has unfortunately had to give up his ringing activities owing to rather indifferent health. He is to enter Moorfields Hospital, London, for an eye operation. His many friends in the Essex, Suffolk and London areas join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Another Essex veteran in Mr. H. J. Macdougal, of Hornchurch, has made an excellent recovery from a severe abdominal operation, and is once again ringing for Sunday service. Well done, Mac!

Mr. Alfred Cusick, of Chester, who is chief electrician on the M.V. 'Surrey,' has been visiting Sydney towers. Writes 'Ringing Towers': 'His ability as a conductor was most welcome in most towers where there is a shortage of good conductors. He introduced us to some fancy spliced doubles ringing, and it was a pleasure to ring with him.'

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Archdeaconry of Stafford's Successful Dinner

THE fifth annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 10th, when there was a record attendance of 108. This figure could have been exceeded had accommodation been available as numerous late applicants for tickets had to be refused.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. W. A. Parker) occupied the chair. The guest of the evening was the Bishop of Lichfield (Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve) who was accompanied by Mrs. Reeve. Other guests were Rt. Rev. N. Tubbs (former Bishop of Rangoon) and Mrs. Tubbs, Mrs. Parker, Rev. V. F. Nicholls (Vicar of Walsall) and Mrs. Nicholls, and Councillor E. R. Magness (Willenhall Urban District Council) and Mrs. Magness. Visitors present included Rev. W. W. Price (Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent), Dr. A. B. Lavelle (Vicar of Wednesbury) and Mrs. Lavelle, Rev. T. O. Boulton (Vicar of Penn) and Mrs. Boulton, Rev. G. Rainbow (Vicar of Claverley) and Mrs. Rainbow, Miss E. Fletcher (Birmingham), Mr. D. Matkin (Bournemouth), Mr. H. Henshaw, Miss F. Seaman, together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire.

After a very nice meal, the chairman proposed the loyal toast. When this had been duly honoured, the Ven. W. A. Parker proceeded to welcome the Bishop of Lichfield and Mrs. Reeve, and said that their presence was a red-letter occasion for the members of the Society.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' the Bishop of Lichfield first paid tribute to the 40 years of loyal service rendered to the Society by the clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker. After expressing his great appreciation of the work of ringers throughout the Diocese, Dr. Reeve appealed to those members who were lax in their duties to make every effort to fulfil their obligations in the belfry. Nothing was more likely to kill enthusiasm amongst a band of ringers than the apathy of one or more of its members.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Bert Horton said it was indeed an honour to have the Bishop and Mrs. Reeve present that evening. It was also very gratifying to see Bishop Tubbs and the other clerical visitors. Mr. Horton recalled the aims and hopes expressed for the welfare of the Society at a dinner he had attended in Wolverhampton 23 years previously, and said that he was of opinion that such hopes had been fully realised with a result that today the Society was in a very strong position.

Councillor E. R. Magness proposed the toast of 'Church and State' in a witty speech. He said that Mr. Chris. Wallater had endeavoured to make him a ringer but after a few lessons he (Councillor Magness) decided it was much easier to become a councillor. It was a matter of satisfaction to him that during the recent crisis in the affairs of this country in the Middle East, leaders of the Church had not been afraid to express their views fearlessly.

In reply, the Rev. W. Willis Price said that it was just as important for the spiritual welfare of the community to be catered for by the Church as the material welfare as administered by the State. People today were inclined to overlook the need of spiritual matters.

Proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Clive Smith said that the good fellowship which existed amongst ringers was something to be proud of, and be it a social function like this dinner, a ringing meeting or a visit to a strange tower, the visitor was always made welcome.

Mr. Harold Henshaw, a non-ringer, in reply said that he had been impressed with the friendliness which existed amongst ringers. He wished all ringers present that evening good hunting in the future. At the conclusion of the speeches the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker thanked the Archdeacon of Stafford for so ably taking the chair.

Entertainment was provided by Rev. G. H. Rainbow, Mr J. Courtman and Mr. N. Holden, who were thanked by Mr. F. Bennett. Courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. H. Howell, E. E. Speake, B. G. Key D. Matkin, J. Eastwood, A. Collins, A. Richards and K. W. Knowles.

During the afternoon the bells of Walsall Parish Church were available for those attending the annual dinner.

STAFFORD HONOURS MR. WARRILOW

The spacious ringing room of St. Mary's, Stafford, was well filled on the evening of November 7th, when a testimonial taking the form of treasury notes was presented to Mr. John Warrilow. It was early in 1911 that Mr. Warrilow joined St. Mary's band, later becoming head ringer, a position he held for a number of years. The esteem in which he is held was marked by the generous contributions made to his testimonial. These were from the Rector, the churchwardens, the Parochial Church Council and past and present ringers.

The Rector, the Rev. D. A. Hodges, in making the presentation remarked that he spoke on behalf of the Church, and thanked Mr. Warrilow for all he had done during his years of service in not only ringing but in keeping the bells and ropes in good order, and the many other things he had done in connection with the bells and belfry.

The hon. secretary, A. E. Garbett, on behalf of all who had been associated with Mr. Warrilow in the belfry, expressed thanks and appreciation for his help, kindness and tolerance. There were times, said Mr. Garbett, that Mr. Warrilow could have been forgiven had he 'gone off the deep end,' but never had they heard him speak unkindly to a ringer; his placid temperament had done much to cement the very friendly feeling and the unity that had existed in that belfry for so many years. He also thanked Mr. Warrilow for the wonderful example he had given them to follow, for despite the fact that to fulfil his service he had to cycle nearly four miles from his home, often in inclement weather, yet he was invariably first at the belfry

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Garbett said that age had now conquered the spirit. Yet he (Mr. Warrilow) would have much satisfaction in knowing that his service had been well and faithfully rendered, that the Warrilow tradition was being ably carried on by his son Richard, head ringer, who is well known in Midland circles, and by his grandson Robert, who recently joined the peal-ringing fraternity. 'We trust,' said Mr. Garbett, 'that as you check the "part ends" in your long peal of life, you will have very happy recollections of the times spent in ringing and of the friends you have made in St. Mary's belfry.'

Mr. R. M. Webb, churchwarden, also paid tribute to the work Mr. Warrilow had done. In conclusion, Mr. Warrilow shook hands with all present.

A. E. G.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): C. J. B. Taylor 1, R. N. Pittman 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, D. J. Roaf, 4, D. H. Niblett 5, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 6. First extent of Norwich by all.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTERSHIP

Mr. J. S. Mason for a Second Year

November 17th was election day, and in accordance with the usual custom the Master, Mr. J. S. Mason, vacated the chair after routine business had been transacted. Past Master J. Chilcott was then voted to the chair to conduct the election of officers.

Owing to the senior steward, Mr. S. H. Dearden, having been transferred to the north in connection with his business duties, he was unable to stand for election as Master. It is hoped that when he returns to London he will be able to take his place as Master.

The meeting decided to re-elect Mr. J. S. Mason for a further year, and opportunity was taken to express deep appreciation of his services to the Society. The past year has been a most successful one under his wise and able leadership, and an equally successful and enjoyable year is looked forward to under him.

Mr. A. B. Peck was re-elected as secretary with much enthusiasm, and the hope was expressed by his proposer, Mr. E. G. Fenn, that he would be spared for many more years to carry out his important duties.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who has been treasurer since 1919, intimated that owing to pressure of business he felt unable to continue in this office, and he proposed that Mr. Cyril Watts should be appointed. Mr. Watts was duly elected, and he paid a high tribute to Mr. Hughes for his long and faithful service to the Society, a tribute which was endorsed by all present

Mr. P. A. F. Chalk was elevated from the junior stewardship to be senior steward. There were two nominations for the office of junior steward—Mr. B. K. Lunn and Mr. Wilfrid Williams, and on a ballot Mr. Williams was elected.

The two trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. J. F. Smallwood, were re-elected.

The large attendance at this meeting was evidence of the virility of this ancient Society, and it was most gratifying to see a large number of the younger members present taking their part in the activities of the Society. With such enthusiastic young members the future looks bright and promising.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Wandsworth

The sound of the bells from Holy Trinity (West Hill), Wandsworth, heralded the start of the Northern District nomination meeting on November 10th, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Collins. A short service followed the ringing, where some of the ringers robed and formed a choir. An address was given by the Vicar.

In the Church Hall the ladies provided the tea, which 34 members and eight visitors enjoyed. At the business meeting all stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. James Dodson, of Hersham.

The following were nominated: Master, G. P. T. Peters; hon. secretary, W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, H. N. Pitstow, M.B.E.; hon. auditor, R. T. Layton; committee—N. Bagworth, A. S. Harris, J. Hill and H. V. Young. Further nominations can be sent to the District secretary up to December 29th.

A collection for the Bow Bells Appeal amounted to 26s. Owing to repairs at Mitcham, the annual District meeting will now be at Wimbledon on January 26th.

The ringing of All Saints' bells concluded the meeting.

THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' TOUR, 1956

YORKSHIRE was the hunting ground of the Roving Ringers on their 1956 tour, and Selby Abbey the meeting place on July 28th. This beautiful Norman building with its fine ten (25½ cwt.) made an excellent start. On into York and the Youth Hostel, not reached without a soaking, which became a regular feature of the tour.

Sunday morning dawned and we arrived at the Minster (12, 59¼ cwt.) to be greeted by Mr. Harold Walker and the local band. The Bedfordshire Young Ringers were finishing their week here and we joined forces in a touch of Stedman Cinques. Grandsire and more Stedman followed, but we did not do justice to this. Outside, we were greeted by a reporter, and numerous photographs were taken.

On to Wetherby (8, 12 cwt.), where an attempt at Spliced Surprise came to grief, and then to Birstwith (8, 11 cwt.), reached by some on a very muddy track. Here we enjoyed one of the handiest eights in the district. Dacre Banks, at the foot of Nidderdale, was the Hostel this time.

Most of us had time for a brisk walk round Fountains Abbey before going on to Ripon Cathedral. This fine ten (23 cwt.) went well to Yorkshire Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters. We had lunch in Ripon and then a mile, all down hill, to Sharrow (8, 12 cwt.). The Spliced was more successful here. We then pushed on to Wath (6, 7½ cwt.) amid showers and rang London and Cambridge on these bells. Thirsk brought back many happy (?) memories for at least one ex-Catterick member, and here we rang on the eight (14 cwt.) of the Parish Church. Spliced Plain and Little Bob and various Surprise methods were rendered.

The programme said 'Ampleforth—no meals provided (bread and milk ordered),' so many of the pessimistic stayed for a large meal before cycling on. However, our secretaries, with helpers, had done an excellent job by the time we arrived, and what was voted the best meal of the tour was greatly enjoyed. Birthdays were much in evidence during the week and this evening celebrations were well up to standard.

Tuesday's programme included Helmsley (8, 12 cwt.), Kirkby Moorside, a fine six of 8¼ cwt., and Pickering, where the wall paintings had to be seen to be believed! Here the ground floor eight of 14 cwt. were rung to various methods up to Rutland and Spliced before an interested audience. On to Malton (8, 12¼ cwt.), where we had the first setback of the tour owing to illness near the church. However, borrowed handbells were rung in the vestry to Grandsire and Stedman Caters. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Youth Hostel with its first-rate staff. Piano playing by Uncle Mac and others ended an excellent day.

A DAMP JOURNEY

Wednesday began fine, but after ringing at Norton (8, 14¼ cwt.), a steady drizzle commenced and frightened some on to British Railways. Others had their enthusiasm considerably dampened on the way to Scarborough (8, 20 cwt.), where we were greeted by Mr. Sutton who joined us in the ringing. It was now raining very heavily and only the strong willed did not succumb to the railway to Bridlington. We began to realise just how the colour was washed out of the Yorkshire rose!

At Bridlington Priory we enjoyed a rather heavy going eight (26½ cwt.), but the work was well worth while. Down at the hostel in the town some male members were interested in the warden's greeting of 'full up with females tonight.' Hopes died when it was discovered that most were still at school!

Thursday's first tower was Great Driffield (6, 12 cwt.). We were early for once and our officials went off to the Police Station to get the key, and we began to wonder if disaster had occurred, when they returned with Sgt. Huddleston. Spliced Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor was another trick out of our Master's hat.

BEVERLEY'S APPEAL

It seems rather unfair that one town should have two such fine pieces of architecture with such fine bells as Beverley. The painted chancel ceiling of St. Mary's depicts on panels many of our mediæval English kings. The ceiling was restored in post-war years and the portrait of the late King George VI was added. In the belfry Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal, and Stedman Caters were rung. We then moved across the town to the Minster and rang on this wonderful ten (41¼ cwt.).

We had been warned by the secretaries that the Sutton band were expecting good ringing, and we hope we obliged. Certainly if our ringing was as good as the tea they provided we have never done better! After a vote of thanks to them for what must have been a considerable amount of work, we divided to our various bed and breakfast appointments in Hull. A while later we met at Holy Trinity (10, 25½ cwt.), where Mr. Reed allowed us the pleasure of ringing.

Friday began with a long, long ride: half the band was tired out before we had any ringing at all! This was unfortunate as Howden's were thought by most to be the finest eight (22½ cwt.) this year. An unusual feature here is that from the churchyard one can see the bells swinging behind glass windows, and the sound rises at least 30ft. before leaving the tower. Those who remained here for lunch were rewarded by a thunderstorm; those who went on to Goole missed it! We had a not too successful ring on the eight (15½ cwt.) and then proceeded to Thorne (8, 14 cwt.). The ring here was greatly appreciated, Rutland and Spliced being successfully brought home. Bawtry Youth Hostel was paddled into, and after supper we joined the local band at their practice night (6, 14 cwt.).

We commenced Saturday at East Retford and the much-threatened London Royal was at last attempted. Three leads were enough to prove that most of us did not really know enough about the method. Mr. John Segar entertained with his tapping on handbells. He apologised for being out of practice, but it sounded pretty good to us. The next tower had originally been East Markham but the tenor was giving trouble so we went to Tuxford. Unfortunately the spire had been condemned that morning so we called in at East Drayton where permission was readily given to ring. This six (12 cwt.) was a good one, and we were glad to add it to our list. We could almost see Lincoln Minster now, and after a quick halt at Saxilby (6, 12¼ cwt.) we chased down the Lincolnshire Handicap course to jump from our saddles outside our hotels, the Great Northern and Oxford, the headquarters for the remainder of the tour. Most of the week-enders had now joined us.

AT LINCOLN

At the Minster we were met by one of our honorary members, Mr. John A. Freeman, and the Minster band. We had been here in 1950, but it is always a pleasure to revisit this 12. Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus were the methods. That evening the Society celebrated its tenth birthday with dinner and a cake which had travelled from Somerset. Had it been kept since February? We were glad to have Mr. Freeman and his wife with us and to be able to congratulate young John on the recent addition to his family. The highlight of the proceedings after dinner was a course of London Major on handbells.

Sunday's programme said 'St. Giles', 8.40 a.m. (if energetic).' How many were, the writer does not know. Others rang at the Cathedral, St. Peter de Groot. In the afternoon we went to Washingborough, and many of the tired cyclists were glad to take advantage of one of the car-borne member's spare seats. St. Giles' bells (8, 18 cwt.) were rung for evening service, including Spliced and an excellent course of London.

On Monday it was raining again. We rang at Harmston (8, 10 cwt.) where, of course, Spliced had to be rung, but we could not quite manage 22! On to Grantham (10, 32¼ cwt.), a fitting end to a most enjoyable tour.

We must record our thanks to our secretaries for organisation, to the incumbents and tower keepers for allowing us to visit their various towers, and to our Master for keeping us in order. We decided at the meeting to visit London for the reunion, and we look forward to this.

R. H./J. H.

JOINT MEETING AT SHEFFIELD

A joint meeting of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild and the Sheffield and District Society was held in Sheffield on November 3rd. The fact that it was Sheffield University Rag Day accounted for some strange sights in the city.

Two towers were open during the afternoon: St. Marie's R.C. Church, with its widely famed ring of eight, and the Cathedral, with a 40 cwt. ring of 12. Although the numbers were divided, methods up to Surprise Major were rung in both towers.

It was pleasant to see so many young ringers present; their ability varied from rounds and plain hunt to London Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

At some time during the afternoon and evening there were 17 ladies present, representing eight towers.

At the ladies' business meeting a letter was read from the new president, Mrs. K. Lock, who sent her greetings to all members of the District. Three new members were proposed, and votes of thanks were given to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, not forgetting the ladies who prepared the tea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE DEVIL'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—I once read a novel called 'Devil's Peal,' interesting because it was a murder yarn very obviously staged at Rochester before the bells were augmented to ten. The scenery closely resembles that in 'Edwin Drood,' and actually in the same places.

But what interested me was the author's assertion that before change-ringing was invented mediæval ringers were in the habit of ringing various compositions, expressing all sorts of ideas, until the authorities banned them.

The actual 'Devil's Peal' consisted of a representation of the slaughter of the Innocents, the heavy bells representing Herod's soldiers, and the light ones the cries of the babes.

Needless to say, in the novel, every time this was rung there was a murder, though the author did not explain how such a composition could be rung on modern tower bells.

I would like to know just how much truth there is in this queer story, or if it was merely the author's imagination running riot.—Faithfully, yours, F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

INVALID BUT A HELPFUL CRITIC

Dear Sir,—We read so much about the annoyance of church bells that it must be a tonic to us all to learn that we have given pleasure to some.

Mr. Jesse H. Newman, of Bures, who has just passed to higher service, was wounded in 1916 and for 40 years was a semi-invalid. An accomplished musician, his house contained a large number of musical instruments, and he mastered them all. Included was an octave of heel irons and one of files and rasps, but his pride and joy was a set of ten tubes made from old curtain rods, the strikers being leather-bound wood. The writer has spent many evenings helping him tap changes on these.

When the Bures company started from scratch in 1949 he became our most helpful listening critic. His candid criticism made the whole company practise and strive to get perfect striking. He preferred Triples to Major because to use his own words, 'The music is nice when it does come, but keep the tenor last and it comes more often.' For half-muffled ringing he liked Bob Triples or any Triples method which had four blows in 7ths place, as you got the little bells dancing on the handstroke whilst the others produced a kind of double note and echoes.

Following complaints, the louvres were blocked up, and he was very annoyed to think that anybody existed who required the sound to be deadened. In 1950, when the decision to complete the octave was made, he was one of the first to give a donation and was also an honorary member when the St. Mary's Society was formed.

As the cortege left his house the tenor was tolled by the Master of the Society, and it was very pleasant to think that I had been one of those who had helped to provide an ill man with some pleasure.—Yours, etc.,

L. D. MILLS.

Bures.

HAWKLEY DISCLAIMER

Dear Sir,—I have no knowledge of, still less participation in, Mr. T. E. C. Swinton's queerly-described ringing attempts at Hawkley, Hants, with which he seeks to couple my name, or those connected with the Manual of Ringing Training.

Our views and deportment regarding striking and over-fast ringing are too well known in the belfry to admit of any such possibility.—Yours very truly, A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

ST. MAURICE'S, WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—I should like to assure Mr. Shepherd that the six bells which until recently hung in the above church have not been confined to the scrap heap, but are to form part of, I believe, a ring of eight at Bitterne Park, Southampton. I have been told that the tenor bell is to be recast but that the other five will remain as they were.

St. Maurice's Church has been closed down now for about two years and, although there are still one or two legal formalities to go through, I think it probable that the church will be demolished, leaving only the tower remaining. We have continued to ring the bells, however, over the last two years, using the tower mainly for teaching recruits bell handling and the simpler methods.—Yours sincerely,

Winchester. J. A. C. KING.

WEST COUNTRY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I regret that a chance remark of mine at the Guildford dinner should have annoyed Mr. Carveth (page 731). Unfortunately, this sentence taken from its context seems to have implied criticism of West Country ringers, which was just the opposite to what I had just said (not reported). I had just reminded those present that a very high standard of striking is demanded in Devon and Cornwall, and jokingly asked if this was the reason one meets so few ladies in call-change towers. (Trouble from the ladies now!)

I am delighted to hear that 90 per cent. of the towers in Cornwall ring regularly for services (a higher proportion than Surrey), though it is my experience that they do not ring for 90 per cent. of the services, unless I have visited too many of the other 10 per cent.

I can assure Mr. Carveth that we in Surrey would have very many silent towers but for our lady ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Chobham. R. COLLINS.

P.S.—Thanks for the compliment on our Hawkley peal, Mr. Swinton (page 731). I agree, 2 hours 50 minutes is right for these bells.

R. C.

GUILDS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—After the article 'Overhead or Overboard' I was hoping to see some correspondence on the subject, for it seems that the ringing associations will have to help 'The Ringing World' sooner or later, whilst they in their turn complain about the cost of printing annual reports.

I have wondered if they could not co-operate and follow the example of the Central Council by publishing their reports in the 'R.W.', the main points of which are usually printed free in the meeting reports and peal columns (and the lists of towers are contained in Dove's book). The Guilds would pay for the extra space taken, and for the extra copies of the journal containing their own report for distribution to the usual recipients of reports, who were not regular readers of 'The Ringing World.'

If these reports could be spread over the year, say one large or two smaller ones per week, more revenue and a larger circulation would result, which is wanted. I know a few would complain about not receiving a nicely-bound report to put on the bookshelf, but I think they would be a very small minority.—Yours, etc., A. H. SMITH.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, F. Gorringe (conducted 540) 2, F. G. Wheeler 3, S. Zobel 4, B. Aldridge 5, G. Braund (conducted 720) 6. In memoriam the Rev. R. S. Galer, Vicar 1935–1950, and Cecil Mayatt, member of the choir for 66 years.

WEEK-END PEAL TOUR AROUND SWINDON

After previous successful peal ringing 'Week-ends Wheatsheaf'—after the hostelry that provides homely accommodation for the party in Swindon — arranged by Brian Bladon in his home county of the wide-open spaces, it was felt that something out of the ordinary in the way of Minor ringing should be attempted. Previously counsels of caution had been heeded: 'You have come a long way: you want to get the peals, so play safe—stick to the "Steady Seven," to "Pitstow's Doxology" and Middleton's Cambridge.' This time, caution was thrown to the winds and some of the most intricate work in the 'Minor Collection' was chosen, namely, that based upon the method named after the Scottish abbey at Kelso.

Kelso Surprise was selected for the first attempt of the weekend, and an easy ring of bells was obtained in order that attention could be concentrated on the method ringing. This was at the Cotswold stone village of Kemble, at the source of the Thames, the ring there having been recently rehung and augmented by Messrs. Mears.

A false start of nearly an extent, followed by an almost undetectable shift-course, taught a healthy respect for the method, but the ringing that followed was almost immaculate, and a first-rate 'first in method' was scored.

A well-known Morris Cowley tourer was the transport for the weekend, but as usual, it showed little sign of a quarter of a century of active life, when it carried all six on the 30-mile stage to the next tower, St. Mary's, Marlborough, including the climb to nearly 900 feet over Hackpen Hill. The afternoon peal on this fine heavy six, rehung by Gillett's, was a comparative rest except for the tenor man, as it included the 'long sleep,' 16 dodges behind in one section! This method, Bamborough Surprise, also includes 'Kelso' work, and another good 'first in the method' was scored, against the clock.

The following Sunday morning service ringing was at Purton, a grand six (20 cwt. in C sharp!), scene of a success by the party earlier this year. Cambridge, London, and Caernarvon Delight, the new method for the afternoon, were rung, but Stedman found out some weak spots!

The fine central tower of Kempsford Church, near Fairford, was the venue for the afternoon peal of Caernarvon Delight, a very musical method for some fine-toned heavy bells; but what a handful to ring! When the tenor was pulled—and it needed some pulling!—there was no knowing what the front bells would do next. But the hard work of well over three hours was rewarded by the satisfaction of not only another 'first in method' and a 100 per cent. record for the tour, but also the first peal of Minor on the bells and first on them for 34 years, and a good peal at that, in view of the difficulties. It is hoped the peal improved the bells, thanks to the efforts of our bell-hanger from Croydon, who made the fifth ringable before the attempt.

In conclusion, it is fitting to remark upon the great hospitality and co-operation beyond the average experienced in dealing with the incumbents in the Swindon district. This was supremely exemplified by the Rev. Mr. Lang, of Kempsford, who was prepared to arrange his services to accommodate the ringing, and has since written: 'We were overjoyed at your success. We shall be pleased to see you at any time at Kempsford tower.' D. P. J.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1, Ann Spavins (first 'inside') 2, Anne Amor (first 'inside') 3, I. N. Pett 4, K. G. Spavins 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, R. Churchill 7, D. C. Hall (first quarter) 8. With 7 and 8 covering. Rung for the birthdays of the ringers of 2 and 3.

A LEICESTERSHIRE SQUIRE WHO LOVED BELLS

Peals at King's Norton, Leicestershire, are few and far between, and every one has to be 'earned.' The recent ringing of the first peal of Surprise on these bells recalls the long and serene history of them.

Nichols, the historian of Leicestershire, tells us that Wm. Fortrey gave a ring of ten bells to his church when he rebuilt it but, finding the weight dangerous, he reduced it to eight—tradition has it that the two extra bells went to St. Margaret's, Leicester! Anyhow, Squire Fortrey gave the trebles there to make them ten.

This Mr. Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells and did much to encourage improvements in the rings of different churches in Leicestershire. He rebuilt the church of Galby and placed therein, in 1741, a ring of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a ring of ten (as above stated). In 1738 he gave the two to St. Margaret's, Leicester, and in 1771 a treble to Houghton-on-the-Hill, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells.

In 1753, when John Holt published his 'broadsheet' of peals—which included the treble leads of his six- and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, his six-part of Union Triples and his three-part of Plain Bob Triples without a single—Mr. Wm. Fortrey, of Galby, Leics, is there shown as a subscriber for four copies. The first peal on King's Norton bells was by The Society of Sherwood Youths on May 28th, 1776, when they rang Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 32 minutes, conducted by W. Doubleday Crofts. It is recorded the band came from Nottingham to Leicester by stage-coach and *walked* to King's Norton, and so likewise back again!

After a lapse of 40 years we read in the 'Leicester Journal' of June 8th, 1816: 'Tuesday last, being His Majesty's birthday, the Leicester Scholars met at Norton in this county by particular desire of the Norton and Gaulby Scholars to strike off the musical peal of eight bells of that place. They rang a true and compleat peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in a masterly style in 3 hours 20 minutes by the following persons, viz.: Jonathan Haywood treble, John Clarke 2, Thomas Clarke 3, James Gill 4, George Harris 5, Lawrence Staines 6, William Reeves 7, William Wood tenor. The peal was call'd by Wm. Reeves. After it had been rung, the Leicester, Norton and Gaulby Scholars partook of an excellent dinner.'

The bells are still in their original two-storey frame—the three trebles hang about ten feet above the other five—but about 1920 Mr. F. G. Rimington, of Manchester, spent a lot of time and money on them, adding stays and sliders and a new beam under the floor, etc. On the present writer's first visit here the bells were without stays and sliders and so we had to ring them up, have a short touch and fall them. Then the next team did likewise! We went to Norton on that occasion (in 1907) by pantechnicon!—or furniture van. In February and in March, 1921, attempts were made by teams from Leicester and Manchester to get a peal, but after one and two hours respectively had to be abandoned owing to the heavy 'go' of the bells. Then to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first peal on the bells a band of Sherwood Youths (of which the writer was one) rang an excellent peal of Stedman Triples on December 4th, 1926, conducted by the late Albert Coppock.

In 1929 and in 1931 the writer called peals of Grandsire Triples, and in 1939 W. P. Whitehead called peals of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major. Apart from a local peal of Grandsire Doubles these are the only peals on these bells until the one of Braunstone Surprise Major now recorded.

E. M.

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

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PART I.

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SECTION XIV. APPENDIX II.

148. — List of Learners' Faults in Exercises of Part I.

	Error in	Due to	Resultant Faults	Remedy	Article
1.	Taking position.	Neglect.	Rope-sawing (hole).	Take position from freely-hanging rope.	54
2.	Orientation.	Neglect.	Faulty ropesight.	Face centre of rope circle.	55
3.	Head attitude.	Head-swinging and 2 above.	Impaired ropesight.	As 2 and swing the eyes.	55
4.	Line of view.	Peering 'round' sally.	Head sideways and bad view.	Look 'through' rope. (Ignore it.)	55
5.	Proximity.	Neglect.	Loss of control. (Too far from rope.)	Face 2 hand-breadths from rope.	56
6.	Stance.	Feet too close.	Too small a balance base and muscle fatigue.	Slightly apart sideways and fore-and-aft.	58
7.	Carriage.	5 and 6 above and 24 below.	Body bending and swaying.	5 and 6 above, upright but relaxed.	56 58
8.	Rope-end 'clutch.'	Neglect to grip rope in lower hand clutch.	Loss of control and even, at start, of rope-end.	Tight 'clutch' grip and encircling.	60
9.	Clasping.	Fingers and thumbs NOT encircling.	Loss of power and control.	All fingers and both thumbs round.	61 62
10.	Rope-end grip position.	Failure to check at back-set or/and take-up.	Loss of power and control, and risk of stay-loss.	Shift lower hand up after first backstroke, or set and take up.	69
11.	Grips contact.	'Spaced' hands.	Loss of power and control, and as in 1 above.	Little finger of upper hand on first finger of lower.	63
12.	Length of stroke.	Wrong position of grip, etc.	Loss of power and control.	The 'Reach-up' at initial hand and back.	68
13.	Upper hand transfer.	Delay from sally to rope-end.	Loss of control on rise-stroke.	Do not separate wrists while ringing.	64
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15.	Sally-catch position.	Too high—	Bell does not rise at hand.	Catch lower on sally.	
		Too low—	Bell rises too high, stay bump. (Loss of control.)	Catch higher on sally.	84
16.	Sally-dip. (Too low a grip.)	Failure to appreciate less dip with light bells.	Hands finish too low down for full control.	Light bells have higher start to sally rise so grip higher than normal low.	67
17.	Sally-rise grip.	Slip or 'sally slide.'	Loss of control and risk of stay loss.	As in 12 above and tight grip till elbows straighten.	84
18.	Rope-tension.	Anxiety—beginner lifts hands.	Loose rope and loss of control.	Keep tight rope.	80
19.	Pull-off warning.	Treble ringer not looking to see *all* ready, and too quick.	Bad striking first few pulls.	Check *every* rope ready before 'She's gone!'.	92
20.	Pull-off timing.	Not getting the reach-up and grip and on to balance on 'Treble's going!'.	Bad striking for first few pulls at least.	Be alert to pull off from moment of taking position.	94
21.	Pull direction.	1 and 5 above, etc.	Loss of power on pullstroke.	Bring hands down vertically close to belt.	57
22.	Rope-fall.	Straight elbows at mid-pull, etc.	'Rope-throw' and 'Leaning.'	Bend elbows as pull starts, and 'lead down' with them to 'straight.'	77
23.	Pull-length.	Elbows not straightening at end of pullstroke.	Pull length too short with loss of power.	Sally pull to full dip, and rope-end pull to straight elbows.	67 77
24.	Body position.	Backing away from rope, or leaning back.	Body bending and swaying with loss of power and control.	As in 7 above.	77
25.	Use of body weight.	Body bending forward.	Reduced control and muscle fatigue.	Drop at knees if necessary, but pull correctly before.	58
26.	Use of ear.	Faults in training.	Bad striking.	Use ear from first 'open' ringing.	107
27.	Beat variation.	Neglect to differentiate the three 'beat' rates.	Appalling striking!	Apply— Normal for rounds, etc. Quick for hunting down. Slow for hunting up.	112
28.	Bell-rise.	Short 'pull' or short 'rise.' (Lazy ringing.)	Impaired control. Stay bounce, etc.	Grip, pull and gauge as taught.	84 86
29.	Bell-setting.	Failure to check on to balance, first.	Harsh set, rebound, damage.	Proper control and stop on balance before easing on to stay.	95
30.	Rope-handling.	Laziness.	Rope dropped on floor after setting or lowering or while chiming.	Hold rope-end in chiming (unless tied up) and tie up when stopped.	47
31.	Rope-view.	Too lazy or conceited to look at ropes.	Loss of mutual contact in method ringing.	Keep eyes on the ropes just above head level.	55

(The list is not exhaustive.)

Note.—As with Appendix I, the numbers on the right refer to the Articles in which the fault and/or remedy are described. The numbers on the left are serial reference numbers to the errors and do NOT relate to the numbers of the relevant exercises, which may be traced through the Article numbers.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago, on November 24th, 1906, a peal of 5,021 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled at All Saints' Church, Loughborough, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. John Taylor, bell founder. It was rung immediately after the funeral.

The ringers were: Walter C. Hunt treble, Frank G. Burlwigh 2, Thomas H. Colburn 3, William C. Wakley 4, Josiah Morris 5, James L. Wells 6, John Hickman 7, Horace W. Abbot 8, William Willson (composer and conductor) 9, Horace F. Stubbs tenor.

This information was sent to us by Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Rosemary Cottage, Exbourne, Oakhampton.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY UNDERWOOD

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild has suffered another untimely loss by the death of Mr. P. Underwood, aged 50, of Ottershaw. A loyal member of the local band for many years, Percy could always be relied on for service ringing and the odd quarter peal. He only rang one peal, as he always jokingly called it a mug's game. Nevertheless, he was usually around to hear any attempt made at Ottershaw, with a pithy comment on the striking. His tall, lean figure and dry humour will be sadly missed.

MR. H. J. COLLIS

Mr. H. J. Collis, for 50 years a regular ringer at Chobham, died on November 16th, aged 76. Though not a method ringer, he was always willing to assist the Guild in a difficult tower, and even rang the treble to one quarter peal. He retired from ringing a year ago on the formation of the new band, in whom he took a keen interest. R. C.

MR. FREDERICK S. PRICE
AN APPRECIATION

I trust I may be allowed to add a few personal words about my dear friend Frederick Price. I have known him intimately for more than 50 years, and in the years 1923 to 1926, when I lived at Beeston, I was privileged to ring regularly with the notable Beeston band.

Fred was a great walker, and he knew every byway and footpath for many miles around and on both sides of the Trent. Together we have walked what must have amounted to hundreds of miles, and we studied our method ringing as we walked. In those days there was no easy path to the Surprise methods, and we had no leader of outstanding ability to keep us right. Trial, error, disappointment, and a renewed determination, these were our weekly lot; and what good training it was! And what good fun!

Memories of those strenuous days now crowd in upon me. Together we visited pleasant villages like Cotgrave, drank our ale at The Flying Horse at Kegworth, The Cuckoo Bush at Gotham, and the old Admiral Rodney at Wollaton. We have stood together in the churchyard at Stanton-by-Dale on dark nights gazing downwards into the Gehenna of the Stanton blast furnaces, and we have walked at midnight to ring the New Year in at Lenton, returning across Lenton flats at 2 o'clock in the morning filed with Teddy Blagdon's bread and cheese and pickles, with a drop of something warming on the top. These were the days of simple joys.

Fred Price never knew any material prosperity, but his wealth of spiritual prosperity and unselfish happiness exceeded all earthly riches; and he has left us a wonderful legacy in the model his life offers to all who know him. He passed from us happily and in tranquillity, almost as if he had on his lips the very words of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth: 'I am going to my Father's; and though with great difficulty I have got me hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the troubles I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage. . . . My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who will now be my rewarder.'

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The Rev. W. Lee (Vicar) conducted the service and gave an interesting address. Miss M. Andrews and her Bexley colleagues were responsible for the tasty and satisfying tea, and they were thanked by Mr. J. Dafters, who also extended a warm welcome to the visitors from Surrey. Mr. F. E. Collins, on behalf of the Surrey Association, seconded the vote of thanks and hoped for an equally happy meeting in Surrey next year.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIXWORTH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Collyer 1, J. Inns 2, H. Wilson 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. For the festival of All Saints.

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LATE NOTICES

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Walberton, on Dec. 1st, 1956.—W. L. Weller. 9379

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. F. G. Handley, The Haven, 34, Vicarage Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge. 9377

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Chatham (8) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 9337

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9368

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Practice at Great Milton on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame. 9328

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Beaminster, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9324

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 9320

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Please note altered arrangements. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City (8) available 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Botolph's Church Hall. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), available after tea. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, F. A. Finch, Hon. Secs. 9306

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Blythburgh (6). Ringing from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 9323

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey. 9332

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—G. Francis. 9371

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 9314

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, WORCESTER.—Ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. and after service. Preacher, Rev. M. Richards (Vicar). All ringers welcome. 9341

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Dec. 3rd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9344

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Earlsheaton, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Teas—not later than Wednesday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton. 9373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Shipham, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 9367

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, Dec 8th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 9348

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Street, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, 7 to 9 p.m.—W. H. Marsh. 9359

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec.

BEVERLEY AND SELBY DISTRICTS SOCIETIES.—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Goole, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (3s. each). Names on or before Dec. 5th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. Parker and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 9375

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Creswell, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Annual business meeting for Chesterfield District. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell.—A. B. Cooper, H. Denman. 9363

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, St. Thomas', Exeter. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 5th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9299

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tea in George and Dragon. Names to E. Turley, Lower Farm. Annual dinner, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names as soon as possible to A. F. Wellington, Rosebank Hotel.—C. A. Bassett. 9369

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 9296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9311

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Redmarley, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley. 9335

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Names for tea to Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 9346

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual meeting, Upper Cam (6), Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Dec. 5th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9356

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ashtead, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Tea in Schoolroom, requests for which should reach J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by Dec. 5th.—A. H. Smith. 9312

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 5th to Mr. Barker, 26, Havelock Road, King's Langley.—R. Shutter. 9376

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Strong, 60, Ridgeway, Nailsea. Service 24b bus from Centre, Bristol, at 3.25 p.m., will save long walk.—M. de Jong, Dis. Sec. 9351

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party at St Peter's, Walsden, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Whist drive and dance 7.30 p.m. Tickets, inclusive of tea and social, 6s.; children 4s. Please order tickets by Dec. 1st from J. Lord, 1, Knowsley Avenue, Walsden, or F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 9304

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Bowness, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Annual general meeting, Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday to H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool, 19.—G. Howlett. 9364

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in Church School. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 9372

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Friskney, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Monday, Dec. 3rd, to G. R. Burrows, 12, Wildmore Crescent, Friskney, Boston. 9357

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—St. Mary, Woolwich, Saturday Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Details of evening tower see next week's issue.—Hutchings: TUL 0800. 9362

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn (Kilburn Bridge end of Maida Vale), Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 9345

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Rededication. Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.30, for those who notify me by Monday, Dec. 3rd. Buses 41 and 48 from Eastleigh or Southampton stop outside the church: frequent service.—R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants. 9308

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Mulbarton.—Dedication of the Rev. Heard Memorial by the president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Bells available after tea. Names for tea by December 5th essential, to W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 9349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hardwick on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9347

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting in Oxford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.45 at St. Martin and All Saints' Church. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Michael's Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 9339

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Names by Tuesday previous, to me, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9365

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, Burry Port. Bells (5) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Please look up St. Simon's and New Doubles. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, Gillingham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford. 9343

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.—Dedication of two trebles and rehung bells by the Bishop, Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. 9354

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Haverhill (6) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare. 9338

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Special general meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, Union Church Hall, Brighton, 3.30 to 6 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. Subject: Finance. Make an effort to attend.—R. Percy, Gen. Sec. 9360

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of Swanmore bells (6), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome. 9303

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4.15 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6.15 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting following tea. Names for tea by Dec. 11th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting and service, Saturday Dec. 15th, Damerham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who send names by Dec. 11th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Mary's bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Parish Hall. Meeting follows. Bells till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 12th to Miss B. Saggers, 28, Clarence Walk, Redhill. 9319

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Calverley on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in the Old Hall Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in the tower. Names for tea to Mr. D. Thorp, 6, St. Stephen's Road, Calverley, near Leeds, no later than Thursday, Dec. 13th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9355

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—Annual reunion and dinner, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 1957. Details later.—D. Heighton, Hon. Sec. 9366

QUARTER PEALS

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Peglar 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. C. Clarke 3, W. Ivings 4, J. H. Gregory 5, G. F. Burton 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, E. S. Hitchcox 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 4th, at New College, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. H. Niblett 1, Miss R. A. Carey 2, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, Miss I. Inman 5, M. J. Thomas 6, M. V. White 7, C. J. B. Taylor 8, W. H. Jackson 9, S. P. Ivin 10. First of Caters for 2, 5, 7 and 10.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On June 24th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Miss F. Welch 2, S. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, L. Runnacles 5, A. Harris 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Ashton 1, G. Cherry 2, A. Harris 3, M. Chalkley 4, R. Head 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Reeks 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Gooding 3, A. G. Betts 4, A. Tapley 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, W. Reeks 7, E. Burnett 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Ann Joliffe, of Sidmouth, and Frederick Willmington, of Sowton.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Maskrey 1, D. Wight 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, Miss S. E. Atkins 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, D. Stone 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, A. D. Baker (cond.) 8. A birthday quarter for all except 2.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: R. Richardson 1, G. Ball 2, M. Lindsey 3, J. Vernon 4, J. H. Bailess 5, M. Vernon (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 3. Rung prior to morning service.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, K. Buckingham 3, Miss J. Adamson 4, E. F. Willcox 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Ponder, verger for 41 years.

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PROGRESS!

THROUGHOUT the first half of its span this twentieth century has been an age of progress. Travel by land, sea and air has improved and science seems bent on providing even more speedy means of going from one place to another. Records have not however been confined to machines, for athletes of all countries have improved the achievements of their predecessors.

Neither have advances been confined to the field of speed. Medical science has produced much for the general benefit of mankind, whilst research and experiment have in many directions lightened human labour and improved living amenities. All in all one can say that man to-day has much for which to be thankful.

In ringing also time has not stood still, and much earnest work by some who have interested themselves in our complicated art and science is evident in the increased range of methods and compositions now available to ringers themselves.

Despite all the improvements and developments which many have followed from their commencement and as many accept without thought as part of our daily life, one thing at least remains without change—the method of ringing a bell.

Frames and their constructions have been developed, cannons have disappeared to be replaced by headstocks and bearings have been improved, but the actual method of ringing is as it has been for centuries. The sally still 'bobs' as of old, and even the most competent of ringers break stays.

Time was when every belfry in town and countryside had its full complement of ringers and some to spare, but now it is sad to have to say in this 'Ringing Isle' many bells are silent and the Church's call to worship is unheard.

Many reasons are put forward for this decline in the number of recruits. Blame is placed on alternative attractions in the form of the cinema, radio, television and the better organisation of activities for young people. Again one hears of the general drift from the Church, and this is a matter which has for some time been exercising the minds of our ecclesiastical dignitaries.

Two aspects of the problem of obtaining recruits undoubtedly are here to stay and it would be interesting to learn how these have been faced throughout the country.

The first of these problems is National Service. At the age of eighteen a promising ringer is becoming a useful member of a band. In many cases the enforced interruption of instruction and the companionship of his fellow ringers, coupled with the training schedule and what has long been known as the 'exigencies of the Service,' are often more than enough to result in his losing contact with ringing.

Wherever the young National Serviceman is posted a church is never far away, and all units have their padre. One wonders how many tower masters take the trouble to write either to the local incumbent or to the padre telling them about the boy and his interest in ringing and asking for their help in putting him into touch with nearby ringers. Much could be achieved and all for the cost of a stamp and a few minutes writing a letter. How does one find the nearest church? All churches and incumbents are contained in Crockford's Clerical Directory, to be found at all public libraries, and if this source is not available the padre is sure to know.

The second problem to the dearth of recruits is one for which it is more difficult to find a solution. To-day a boy's education extends beyond normal school years, and in many cases young men are studying for years the better to fit themselves for their particular job. Homework when a boy is at school and evening classes when day school life is ended seriously affect a boy's leisure and are matters to which no thoughtful person must place any obstacle. It is usual to find several members of a band attending different courses on varying evenings, thus making extremely difficult the fixing of a practice night suitable to all. Scientific improvements are compelling young men to seek more and more knowledge of their particular profession or craft, and the position is one for which one cannot see any easement.

Thus then appears the picture of present-day ringing so far as concerns new learners and what must be our ultimate aim—the ringing of every church bell in our land morning and evening every Sunday. There are, of course, towers with excellent bands, but these must be exceptions to the general position, for we have recently read of ringers in London who ring at several churches each Sunday.

These few thoughts were engendered by the series of articles setting out the first part of the manual of the proposed College of Campanology. What place in our Exercise does the proposed college hope to fill? Has it any answer to the problems outlined and, if so, what is its solution?

It was intended to deal with these questions in a general review, but the pen has wandered far afield and the rest must await next week.

R. S. A.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	2	ROWLAND TYSOE	8
HAROLD V. FROST	3	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	9
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	*JOHN W. SINFIELD	10
ALFRED J. HOUSE	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	11
WALTER AYRE	6	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM,
* First attempt for a peal on 12 bells. First 12-bell peal as conductor and first attempt to call a peal of Maximus. First peal of Little Bob Maximus by the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

ROYDON DAVIES	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	GORDON T. PETERS	8
ALBERT J. ADAMS	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	JOHN HILL	10
JAMES E. PRIOR	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
ARNOLD BRUNTON	6	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.

TEN BELL PEALS

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
JOHN ARMSTRONG	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Rung in honour of the eighth birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ALFRED E. RUSHTON	*Treble*	RICHARD KENDALL	6
*JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	BRIAN BLADON	7
ARTHUR J. SMITH	3	DEREK P. JONES	8
†JUNE GLADMAN	4	*JOHN W. SINFIELD	9
RONALD J. SHARP	5	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	*GEOFFREY S. MILLS	7
*HAROLD HAMER	3	*STEPHEN L. PARRY	8
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	9
†PHILIP DUNDERDALE	5	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 4 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	*GWILYM SALMON	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	2	RONALD G. BECK	7
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	8
FRANK L. HARRIS	4	HENRY J. SANGER	9
RONALD N. MARLOW	5	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Royal. The ringer of the third has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.
In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM JOHNSON	5
GERALD JOHNSON	2	ALAN HOUGH	6
JOHN RAWSON	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*CECIL E. CARR	4	WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* 100th peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
CHARLES H. MOORE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Heawood's silver wedding.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	BRIAN TOMLINSON	5
MRS. G. S. MILLS	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	7
NORMAN SMITH	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal of Major as conductor.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PETER P. BROWN	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
MARY R. ANDREWS	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
*BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	7
†D. MARY WARD	4	ERNEST J. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal on eight bells and in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

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On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SURREY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	SIDNEY FOSKETT	5
ERIC BOOTH	2	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	6
GILLIAN REA	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	FRED PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of these bells, the actual date being Saturday, November 21st, 1906.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*FRANK G. OLIVER	5
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE	2	*JAMES H. EDWARDS	6
†BRENDA M. BALLS	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

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

A farewell peal to James H. Edwards, who is leaving the district for Bedford.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
†RICHARD J. CRAGO	2	‡GWILYM SALMON	6
ERIC NAYLOR	3	†DONALD E. LEE	7
†ANTHONY J. SANGER	4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major. The first peal on the bells since recently being rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
JOHN H. CRAMPION	2	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	6
C. RONALD SMITH	3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	7
*LIONEL S. WOODS	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal in the method.

A 21st birthday compliment to Lionel S. Woods.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*ROBERT SMITH	5
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	ALAN MCFALL	6
COLIN DEWSNAP	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
ERIC SIMPSON	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS ('R.W.', 9/11/56).
Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

* First peal of Major and in the method.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	RONALD H. DOVE	5
*DOROTHY HOGG	2	FRANK RAYMENT	6
MARGARET S. RHODES	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
ARNOLD COLE	4	IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	GILES C. GALLEY	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*REGINALD V. JOHNSON	*Treble*	DORIS E. COLGATE	5
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
*GEORGE FRANCIS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS E. SONE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells since being rehung on ball bearings.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	7
CHARLES H. MOORE	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

A 52nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Underwood. Mr. Underwood, an honorary member of the Association, was elected to the Parochial Church Council in 1922 and Vicar's Warden in 1929.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

*ANTHONY D. BAX	*Treble*	ALBERT J. DUNK	5
JOSEPH GRENSTED	2	RALPH BIRD	6
EDWARD C. BARTON	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
TERENCE BARTON	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a token of appreciation of Mr. Ray Huntley for his many good works for this parish, before a service in his honour.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
*EDWIN BROMLEY	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE	7
*COLIN A. TESTER	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Carter, of West Malling, on the birth of a son and heir the previous day.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

James W. Forder	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
H. William Barrett	2	Stanley W. Copling	6
*John Kindred	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
*Edwin T. Chapman	4	*Peter Kindred	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

C. Henry Harding	*Treble*	Alfred Rushton	5
*John W. Sinfield	2	*†Bryan Pattison	6
Andrew C. Sinfield	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association.
The conductor's wedding anniversary peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

*Frances A. Brown	*Treble*	Hazel L. Hancock	5
E. John Wells	2	Roy Collins	6
George Talbot	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Eunice A. Hiley	4	Roland W. Morant	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Major.
In memoriam James Fisher Dodson, late captain of the local band, who died on November 8th.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Lewis J. Batley	*Treble*	Michael Austin	5
Mrs. Richard F. Deal	2	†C. Ronald Smith	6
*Valerie K. Hester	3	Charles E. Willmington	7
Charles A. Hughes	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

Peter M. Giles	*Treble*	A. Neville Brown	5
*Charles N. Lea	2	*Edmund P. Crowdy	6
Kenneth Lawson	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Denis A. Bayles	4	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook (C.C.C. No. 1).
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Stanley Shipp	*Treble*	*Donald E. K. Knights	5
John G. Gipson	2	†Geoffrey A. Lucas	6
George E. Crisp	3	Tony Howard	7
T. Reginald Dennis	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Tony Howard.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 TEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
*Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
John R. Mayne	3	Alfred J. House	7
John L. Morris	4	†Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 150th peal. † 100th peal on these bells. The first peal in the method, which is Byfleet Surprise with 2nds place lead-end.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

James H. Edwards	*Treble*	*Roy Duesbury	5
Mrs. L. D. Mills	2	Alan R. Andrews	6
*Bernard W. Fairhead	3	Leslie D. Mills	7
Allen W. Cansdale	4	Harry J. Millatt	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.
Farewell peal to the treble ringer.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

George F. Burton	*Treble*	Charles Coles	5
*Phillip F. Coomber	2	*John J. Benfield	6
Douglas O. Wilks	3	Reginald H. Jarvis	7
*L. Graham Pittaway	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

William Slaughter	*Treble*	Raymond Overy	5
Frederick W. Burnett	2	William Rogers	6
Reginald V. Johnson	3	William T. Beeson	7
*E. Winifred Keys	4	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by William Rogers.
* 50th peal for the Sussex Association. The ringer of the fifth has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

*Richard J. Bowden	*Treble*	Philip Mehew	5
†Eunice D. Overend	2	‡Derek P. Jones	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	David J. King	7
†Alan F. Lee	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 175th peal.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

*Royston Wilmore	*Treble*	†Geoffrey M. Brewin	5
Ernest Morris	2	*Ernest F. Payne	6
H. Leslie Wykes	3	F. Kevon Thompson	7
Jean A. Kirkman	4	B. Stedman Payne	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
" 25th peal together. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle' and is the first person to do so.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

K. ANTHONY TRICKETT	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	4
*CAROLE EUSTACE	2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	5
*PETER WATSON	3	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

BROMFIELD, SALOP.
On Sun., Nov. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ROSEMARY BRAY	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
JEAN HUTTON	2	DESMOND FERGUSON	5
ALBERT E. JONES	3	WILLIAM MAPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND FERGUSON.
First peal as conductor.

SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*HERBERT BROWN	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	3
ARTHUR E. BROWN	2	STANLEY A. BROWN	4
C. WILLIAM BROWN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal.

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*THOMAS H. ONIONS	*Treble*	ALFRED E. G. OWEN	4
BRIAN R. JONES	2	RICHARD F. DAVIES	5
JOHN COLLEY	3	DENNIS A. PASSENT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.
* First peal away from the tenor.
Rung for the dedication of the church.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Childwall, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	4
*JOYCE GOOD	2	KEITH GOOD	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH GOOD.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

WORLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

MARJORIE LEGG	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	4
GEORGE PRESCOTT	2	F. CECIL MOGFORD	5
*MONICA E. FRAY	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.
Rung as a farewell to Howard Collings, of Uphill, who was joining H.M. Forces on National Service.

LITTLE MILTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ROBIN A. HODGSON	4
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
*DERMOT J. ROAF	3	*PETER R. SANDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.
* First peal in nine Minor methods.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and three Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JANET EVANS	*Treble*	LEWIS CORDELL	4
†WENDY BOWAK	2	†JOHN MCPHAIL	5
HARRY KING	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
* First peal. † First peal in three methods.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. B. F. Adeney.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

One Morris's 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

IVOR HUGHES	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBBER	4
GORDON WALFORD	2	*DENNIS A. PIKE	5
GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	3	CHARLES E. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.
* First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, the tenors never reversed in 5-6. Tenor 7 cwt.

*PATRICK SEWRY	*Treble*	*PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT (15)	4
GORDON A. HALLS	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first complete peal rung in this method (C.C.C. P.28).

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, two of Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

D. HENRY METTAM	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	*WALTER WESTON	5
WILLIAM R. PARKER	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in four Minor methods 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, D.D., as Bishop of Lincoln.

WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*JOAN E. BAKER	*Treble*	FRANK E. CROSIER	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	DAVID W. JAMES	5
LEONARD G. TOSELAND	3	BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.
* First peal on a working bell.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Richard E. Gilby, former ringer at this church and sexton for 38 years, interred at Weldon this day.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At B26, Girton College,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

Susan Jackson (Girton) ..	1—2	W. T. Cook (Jesus) ..	5—6
C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	3—4	*P. F. Windley (Jesus) ..	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by W. T. Cook.
* First peal ' in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Valerie Willard	1—2	John Thomas	7—8
Mrs. J. Thomas	3—4	*David J. Marshall ..	9—10
Joseph D. Johnson ..	5—6	*Vivien Barnes	11—12

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
Witness: Mrs. D. J. Marshall.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY IN HAMPSHIRE

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp.

Peter Nash	*Treble*	*Adrian J. Tumber	4
A. Patrick Cannon ..	2	Harold P. Reed	5
*Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	3	J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung in memory of Mr. L. Webb, late captain of the local band.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

J. Michael Lakin	*Treble*	Harold P. Reed	4
Peter Nash	2	Malcolm S. Cloke	5
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal in six methods on the bells. 100th peal of Minor as conductor.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Peter Nash	6
J. Michael Lakin	3	Harold P. Reed	7
Adrian J. Tumber	4	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
The quickest peal on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Lord Portchester, of Highclere.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Ascension,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	4
Adrian J. Tumber	2	J. Michael Lakin	5
Peter Nash	3	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The first peal of Minor on the bells. The conductor has now rung 500 different bells to a peal.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Mosedale 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, Miss J. G. Draper 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning (first as cond.) 5, B. Bradley 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Manning 1, J. Smith 2, S. Bristow (cond.) 3, H. Bristow 4, Miss F. Norman 5, W. Baker (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Mr. F. W. Brice and Miss M. Hurford.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, W. H. Trueman 2, Ann Pettiford (first in method) 3, J. Manners 4, B. Shepherd 5, A. Peake (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. North 1, M. W. Stephenson 2, Miss B. Stephenson 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, J. V. Lonsorough 5, R. A. Beale 6, H. W. Woolven 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila M. Clifford (first quarter) 1, W. Martin 2, W. Trinder 3, L. Trevor (cond.) 4, H. Hill 5. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

GORSEINON, GLAM. — On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thomas 1, A. Jones 2, G. Thomas 3, R. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins (cond.) 5, R. Davies 6, J. Swankins 7, G. Thomas 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,344 Bob Major: J. Pilgrim 1, A. W. Bird 2, R. J. Darch 3, J. Gibson 4, J. Saunders 5, E. T. Chapman 6, E. J. Thurlow 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hulbert, who were leaving Halesworth.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Funnell 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, G. Beeney 3, F. Beeney 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Sybil Tonkin.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hoskins (first of Triples) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, C. E. Brown 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Foxall 3, J. D. Kape (cond.) 4, N. Cornwall 5, D. Cornwall 6, A. E. Cox 7, V. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniess 1, S. A. Hill 2, A. Eaton (first ' inside ') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day

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LAMBETH, S.E.—On Nov. 4th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. Wyatt 2, J. Ward 3, F. Ranson 4, L. Batley 5, C. W. Ottley 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, D. R. Randall (first on eight) 8. For evening service.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Wixey 1, C. Wixey 2, M. Ling 3, P. T. Hurcombe 4, G. P. Green 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, W. C. Wixey (first on eight) 8. First in method by all the band. Rung for the wedding of Miss C. J. Ely and Mr. K. C. Meek.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Dickens (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Hill 2, J. Butler 3, A. Colton 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, R. A. Bartlam 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Highley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, L. W. Bullock 5, F. Ranson 6, P. J. Hutchings 7, D. Randall 8. For Evensong.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. Thornley (cond.) 1, A. Thornley 2, W. Walker 3, B. Hoult 4, P. Knights 5, P. Lemon (first quarter covering) 6. Rung half muffled for Remembrance Day.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. W. Burgess 1, J. A. G. Ball 2, A. G. Leahy 3, F. C. Love 4, G. W. Barton 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Bob Major: B. Holland 1, G. R. Hiner 2, F. Brunt 3, B. Heppanstall (first quarter) 4, R. Birch 5, S. Wright 6, T. Cutts 7, H. Mortemore (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. James 1, J. Baldwin 2, W. Gray 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, D. Southam 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Sylvester, a member of the band.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The nomination meeting was held at Stoke-next-Guildford on November 24th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and mainly Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung until the service. Mr. Roland W. Morant officiated and gave an unusual address.

The tea and meeting followed, and out of the 31 ringers present only a few were from the District, four towers being represented. The meeting, with the Guild secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) in the chair, was short, the retiring officers being renominated.

Ringing in the evening was at Stoke and Holy Trinity, and apart from a course of London and Bristol the methods were mainly Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman to suit the large number of young ringers. Ringing ended with a good lower on the back six at Holy Trinity.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The North Herts District met at St. Nicholas', Stevenage, on November 24th, and the eight bells rang from 3.30 p.m. until the service, taken by the Rector, the Rev. E. Cordingley. Mr. M. Eldridge accompanied on the organ. An ample tea was provided in Dr. Gullick's home, and the business meeting was held there after some handbell ringing.

Two non-resident life members—Mr. and Mrs. E. Munday, of Flitton, Beds—and a ringing member, Rev. G. Heath, of St. Andrew's Stevenage, were elected. The next District meeting will be in February at either Royston or Baldock, the special method being Hitchin Surprise.

Ringing began again, and the methods ranged from rounds to Hereward Bob, the special method, and Superlative Surprise. J. S.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Sussex County Association (Eastern Division) was held at Hailsham on November 24th. At the business meeting Mrs. B. Percy (wife of the general secretary, who was unable to be present) was elected to the chair. The most lively discussion of the afternoon centred on the published agenda of the forthcoming special general meeting re finance.

The meeting also elected several new members and approved the list of meetings for 1957 prepared by the divisional secretary. Following the usual practice, this list included one unaffiliated tower.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. E. Breed, the local captain, for making the excellent tea arrangements, and Mr. F. Beeney (a ringing member of the Association) for accompanying at the organ the somewhat lusty singing.

Ringing during the day catered for all present, including a good percentage of young ringers. It varied from rounds to Double Norwich C.B. Major, with a short break during the evening for the traditional daily curfew bell.

H. R.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch was held on November 24th at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Gloucester. Sixty-one members and friends attended this function and had a pleasant evening's entertainment. Thanks are due to Mr. Harry Newman, who made all the arrangements, and also to the various speakers, most of whom spoke at very short notice.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Earls Colne

In typical November weather, 43 members of the Northern Division met at St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne, on the 17th. This church stands close to the main road from Colchester to Halstead, and has a large west tower which contains a good ring of eight with a 15 cwt. tenor in F.

The Vicar (Rev. B. A. Whitford), who conducted the service, welcomed the members to Earls Colne, and his address was based on Devotion, Discipline and Dedication.

Tea was prepared in the school dining hall, and Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Master, presided over the meeting. One new member from Stisted was elected, and the next meeting, which will be the annual District, will be held at Coggeshall on January 26th. Members were reminded that nominations for the District officers must be sent to the secretary one month before the meeting.

The collection at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 13s. 4d.

Mr. L. Mills was congratulated on his teaching at Bures where he started from scratch in 1950, and now they can ring London Surprise Major.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, Mr. W. Arnold and Mr. B. Smith (organist). The various methods rung during the afternoon and evening on the tower- and handbells were by members from Bures, Braintree, Halstead, Pebmarsh, Kelvedon, Witham, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Stebbing, Harwich, Bocking, Colne Engaine, Stisted, Coggeshall, Goldhanger, Colchester and Newmarket.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of some interest is the 5,000 Little Bob Maximus by Mr. G. W. Debenham, rung at St. Albans. According to the sources at our disposal this is the first ever 5,000 of Maximus rung. Ten peals of Little Bob Maximus have been rung—all 5,016 except one (5,104). There have been one peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob (5,040), three of Duffield Maximus (all 5,040) and four of Forward Maximus (three 5,040 and one 5,088).

On November 25th the local band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, London, rang their 30th quarter peal on the bells this year—a good example of Sunday ringing.

Members of the Reading University Society rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Wargrave on November 24th as a compliment to their Master on her engagement.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at Dunkerton on November 1st, Mr. Richard J. Bowden, of Bristol, has rung peals in the method from Doubles to Cinques.

Now 75, Mr. J. Wells, who since the age of 12 has been closely connected with Kimpton, Herts, church as a choirboy and ringer, has rung his first quarter peal. He has several 720's to his credit, but hitherto has been unsuccessful when attempting a quarter peal.

Ringers in North-East Essex learnt with regret of the forthcoming departure from Colchester of Mr. J. H. (Jim) Edwards, who is going to live at Bedford. He learnt to ring on the five at Little Horkesley (destroyed in the Blitz), and shortly after the last war joined the St. Peter's, Colchester, company, where he made rapid progress in Surprise Major ringing. His many friends wish him well in his new appointment, and hope that he will continue his ringing activities in the Bedford district—he will be a big asset to any tower he joins.

It has just come to light that the Rev. J. G. M. Scott participated in the call-change festival at Ashburton on Michaelmas, and rang the seventh in 'Doctor Miner's Mixture.' Afterwards he was presented with a certificate which 'the Mixture' achieved. Gratified with the honour bestowed on him Mr. Scott remarked that the certificate will probably be the only one to hang on the wall of a private house as distinct from finding a place on the wall of a ringing chamber!

For general guidance.—Peals and quarter peals cannot be rung half-muffled in memoriam to an individual and at the same time as a birthday compliment to a ringer.

A Claines (Worcester) householder recently succeeded in his application for a reduction in rates. His chief complaint was the bells on Sundays and peals which lasted six hours!

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. C. E. Gregory, for many years captain of Blewbury, Berks, tower. To his memory a quarter peal was rung on November 19th.

At Bures, Suffolk, a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on November 20th for a special service to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the coronation in Bures of Edmund, K. and M.

Twelve peals have now been rung at Frome, as far as is known. Five of the seven peals of Triples while the bells were on plain bearings needed two men for the tenor (31 cwt.). Since then she has been turned in four times—by A. P. Cannon in 1938, E. J. Chivers in 1953, David Hoare in 1955 and now by Roger O. Fry, general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association. The peals are these: Stedman Triples, 1890, 1907, 1926; Grandsire Triples, 1902, 1913, 1919, 1930, 1954; Bob Major, 1955; Cambridge Major, 1953; Double Norwich, 1938 and 1956.

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NEWARK HONOURS DELIGHTFUL MYTH

The Gopher Dinner

THE fourth annual Gopher Dinner of the Newark Parish Church Ringers' Society was held at the Clinton Arms Hotel, Newark, on November 16th.

The Dinner this year marked the 60th anniversary of the formation of the present local Society. The Society was, however, an original subscriber to The Clavis, and as long ago as 1816 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the tower by the local company, and there is strong evidence to support the view that the Society dated back to the 18th century, and that after a somewhat chequered existence towards the end of the last century was given a new constitution in 1896. That year was a landmark in the history of the Society, which throughout this long period rendered much voluntary service to the church and borough.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. J. H. Jennison, an old member, who recalled the happy days he had spent in the belfry and the comradeship he had enjoyed, and he wished the Society continued success.

Mr. W. L. Exton, the deputy Master, in reply, recounted the past year's activities, and stated that five quarter peals had been rung for service since the last Dinner. He spoke of the 'Down Your Way' programme a few years ago when the Gopher legend was featured and the present Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby, mentioned that Gopher was lost in a fog on the Great North Road in the approaches to Newark and was guided to safety by the sound of the bells.

That version of the story, said Mr. Exton, did not find favour amongst a section of the public, and letters poured in averring that Gopher was lost at Langford, Muskham, Kelham and Farndon Fields. Further, that he lost his way in the forest, or in a fog, and was saved from robbers, from falling into the River Trent and from the marshes. There was even controversy about the spelling of his name, and no one knew what year or century he was lost. Of course, the story was a myth, but a very delightful one, and the Society still rang in his memory for a period of six weeks, commencing the twelfth Sunday before Christmas.

THE THREE P's OF RINGING

Mr. Exton commended the three P's of ringing—patience, practice and perseverance—and stated that ringers were judged by what they put into ringing and not what they took out.

The toast of 'The President' was given by Mr. D. N. Sellars, who mentioned that last year the president, the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter, had stated that at his induction service he had purposely chimed himself in 21 times so that people would know he had come to stay. Mr. Sellars remarked he now had only another 20 years left!

The president, in reply, spoke in very appreciative terms of the services performed by the Society.

'Past Members' was proposed by Mr. J. W. Raithby, the Master, who stated that a Society was what its members made it. In the course of time traditions and customs were developed, and if the development had been on the right lines esprit de corps automatically followed.

Members came and went. Some stayed over a long period—others flitted across the scene. Succeeding members stood on the shoulders of former members and the wealth of experience that had been so hardly won was made freely available to those who followed.

And so it was with their Society whose links had been forged by a long list of members throughout the past 60 years. He called to mind many past members now deceased, and commented upon various individual members representing a cross-section in the life of the Society. The old members still with them had a vital contribution to make in the life of the Society. Many of them had put aside ringing, but the Society still needed and valued their moral support and encouragement.

Before he came to the actual toast, the speaker went on, he wished to say a word or two about a man who in his prime dwarfed all his fellow members. He referred to Mr. E. C. Thrale, whose influence on the Society had been incalculable. A member—and still an active one—for 60 years, and Master for 40. A man of strong character; a keen disciplinarian; an accomplished ringer and conductor. He pursued his path resolutely and turned neither to the right nor the left. His motto could have been 'Service' if he ever thought of a motto. By sheer personality and doggedness he kept the band together and the bells ringing for services week in and week out, year in and year out, decade after decade. He literally kept the Society in being despite two world wars. That was a stupendous achievement.

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In reply, Mr. Thrale related several anecdotes connected with the past 60 years, and wished the Society continued prosperity.

'The Visitors,' who included many friends from the Nottingham District and from Southwell and North Muskham, was proposed in delightful vein by Mr. F. W. Midwinter and replied to by Mr. C. W. Towers. J. W. R.

Archbishop With Kent Ringers



A happy picture at the Kent County Association dinner of the Archbishop of Canterbury presenting Mrs. F. M. Mitchell with a framed picture of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, their church for many years. Behind stands her son, Mr. F. A. Mitchell. To the regret of the company, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who is now 78, was not well enough to attend the dinner. His services to the Kent County Association have been conspicuous. When Mr. Mitchell had completed 25 years in senior office—17 years as secretary and treasurer and eight as treasurer—his great service was recognised by a presentation of a cheque for £50.

Last Easter, because of age and indifferent health, Mr. Mitchell finally relinquished active office (he is now a vice-president). The Association dinner was regarded as an appropriate moment for the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

The picture was specially taken by a 'Kent Messenger' photographer, and we are indebted to this newspaper for the above illustration.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY

ALTHOUGH four peals in a day have been rung at least five times before, it is still sufficiently uncommon to be worth attempting again. It was for this reason that Mr. G. K. Dodd, of Highclere, Hants, decided to get together a band from his own county, with additions from Berkshire and Surrey, to make an attempt on November 17th. All four peals were successful, and this was the first time that this has been achieved in Hampshire. Four of the company rang in all four peals, and three of them rang in three peals.

Three of the party arrived on Friday evening, November 16th, to stay the weekend with Geoff. Dodd and his wife Sylvia, and two others appeared early on Saturday morning.

A 6 a.m. rise was necessary to enable an early start for Cambridge Minor at East Woodhay at 7.13 a.m., and the first peal of Minor on these quiet bells came round at 9.52 a.m. While ringing the last 720, a lady appeared through the curtains, asking who was in charge. Fears of a stoppage were soon dispelled when the lady turned out to be the Vicar's wife, inviting us to coffee after the peal! The Rev. E. W. Ormerod welcomed us at the Vicarage, and the refreshment was much appreciated. At the next tower, Woolton Hill, Malcolm Cloke was waiting for us, having spent some time adjusting the ropes. Six methods were duly rung on a noisy ring, beginning at 10.43 a.m. and finishing at 1.22 p.m. The Rev. and Mrs. S. Culverwell kindly provided a sandwich lunch, which was quite sufficient to keep us going.

Mr. Reg. W. Rex was waiting for us at Highclere to enable us to ring a good and fast peal of Cambridge Major, starting at 2.43 p.m. and finishing at 5.23 p.m.

A very nice tea, provided by Mrs. Dodd, senior, was much appreciated and put us in good trim for the last attempt. This was at Burghclere, and the Vicar, the Rev. C. Legard, welcomed us in the church. He had asked that the bells be fully-muffled to avoid any complaints. Five methods were well rung, starting at 6.37 p.m. and finishing at 9.16 p.m., the first Minor on the bells.

At the finish of the peal the band were rather sorry that a fifth attempt could not be fitted in, as all felt very fit! The band are very grateful to the various incumbents for granting permission for the use of their bells, and to those who kindly provided refreshment.

To prove they had plenty of energy left, Geoff. Dodd and the writer rang another peal on Sunday at St. Mary Bourne, and believe themselves to be the first ringers to score five peals in two days in five different towers.

Altogether a very successful and enjoyable weekend, and the party thank Geoff. Dodd for his excellent arrangements, and his wife, Sylvia, for her kind hospitality. A. P. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Lewisham District held their annual District meeting at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, when just over 50 ringers, representing 14 towers, attended. The service in church was preceded by ringing, superintended by Miss M. Andrews, District Ringing Master.

The bright and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Murray-Walton, who warmly welcomed his congregation to his church, in process of being so magnificently rebuilt. Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, read the lesson. The well-chosen hymns were sung lustily, thanks largely to the inspiration of the organist's accompaniments.

The local ringers and friends arranged an attractive, substantial tea in the Church Institute, at which the Vicar presided. Before leaving to attend to other duties, the Vicar reiterated his welcome, and hoped the members would again visit Bromley at not too distant a date.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) presided at the business meeting at which nine ringers were elected members of the Association, and the election of one member was ratified. The chairman read a letter from Mr. I. Emery, of the local band and connected with the belfry there for 69 years, apologising for his absence.

A report of the past year's activities, read by the District secretary, was adopted. Arising from this report, Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham) informed the meeting of the disturbing state of the tower at St. Margaret's, Lee, and of efforts being made to ensure the continuance of a ring of bells there. Mr. Dafters was warmly thanked for his work in connection with this matter.

Officers for the ensuing year were all re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Hill, hon. District secretary; Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters, District representatives, and Miss M. Andrews, of Bexley, District Ringing Master.

St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, was chosen for the next meeting on January 26th.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, the local ringers and their friends, the organist and the chairman, ended the business meeting.

Ashford District

A good attendance encourged the new officers of the Ashford District at Bethersden on November 17th. Approximately 37 ringers and friends sat down to a good tea which had been arranged by Mr. Harry Jarvis and was served by the local lady ringers.

Canon McMichael, who welcomed the ringers in the absence through illness of the Vicar, conducted the service. Mr. Garner was at the organ, and the lesson was read by the new Ringing Master, Mr. John Cooper.

After a short business meeting members adjourned to the pleasant ringing chamber, where ringing from rounds to London Surprise Minor was continued until 9 o'clock. C. T. H.

The new bells of North Stoneham will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Newcastle Cathedral was lost after 3 hours and 10 minutes. Some of the band, however, had a compensation with a peal of London Surprise Major.

'Plain' is Deleted

It has been decided to discontinue the addition of the word 'Plain' to the title of peals and quarter peals of Plain Bob on all numbers of bells, thus reverting to the traditional usage.

This is in accordance with a resolution reaffirmed by the Central Council in 1955, part of which states that the Council is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary.

Will all concerned please note.

PEAL RINGING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

The peal at Ecclesfield reported this week was not uneventful. The tower door had been locked and the key left on the inside, but during the second 720 the ringing chamber door opened and a man walked into the belfry, removed a key from a hook and disappeared as strangely as he had come.

Some half-an-hour later he reappeared, walked across the ringing chamber, round the rope circle, eventually sat down on a bench behind the tenor and took out a packet of cigarettes! The conductor politely asked him to leave the belfry. It turned out that he was a frustrated clock winder who had another key to a door from the church. He was in an aggressive mood and promptly entered into a lengthy argument with the conductor, only leaving when he learned that ringing was expected to continue for another two hours and that the band had every intention of ensuring that it would continue for that time.

Despite the fact that half the band had very little experience in peal ringing, the peal was successfully brought round with only a temporary disturbance of the ringing. E. H. E.

Christmas Greetings

Our seasonal feature, 'Christmas Greetings,' whereby members of the Exercise send their good wishes to ringing friends, will appear in our issue of Friday, Dec. 21st. The charge is 4s. per insertion of 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Shortly after 7 a.m. on Sunday, October 28th, the six bells at Kingston Seymour were ringing for Holy Communion service, on the occasion of the Chew Deanery Branch's visit for their bi-annual Corporate Communion. Twenty ringers were present at Communion, when the celebrant was the Rector (Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands). After the service breakfast was provided by Mrs. Norton in the Village Hall. Towers represented were Wrington, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Yatton, Kingston Seymour and Clutton, with visitors from the Axbridge Branch (Bleadon and Uphill). Votes of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Norton concluded the sociable breakfast-table conversation.

A very well attended practice meeting of the Chew Branch was held on the six at Tickenham on Nov. 17th. The bells were kept ringing in methods to suit all from 5 o'clock until 8, and ringing included Cambridge and London Surprise Minor and about half a lead (!) of Oswald Delight. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. H. W. Knight, the Branch Ringing Master.

YATTON RINGERS IN DEVONSHIRE

On October 10th the mail train with its reserved coach was specially stopped at Yatton for the main party, who found that eight who were to have joined the train at Bristol were missing. Further ringers were picked up en route to Devon, and on leaving the train at Totnes the stationmaster caused further concern with a message that two more had been left behind at Taunton (one of these was supposed to be our organiser, who was still with us!). A check showed none missing, so we set out to ring on Devon's heaviest eight.

At the advice of the local captain, two extras were put on the back end for rising, but this was not found really necessary at our speed as compared with the quick, energetic rises of the 'call-changers.'

After refreshments we journeyed by coach through the Dart valley to ring at Ashburton, where the lights went out and stayed out during a heavy storm. A couple of miles brought us to Buckfast Abbey, where a slight delay gave an opportunity to look round this interesting building. Here our youngest ringer 'chimed' the Bourdon.

After tea came Bovey Tracey with its somewhat lighter eight. The church was much admired and of special interest was a beautiful modern copy of Hunt's 'Light of the World.'

As often happens on outings, the heaviest ring came last; this time with no doubt—Exeter Cathedral. With plenty of help on the back end a creditable rise was made on the back ten, this being the first attempt to the knowledge of Mr. Wreford, who met us here.

A return to British Railways and almost all activity stopped at St. David's station, while handbells were rung on the platform. Further handbell ringing with happy company made the journey home seem very short.

Ringing on the tower bells ranged from rounds on 12 to Grandsire Cinques. Thanks are extended to all connected with the towers we visited and to Mr. Bert Price for so highly organising the outing (even the tickets were specially printed).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate Dr. Richard Price on his letter concerning the self-styled College of Campanology. I feel sure that he has expressed most clearly the opinions of many ringers who have successfully trained much-needed recruits for the belfry without all the much-padded and verbose instructions for the 'belfry schoolroom' which the Manual proposes. I also would be most interested to meet—it would have to be in about five years' time, I would think—a beginner whose keenness and interest in ringing has managed to survive this appallingly stiff and formal course.

Concerning the whole affair, I find myself in full agreement with Mr. P. A. Corby. There can be only one body which is competent to sponsor a scheme of this type if it is to be recognised nationally—the Central Council; and if Mr. Corby makes his proposition at next year's meeting I, if still a member of the Council, shall certainly give it full support. There have been, and still are, many informal schools of ringing—the St. John's School of Ringing at Bristol is an example—but none of these has seen fit to set itself up as the one great authority in the teaching of ringing. If the possession of a College 'Diploma' is now considered as essential before one can be considered a reasonable ringer and fit to teach others, then one can only assume that all the great ringers and instructors of this country are to be reckoned unqualified!

Incidentally, I wonder whether any of our Portsmouth friends would care to give us their opinions as to the organisation which is rising in their midst. One assumes that the belfries of the Cathedral or St. Mary's, Portsea, are being used for the instruction of trainees, and it would be most interesting to hear something from the leaders of these towers — including some statistics as to the number of broken stays, etc.—or is this an indelicate question . . . ?—Yours sincerely.

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough.

QUOTING SCRIPTURE

Dear Sir,—I see Y.-B. is quoting the scriptures; perhaps Habakkuk i, 5 (quoted in Acts xiii, 41) would be a little more typical, and no doubt an opponent will cite I Cor. v with emphasis on 'Put away the wicked man,' or, perhaps more to the point, suggest that if ringing is ordained of God it needs no Y.-B. to help. Bible quoting is too easy to be really worthwhile except in a really fundamentalist world.—Yours sincerely,

DERMOT ROAF.

Christ Church, Oxford.

Note.—Habakkuk i, 5: 'Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe though it be told you.'—Ed.

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. York-Bramble's letter, it is unfortunate that the *chapter* of his Biblical refence is omitted. Is it possible that the *Book* referred to is not the 'Acts' but that he intended to use Deuteronomy 28, vv. 38 and 39?

If so, may we hope that—although the nibbling is taking place—the sequel will not be the same?—Yours faithfully,

W. P. GARNER.

Willesborough, Kent.

Note.—Deut. 28, v. 38: 'Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.'—Ed.

DIPLOMAS AND BADGES?

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest, and sometimes amusement, the recent letters published in 'The Ringing World' with respect to the College of Campanology and the arguments for and against its survival, and have realised that too much attention is being paid to the opinions of prominent ringers and not enough to the back-of-beyond ringers and the not-so-well-known ringers.

In his last letter ('R.W.', Nov. 23rd) Mr. A. York-Bramble states that amongst the people directing future activities of the College there are 11 members of the Central Council. Does he mean by this that we have got to resign ourselves to the fact that the College is established as having the backing of the majority of ringers? The fact that the Central Council representative of a Guild or Association is interested in the work of the College is entirely irrelevant as to whether its work will further the development of good ringing, or not. Incidentally, I wonder how many of these 11 people have made it known to the Guilds which they represent on the Central Council that they are backing the College, and how many still keep it a dark secret until they see which way the wind is going to blow?

May I also express an opinion on the suggestion of Mr. N. Champness ('R.W.', Nov. 23rd). Is it necessary for a ringer to wear a badge to tell everyone how proficient he is?—that, to my mind, is just egotism. When a ringer visits a tower for the first time he is invariably asked what he is able to ring—that's belfry etiquette; surely, unless he is dumb, he is able to say what he can ring without having a badge to prove it. I agree that it would encourage the youngsters to attain a higher level of proficiency, but wouldn't it have the same effect that the diplomas, etc., of the College of Campanology are likely to have in the future, namely, 'Only holders of a Diploma or "silver bell" are permitted to ring here'?

In closing, may I point out to Mr. York-Bramble that if he thinks that this letter is long-winded, etc., will he please remember that it's not everyone who has regular practice at submitting letters to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. SMITH.

Leicester.

P.S.—It was remarked at a gathering of ringers a little while ago that the Cathedral System of training ringers was to teach one and to 'pinch' six. Food for thought? J. A. S.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, Mr. F. A. Cluett, of Gravesend, we should like to point out that the bat which appeared in the advertisement to which he refers is not a local resident. When the artist requested permission to sketch our bell chamber he did enquire whether we could also provide the bat, but although we suspect their existence we were unable to induce one to appear whilst he was at work.—Yours faithfully,

D. COLGATE.

Sevenoaks.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. A. Cluett, a bat did appear in the belfry at Worplesdon. I was, at the time, just learning to ring a bell down when the other ringers present drew my attention to a bat which had descended the chute of the bell I was attempting to lower, and was circling round my head. Being rather tied up in knots I did not look up until my bell was safely downwards, but then, alas, the bat had disappeared, so I still haven't seen a bat in a belfry.—Yours, etc.,

ANN M. COX.

Guildford, Surrey.

CHURCHMANSHIP AND BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to J. T. D. for his leading article, and with him I agree the time has come when some thought might be given to this question.

I do, however, wonder whether, as a body, we are quite clear of criticism on one point. Whilst we deprecate the 'lordly air of condescension on Sundays, etc.,' do we not somewhat condone this by accepting ringers as 'unattached'? I may be sticking my neck out here as there may be good and sufficient reasons why some ringers register as such, although I must admit I can see none.

Is it wrong to suggest that ringers who enjoy the art should at least realise some degree of loyalty and take a little of the responsibility by attaching themselves to their own or other suitable tower? Surely this is not expecting too much. After all, someone has to keep the towers, bells and ropes fit for their use. If this form of membership was abolished it would, I think, be one step toward the realisation of the sentiments expressed by the final paragraph of J. T. D.'s admirable article.

I'm afraid I do not quite see eye to eye with him regarding footnotes, as I do not think quite as many peals are footnoted for Patronal Festivals as it would lead us to suppose. To my mind, far too many mundane events are made the subject of a peal. Perhaps, one day, who knows, we may see a conductor take his courage in both hands and footnote a peal 'To the glory of God.' After all, that's one of the main reasons why the bells are where they are.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. GAIT.

High Littleton, Bristol.

PRIVETT'S SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns let those interested know that the bells of Privett Church, near Petersfield, are now silent owing to the state of the stonework of the tower. As many will remember, this church stands on the top of a high hill, and although less than a hundred years old, weathering in such an exposed position is extensive. Most of the damage is around the louvres at bell chamber level.

The cost of repairs is £400 and the local ringers are appealing for help to get the work done. Privett is little more than a hamlet, and the money cannot be completely raised in the parish in time to prevent further decay.

If anyone has rung there or has any association with the parish and they feel they can contribute to the fund, their donation, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. D. Pearce, churchwarden and secretary of ringers, 35, Church Cottages, Privett, Alton, Hampshire.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES E. BASSETT (Hon. Sec.),
Alton and Petersfield District.
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Southampton.

SPLICED ERIN AND STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Triples in these two methods was rung at Bushey, Herts, on August 26th, 1939, by the Hertford County Association, and was conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore. The composition was J. W. Parker's No. 1 and contained 3,960 Stedman and 1,080 Erin with 300 changes of method. Mr. Harris, please note.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.
Hon. General Secretary,
Herts County Association.

St. Albans.

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PART I.—CATHEDRAL SYSTEM

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149. Some Faults in Instruction.

Again, this is not an exhaustive list, but is fairly typical of what is, unfortunately, too general in ringing training. The appendix has been compiled as an aid to those who, while conscientious, yet find their training scheme to fall short of expected results. (All these points are covered in the Manual.)

1. Neglect to give a clear and interesting introduction to the whole subject.
2. Failure to appreciate pupil's type and treat accordingly. (Treatment not flexible.)
3. Neglect to follow a planned course of instruction, with modification for pupil types, as necessary.
4. Illogical arrangement of subject matter.
5. Poor presentation and lack of illustration.
6. Failure to stimulate and maintain interest.
7. Omission of salient steps (often thought to be rather too 'pernickety'), e.g., rope approach, orientation, proximity, stance, etc., which steps actually often make or mar a ringer.
8. Failure to check every fault and instantly. (Over 30 common.)
9. Neglect to ask and invite questions of the pupil.
10. Failure to train pupil's ear from the beginning.
11. Allowing 'bell to ring pupil' as soon as he can be left solo, instead of bell balancing.
12. Allowing pupil to attempt 'open' ringing in concert (in rounds, for example) before he has acquired real bell control. (At least 80% pulls 'balanced.')
13. Failure to stress PRECISION of striking from first ringing in concert, and to use the ear *principally*.
14. Failure to teach the elements of method ringing before beginning a set method.
15. Attempting to teach without the co-operation of the more experienced ringers in the later stages, no matter whether teacher or ringers are to blame. (Refers, of course, to towers where there *are* ringers.)
16. (A general criticism of the tower band.) Waiting until the band is one short, before starting recruitment and training of beginners.

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[End of Part I of the Manual. Contents of remaining six Parts were indicated in Article 18 of Section II.]

OBITUARY

CANON J. HUGHES

The Chester Diocesan Guild has lost a good friend in Canon J. Hughes, for 22 years Vicar of Rostherne. A faithful parish priest who went about doing his job in this country village, he was always ready to welcome ringers, and on the occasion of the last visit of the Stockport Branch to his church he conducted the service although he had been instructed by the doctor to take things easy.

He was laid to rest in Rostherne churchyard on November 14th, when the service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders-Davies, Bishop of Stockport. The bells were rung half-muffled and the evening before an 'in memoriam' extent of Bob Minor was rung by R. Smith 1, Miss A. P. Brown 2, Mrs. C. K. Lewis 3, A. R. Elkins 4, A. J. Brown 5, C. K. Lewis 6.

C. K. L.

AN AUGUST HOLIDAY IN DEVONSHIRE

ON August 18th a grey coach left Windsor, and as it passed through the towns of Slough, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Marlow and Reading it acquired, as a tramp steamer does, a very mixed cargo!—the freight being ringers of both sexes between 17 and 70 years young.

Heavy traffic and tank transporters combined, and we arrived at Sherborne Abbey about a quarter of an hour before the time we should have been leaving for Exeter. Thanks to the local ringers who met us, and the authorities at the Abbey, we were allowed to ring after a service ended. We did not do justice to this grand ring of bells, however. Probably the hurried nature of our visit had something to do with this.

We reached Exeter, our headquarters for the week, in time for tea before making our way to the Cathedral for the monthly practice.

SUNDAY AT TEIGNMOUTH

On Sunday the party assembled at St. David's to ring for service at 10 o'clock. Some went to St. Mark's Church, others to St. Thomas', and rang for services at 11 o'clock. After this ringing a good percentage stayed to the services. In the afternoon the coach conveyed the party to Teignmouth. Here the afternoon passed very quickly as swimming, walking, eating, boating or just lazing in the sun was indulged in. Ringing in the evening took place at St. James' Church. Cambridge Major is quite interesting to ring with the congregation passing through the rope circle as they enter the church. Later on St. Michael's bells were rung for the holiday-makers' service at 9 p.m.

Monday's programme started with a visit to Broad Clyst, a lovely eight. Some fairly good rinying, not a good fall, and a teeny-weeny bit of belfrymanship! At Silverton a lady came to the church for peace and quiet. She didn't mind the bells but she objected to some people walking very quietly round the church! Tiverton bells were much admired.

In the afternoon Cullompton, Bradninch and Ottery St. Mary were visited. Our 10-bell ringing was poor, but at Ottery St. Mary we made amends for this with some really good stuff, followed by a lovely tea. In the evening we broke a rope at Clyst-Honiton and caused its successor to moult badly. After straying into a farmyard we found Sowton Church.

Tuesday's start from Queen's Hotel was delayed by a brewer's dray which blocked our way. Eventually, we made haste to South Molton. The rise here was led by a local ringer. His advice not to hang about too long had such an effect that a rocket-like rise resulted. Fairly good, too, as was the ringing and the lower. Pilton bells were rung as we made our way to Bideford and lunch.

At Bideford we had a long wait for a local ringer who hadn't turned up, before the verger would allow anyone to enter the belfry. A good lower in peal here. At Northam a stay was bent by a young gentleman, whose enthusiasm for pulling up waned after this event. More key hunting at Great Torrington, but a good rise, ringing and fall when it was eventually found. Crediton, our last call, has a nice heavy ring of eight, and also a fish and chip shop, judging by the number of people eating this delicacy on the homeward run!

The very pleasant bells of Moreton Hampstead Church were rung on Wednesday morning as we journeyed towards Tavistock. The tenor clapper at Tavistock had broken a few days before so we did not experience the pleasure of the full octave. Minor and Triples on the front seven had to suffice. Buckland Monachorum was the next tower on the list. Between here and Compton Gifford we wandered off the beaten track. This resulted in our coach taking us up a very narrow road with hairpin bends and high stone banks on each side. Rise, fall and ringing were all quite good at Compton Gifford; then on to St. Maurice, Plympton. The course of London here must surely have been the slowest on the bells. An irate lady living close to the tower expressed, in very plain, lucid language her opinion of bells and ringers! Ashburton bells were available after tea.

A THUNDERSTORM

Early rising must have upset some of our folk on Thursday, because although the rise and fall were fairly good, most of the ringing was poor. The fault was not in Chudleigh bells but at the end of the ropes. At Kingsteignton form was regained and striking improved. An early arrival at Wolborough came as a mild shock to all the occupants of the coach. At Totnes we received a watery welcome from the clerk of the weather. The welcome in the tower, the bells and ringing more than compensated for the thunderstorm. When we left Totnes the coach showed that it resented being left out in the rain and poured a few gallons on to the folk under its sunshine roof. Practice with the local ringers at Heavitree, preceded by Paignton bells and Upton, Torquay, made a very satisfying finish to the day.

Friday seemed to have arrived very quickly. We had a fairly long run to Hatherleigh. From here we went to Holsworthy, where the bells were ringing as we arrived. The bells here are quite famous, and an organ voluntary has been composed on the airs played on them by a carillon. Ringing not very good here. Then Stratton bells were enjoyed before going to St. Stephen's, Launceston. Two people rang in the first touch here, hurried to view some carved pew-ends in another church the other side of the town, rushed back to the coach, having walked between one-and-a-half and two miles. Imagine their surprise when they found that the place selected for providing tea was about 20 yards from the church they visited! After tea we had the real pleasure of ringing Lifton bells. A lovely mellow ring this. Our coach then wandered by way of a very narrow road again to Okehampton. This road joined the major road close to the church, but just before the two met a sharp bend and a drop of five or six feet made things difficult for the driver. It looked impossible to get so large a vehicle round the corner, but our driver rose to the occasion and manœuvred out on to the road amidst applause.

After ringing at Okehampton we returned to Exeter for the last night of the tour. Mr. Barker, on behalf of the company, expressed our thanks to Mr. Cox for organising such a happy week in a county so rich in really good rings of bells. Mrs. Barker then presented him with a set of door chimes and a biscuit barrel. Tony replied, and then the company were entertained by some tune- and change-ringing before dispersing to quench their thirst.

On the homeward journey ringing took place at Chard, Queen Camel and Bramley. To incumbents and local ringers we express our sincere thanks.

During the week between 1,200 and 1,300 steps were climbed. Our skill at embarking and disembarking increased, but for sheer speed we can never hope to equal some of the non-ringers on the way to their meals!

W. L.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Pryke 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, M. T. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, W. A. Perry 6, P. Mayle 7, F. Kemp 8.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 31st 1,440 Childwall Bob Minor: P. Sewry 1, P. Bellamy-Knight 2, Miss V. Horton 3, G. Halls 4, F. Lowe 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all. For All Saints'-tide.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob): Wm. Smith 1, R. Peck 2, J. Pilgrim 3, A. S. Pipe 4, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. S. Bedford 6. Rung for evening service and to honour the 90th birthday of Mr. T. E. Pilgrim, M.B.E., who was churchwarden for 30 years.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Cooper 1, A. J. Clayton 2, Miss K. E. Weller 3, J. S. Pink (first as cond.) 4, Miss J. M. Winchester 5, M. Williamson (first of Caters) 6, J. F. Galyer 7, M. Chilcott 8, E. G. Talbot 9, F. D. Jennings 10. For Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. O. Abell 1, P. D. Wells 2, O. Castleman 3, J. P. Kesterton 4, R. Barrow 5, N. O. Abell 6, A. W. Skinner (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Talent, churchwarden of Belgrave.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Jean Jones 1, Mary Andrews 2, Judith Cox 3, J. L. Morris (cond.) 4, R. G. Rayfield 5, C. H. J. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Day.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (420 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and All Saints'): H. J. Edmunds 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, R. Daniels 3, N. Line 4, R. Line (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joshua J. Partridge, for 30 years a ringer at this church.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Turner 1, M. H. Williams 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, M. Edmonds 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading alternatively): E. Turner 1, M. Edmonds 2, H. Preece 3, J. Hale 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, T. E. Hiddins 6, W. T. Petty (cond.(7, D. L. Hughes 8. Also for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Turner 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 6, L. Simmonds 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. A. W. Wright, a ringer at this church for over 35 years.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, A. C. Baker 2, D. J. Hunt 3, G. M. Nichols 4, F. Skidmore 5, V. E. Lucas 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, W. J. Cook 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. N. Dart 1, A. C. Baker 2, V. J. Williams 3, D. G. Mayell 4, J. Hunt 5, A. A. Hilliar 6, F. Skidmore (cond.) 7, R. G. Hooper 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for Family Communion.

BROCKWORTH, GLOS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Crawley 1, L. Barry (cond.) 2, P. Clarkson 3, R. Fry 4, G. Norman 5, A. Lynall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Brian Green, aged 19 years, sacristan, choir member and bellringer at this church.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 St. Clement's: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett (cond.) 5, G. M. Rouse 6. For morning service.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lemarie (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris (first 'inside') 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, Mary Carnochan (first 'inside') 5, E. Ashby 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. For Evensong.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Stratford 1, Rita Stratford 2, A. Ballard (cond.) 3, N. Price (first quarter) 4, M. Vernon 5, W. Johnson 6, M. E. Brown 7, G. Clarke 8. In memory of Mrs. Beatrice Seal, donor of the bells.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss P. Bourne 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, Miss E. A. G. Grime 3, A. F. Lee (first in method) 4, R. E. Coles 5, W. H. Thompsett 6, D. J. King 7, R. O. Fry (cond.) 8.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss R. Morgan 1, G. Bush 2, P. D. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, J. Haw 6. Rung before the christening of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brudenhall's twin sons. After the service 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): J. Strange (first quarter) 1, F. Hurrell 2, C. Philpott 3, J. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. For Evensong.

ELTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, R. Stretton (cond.) 2, K. Faulkner 3, P. Sewry 4, M. Durow 5.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham (cond.) 1, M. Osborne 2, C. Moore 3, R. Moore 4, C. Morris 5, J. Aldridge 6. Rung half-muffled for British Legion service of remembrance.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Jacobs (first quarter) 1, G. Privett 2, Miss R. Sturgess 3, J. Stevenson (first 'inside') 4, A. Sturgess (cond.) 5, G. Miles 6. Rung for 42nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Privett.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Newson 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, F. Jacklin 5, F. Ellis 6, G. Curl cover. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. S. N. Veitch) on retirement.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Seldon 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, A. Tapley 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey M. Trott 1, D. Mitchell 2, E. R. Rapley 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, B. W. White 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 and first by local band.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. A. Carter (first quarter) 1, E. Edmondson (cond.) 2, R. Hand 3, J. G. Cull 4, D. L. Cull 5, J. Newbold 6. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter (Pauline) to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cull. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Wells (aged 75, first quarter) 1, J. Gatwood 2, Mrs. H. Price 3, J. G. Cull 4, E. Edmondson (cond.) 5, R. Saunders (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Nix 1, J. Lightfoot 2, E. Wimlett 3, A. Upton 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Harrison 6.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, A. Walker (cond.) 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, H. N. Pitstow 4, A. B. Peck 5, C. J. Watts 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8. Rung immediately after the unveiling of the statue to Field Marshal J. Smuts.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On November 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett (cond.) 1, W. Bird 2, H. Easey 3, M. Solley 4, J. Kindred 5, P. Kindred 6, R. Coates 7, A. Coleman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. L. Whytehead, a former Rector.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gilbert 1, W. Welling 2, Miss K. North 3, A. Cross 4, B. Lister 5, G. Cousins 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs (first quarter) 8. For patronal festival.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Rendell 1, W. E. Turner 2, G. W. Rendell (jun., first quarter) 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, A. W. Dyer 5, S. W. White 6, A. S. Atyeo 7, W. Turk 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): N. Anne Lepper 1, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 2, Jill M. Lane (first in two methods 'inside') 3, Angela M. Houchin (first 'inside') 4, J. A. Etherington 5, D. A. R. May 6. Longest length for 1 and 6. For Confirmation.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Claden 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, G. Blake 4, B. G. Burton 5, K. Wood 6. For Confirmation service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Werrett (first quarter) 1, R. Day 2, A. Pound 3, I. Werrett 4, R. Dixon 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Forward 1, S. A. Scott (first 'inside') 2, D. Sinms 3, J. Dart 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For service and also as a birthday compliment to Alan Scott.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Kingston 1, R. Monk 2, J. Ribbans 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Hancock 6. For Remembrance Day, and also as a farewell to D. Wright who was leaving for National Service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Goodey (first quarter) 1, A. R. Tysoe 2, C. F. Sayer 3, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 4, T. J. Southam 5, N. V. Frost 6, G. W. Debenham 7, A. E. Ewer 8. For evening service.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Secker 1, Miss P. Rowe (first of Minor 'inside,' aged 11) 2, M. Rowe 3, M. Cubitt 4, Miss J. Secker 5, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the Ancient Society of College Youths. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss A. Smith 1, W. Theobald (cond.) 2, M. Rowe 3, H. Howson 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, G. Atkins 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5. First quarter on the bells for 26 years. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon Marshall, who has been a sincere friend of the Towcester branch, and is leaving to take up an appointment with the Missions to Seamen.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Marion Macfarlane 1, D. H. White 2, Sheila Benwell 3, H. Collings 4 T. K. Price (cond.) 5, F. Paramore 6. For the coming of age of the ringer of the third.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cozens (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. W. Gray 8. Also 1,260 Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Miss N. Hales 3, Mrs. D. Neal 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Dale 1, J. H. Kirby 2, D. Cubitt 3, P. Woodward 4, W. Moreton (cond.) 5, G. Townend 6, J. E. Kirby 7, H. Naylor 8. Rung to mark the ninth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 4th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope 6. For morning service. Also 1,296 Oswald Delight: Miss B. Philpot 1, Miss R. E. Gower (first in method) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. W. Housden 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, H. J. F. Muncey 3, G. A. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung by the officers of the Ely District on the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, H. Cox 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, J. Tomsett 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, A. Bagworth 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Dorking (first of Major) 1, J. Warner 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, W. S. Butler 4, C. Burton 5, J. Parker (first quarter) 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. M. Payne, a former vicar of Witham, who was interred this day at Worth Matravers.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Clover 1, W. Clover 2, R. Appleton (first 'inside') 3, R. G. Lofty 4, C. H. Moore 5, T. E. Spight 6, H. Tooke (cond.) 7, J. R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK

On November 3rd a party of teenage ringers from Beccles, Barsham, Norwich and Mulbarton spent an enjoyable afternoon ringing in Norwich.

Owing to the fact that the eight bells of St. John-de-Sepulchre were found to be unobtainable at the last moment, the party proceeded somewhat ahead of schedule to the Church of St. George-in-Colegate (6, 9¼ cwt.).

These bells were very much admired for 'go' and tone. Ringing here consisted of 'Queens' and call-changes, and some well-struck courses of Plain Bob Doubles were brought round on the back five. A course of Grandsire came to an abrupt end two changes before the bells should have come round. A method of rather doubtful composition, invented at Barsham's last practice night and named 'Barsham Bob,' was rung. Before we left we rang a course of Doubles on the front five to satisfy the treble ringer's passion for Minor fives.

The short journey to the church ot St. Michael-at-Coslany proved comparatively silent as the organiser produced some extraordinarily bulky home-made toffees (?), guaranteed to silence the most voluble member of the party for at least ten minutes. The glue-content of this type of sweet is obviously very high.

On arrival at St. Michael's we deemed it expedient to leave the front two of the eight (14 cwt.) unraised, as these bells have a 'reputation.' The tenor bell proved a source of amusement to a certain individual who rarely rings a bell weighing more than 6½ cwt. (Barsham tenor). Call-changes and Bob Doubles were successfully rung on these fine-toned, if somewhat rough-going, bells. Having descended to the body of the church, an agonised wail was heard from the ringing chamber. It was discovered that the most diminutive ringer had been inadvertently locked in. After this incident the party went their several ways.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the clergy and to our organiser T. N. J. B.

BOLSOVER

On November 3rd Bolsover Parish Church ringers, with friends from Chesterfield, Warsop and Worksop, enjoyed a half-day outing.

Mr. J. W. Cotton very kindly arranged for ringing at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Netherseal and Overseal. The coach was delayed in Nottingham by the University Rag procession, but Mr. Beardsmore patiently waited to welcome the visitors at Ashby, and the bells were soon raised in peal. Methods rung included Bob Major, Double Norwich, Little Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

At Netherseal a meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was in progress, and the two parties were provided with tea in the local Village Hall. Mr. W. H. Curzon welcomed the visitors and made friendly reference to former stalwarts from the Chesterfield District, including the Knights family and John Flint. Mr. Cooper suitably replied and thanked the ladies for the splendid arrangements made for tea.

By arrangement with the members of the Midland Counties Guild the visitors were able to make good use of the bells at Netherseal whilst a business meeting was in progress. Miss Joan and Mr. Peter Beresford, of Lichfield, were invited to ring with the party at Netherseal and later at Overseal, where ringing continued until nearly 8 p.m. The two light rings were pushed along at a merry pace to methods which included Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Forward Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

On the way home an excellent dinner was enjoyed at the Highfields Hotel, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and the coach eventually reached Bolsover in the early hours of Sunday morning. The members wish to express thanks for the kindness of all who so readily assisted with the arrangements for this outing and a previous one in Lancashire in June. A. B. C.

EWELL, SURREY

The Ewell outing this year took place on the day commemorated as the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was therefore fitting that the ringers of St. Mary's should visit on this day five churches in Oxfordshire, each one also dedicated to St. Mary.

Our arrival at Henley-on-Thames 20 minutes early gave us time to explore the church with the Vicar, who had been inducted only a few days before. He made the 60 of us very welcome. By 9 o'clock we were ringing this fine eight (tenor 21¼ cwt.), while from the top of the tower others were admiring the excellent view.

Another very pleasant 20 miles brought us to Thame, where we found the large church with its big square tower abounding in interest. In the centre of the chancel stands a huge white marble tomb with effigies of Lord Williams, of Thame, and his wife. There are eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.), and being easily accessible we took the opportunity of having a look at them. Coming to Banbury, 30 miles on, we had a very satisfying lunch before visiting our only 10-bell church of the day, the quaint red-sandstone edifice with its huge round tower, dominating the town and appearing at first sight more like a town hall or museum.

The piece-de-résistance was our next call—Home Farm, at the small village of Balscott. Here we found the lightest ring of six in the world, cast in 1952 (tenor 1 cwt. 21¼ lb.). The bells are hung in a small outhouse adjoining the kitchen and are partly visible from outside. Peals of laughter filled the farmyard when we first caught sight of them and the diminutive rope-ends hanging in the confined space below. Having left the spacious tower at Banbury only 15 minutes earlier, the contrast did seem comical. More laughter was caused when first attempts at ringing were made; we couldn't even ring them up!

Mr. Jarvis, our host, who had been looking on at the futile efforts of the experts, showed us how to do it. Calmly taking a rope in each hand, he rang up treble and second; similarly with 3/4, followed by 5/6. After a time, when they had recovered from their amazement, some of the party began to make a fair show; but even then, just as you thought you had mastered the technique, you found your bell involuntarily lowered!

We had left the Chilterns at Thame: this part of the county, bordering on the Cotswold Hills, we found most beautiful as we travelled on to Witney, where tea was waiting. Ringing at the church followed and was greatly enjoyed. A truly magnificent 156 ft. spire surmounts the cruciform church, which occupies a commanding situation, overlooking the green and the town to the north and spacious meadows to the south.

Bampton, 600 years famous for its horse fair on August 26th and Morris dancing on Whit Monday, is justly proud of its beautiful church. Like that at Witney, it is cruciform and has a spire 170 ft. high, with wonderful flying buttresses supporting large figures of saints, most impressive in the gathering dusk. The once coloured and gilded stone reredos is 600 years old; the three-storied Easter Sepulchre is 15th century. We rang these splendid bells for a long time, finally groping our way out in the dark.

The 70 miles return journey gave us time to ponder on the things we had seen and heard and enjoyed, until one coach became wedged against the parapet of a narrow bridge across a stream. With this adventure and subsequent nocturnal meanderings we arrived at Ewell at midnight, a 17-hour day. J. E. B.

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DEATHS

COOLIDGE.—Suddenly on November 25th, 1956, Thomas William Coolidge, of 31, Somerset Buildings, Churchway, Euston Road, N.W.1, aged 83 years. Member of College Youths, 1895–1956. Funeral, East Finchley Cemetery, December 3rd. 9390

PANNELL.—On Nov. 30th, 1956, at his home, 9, Long Gardens, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, George Edgar Pannell, aged 75 years, a past member of the Essex Association. 9406

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, Dec 8th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Creswell, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Annual business meeting for Chesterfield District. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell.—A. B. Cooper, H. Denman.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, St. Thomas', Exeter. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Handley, The Haven, 34, Vicarage Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge. 9377

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tea in George and Dragon. Names to E. Turley, Lower Farm. Annual dinner, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names as soon as possible to A. F. Wellington, Rosebank Hotel.—C. A. Bassett. 9369

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 9296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. 9311

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Redmarley, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley. 9335

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ashtead, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Tea in Schoolroom.—A. H. Smith. 9312

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter. 9376

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Friskney, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. 9357

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn (Kilburn Bridge end of Maida Vale), Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 9345

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Rededication, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Buses 41 and 48 from Eastleigh or Southampton stop outside the church: frequent service.—R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants. 9308

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Mulbarton.—Dedication of the Rev. Heard Memorial by the president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Bells available after tea. 9349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Practice at Caversham St. Peter's, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 6 p.m. Annual meeting at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 9th, 1957.—R. G. Burton. 9386

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.—Dedication of two trebles and rehung bells by the Bishop, Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. 9354

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of Swanmore bells (6), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome. 9303

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4.15 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6.15 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Luton, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, for those who send names to Mr. Kendall, 43, St. Margaret's Avenue, Luton.—Kenneth G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 9383

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9401

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. —Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9404

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington (8), at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 9403

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 3 p.m. Short service. Tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9393

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9382

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells just been rehung and retuned by Mears.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9392

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting following tea. Names for tea by Dec. 11th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Meeting at Woodchester, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Dec. 12th to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9405

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 15th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss S. Corke, 41, Coronation Road, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9399

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedlescombe, Saturday, Dec. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 13th, to Miss D. Kent, Chittlebirch, Staplecross. 9385

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, Saturday, Dec. 15th, 3 p.m. Afternoon ringing only. Meeting in tower 5 p.m. — S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9407

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Waterfoot on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9388

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Manchester Cathedral, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. and following Evensong. Nearby cafés. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9402

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. R. Beniston, 157, Hall Lane, Whitwick. 9394

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Inn.—L. W. Allen, Dis Sec. 9396

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th; 45th anniversary of the District, 1911—1956; St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Further ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—L. Bullock, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting and service, Saturday, Dec. 15th, Damerham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who send names by Dec. 11th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9340

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Preshute, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 9398

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Reunion, Saturday, Dec. 15th, Bell Inn, Nottingham. Ringing arrangements: Radcliffe, 10 to 10.30 a.m.; West Bridgford, 11 to 11.45 a.m.; Bulwell, 1.45 to 2.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, Nottingham, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary's, Nottingham, 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Tickets, 8s. 6d., available from A. E. Hartley, Shoreditch Training College, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 9380

SUFFOLK GUILD. — District Meeting, Woodbridge, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., for all who apply to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 9387

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Mary's bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Parish Hall. Meeting follows. Bells till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 12th to Miss B. Saggers, 28, Clarence Walk, Redhill. 9319

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Wednesday, Dec. 12th, Mr. F. G. Weller, 14, Church Street, Uckfield.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9395

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Rededication of Cheriton bells on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 2.45 p.m., by Bishop Lang, tea to follow. Tichborne available after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to P. Dickinson, River Bank Cottage, Cheriton.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 9397

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Calverley on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in the Old Hall Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in the tower. Names for tea to Mr. D. Thorp, 6, St. Stephen's Road, Calverley, near Leeds, no later than Thursday, Dec. 13th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9355

ESSEX.—The dedication of a new treble bell will take place at Goldhanger on Monday, Dec. 17th, at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome. 9384

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Preliminary notice.—The annual meeting of the District will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12th, in Guildford. There will be a social evening for which tickets are now available, price 1s. 6d., from Mrs. V. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. Please bring your friends.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9381

FULHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 4th, 1,279 Grandsire Caters: A. Walker 1, H. Miles 2, W. Palce 3, B. K. Lunn 4, K. Marks 5, T. Look 6, G. G. Salmon 7, S. H. Dearden 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, T. Setter 10.

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THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY AND ITS PLACE IN RINGING

A PROPHET is ever without honour in his own country, and how many valuable innovations and inventions have been lost to the country of their origin only to rebound against that country in future years. So may be the fate of the proposed College of Campanology except that there is not at present any other country to which its work can be offered.

At this stage one is not concerned so much with the contents of the 'Manual' except to say that a lot of work has gone into its compilation, and for those with the time and the inclination the publication of the second part is no doubt eagerly awaited.

A point however to which some are asking for information is after what cathedral the system has been named. No one at present appears to be able to identify any particular cathedral as having similar training methods. This is only a minor point, and our purpose is more to examine and analyse broadly the purposes and policies of the proposed college.

Recent debates and decisions of the Central Council recognise the desirability of some general work on the teaching of learners, and to this extent it can no doubt be said that the new body conflicts with what has already been set in motion by the Council. But the Council has never considered it has any prerogative in ringing publications. On the other hand it has supported outside enterprise. The Jasper Snowden Series and the Ringers' Handbook are only two such efforts which receive Council support.

The proposed college, however, apparently intends to go further than merely publishing a treatise and to confer diplomas of efficiency on the satisfactory completion of examinations. Tutorial establishments, whilst providing suitable test papers on what they assume will be points raised by examiners, do not usually also compile the final examination questions. Reading the suggested constitution of the proposed college, it is in itself to be both teacher and examiner. Surely the proper function of such a college is to prepare candidates for examination by a central authority, which in the case we now review would be the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

If this assumption is correct, then it presupposes recognition of the college by the Central Council and the setting up by the Council of an examining body, to prepare and mark theoretical papers by candidates submitted by the college and to arrange for such candidates to be examined in practice. Whether or not the Council will take such a step is not yet known, for so far as we are aware no application along these lines has yet been made, and one would assume that before compiling a Manual of Instruction it would be advisable to obtain some guidance from the examining body.

The letter headed 'Hard Facts about the College' raises some interesting points. It must be encouraging to the Central Council to know it has the support of the proposed college, and Council members will indeed be honoured to feel that they will have preference as officers of the college. Perhaps we shall see the day when Council members will be required to produce their diplomas before being eligible to vote at meetings or even be considered as candidates for election as representatives.

Truly the Council has not prohibited teaching activity without its prior permission, nor, it must be emphasised, does it confer diplomas of efficiency. Again, neither has the Council indicated it will recognise the qualifications granted by a college which, as has already been said, sets its own papers after itself giving tuition.

Mr. Price, in his letter on page 731 (November 16th), succinctly summarises the matter when he refers to informality as one of the most delightful attractions of bellringing, which by its removal will discourage rather than encourage recruits to the Exercise.

R. S. A.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

Ronald F. Diserens	*Treble*	George E. Evenden	7
John N. Diserens	2	*Edward J. Clements	8
Doreen D. Dutton	3	Noel J. Diserens	9
R. George Morris	4	*David Beacham	10
John N. Diserens	5	Roger O. Fry	11
S. Antony Jesson	6	*Bryan C. Stirland	*Tenor*

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS

HILLINGDON. MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Thomas G. Bannister	*Treble*	Frank C. Price	6
W. Norman Genna	2	John E. Chilcott	7
Fredk. W. Goodfellow	3	Michael P. Moreton	8
John S Mason	4	Albert R. G. Twinn	9
*N. David Robinson	5	Tony Price	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert R. G. Twinn.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price on the birth of a daughter, Karen Gail.

EWERBY. LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt.

John Freeman	*Treble*	Geoffrey Paul	6
Gwen I. Rusby	2	George H. Randles	7
Charles E. Brown	3	Frank G. Bloomfield	8
Norah M. Bibby	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	9
Sydney A. Chambers	5	Walter Tomlinson	*Tenor*

Composed by A. W. T. Cleaver. Conducted by John Freeman.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MACCLESFIELD. CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Alan A. Potts	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Peter Laflin	7
Edward Jenkins	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
James Fernley	4	*Brian Harris	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. K. Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	†Arthur E. Rowley	5
*Roland Beniston	2	Ernest J. Jelley	6
*†Joseph W. Cotton	3	Brian S. Chapman	7
John M. Jelley	4	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook.
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 100th peal together. † 100th peal together.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Mrs. L. Boumphrey	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
James Fernley	3	John Worth	7
Basil Jones	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Cyril S. Jarrett	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
Herbert E. Audsley	2	George J. Butcher	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	John L. Morris	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BACKWELL. SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*William R. Drissel	*Treble*	†Cecil Bishop	5
Marjorie Legg	2	‡Kenneth A. Lewis	6
Thomas G. Phillips	3	George Prescott	7
Robert Brice	4	Sidney Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Steven Broomfield	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	5
*John R. Ketteringham	2	*Arthur Crowder	6
*†Michael W. Crowder	3	George W. Moody	7
*Louis Willders	4	George E. Feirn	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Vernon Forshaw	*Treble*	*Lawrence D. Clement	5
James E. Burles	2	Alan Capstick	6
W. Thomas Turner	3	Raymond Suart	7
Clifford H. Ford	4	Nicholas M. Newby	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Nicholas M Newby.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Clifford H. Ford, and the birthdays of W. T. Turner and R. Suart; also Miss E. M. Suart, of Dalton.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

H. George Hart	*Treble*	*Dennis C. Bowen	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	James Wallman	7
Mrs. T. J. Lock	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, Rev. C. W. Earle, M.A.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
ANN BARR	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.
Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Birmingham.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*REV. P. MICHAEL FREEMAN	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
*DENIS A. FRITH	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
†GILES C. GALLEY	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

*ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*TERENCE BARTON	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of T.B. Major.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	*Treble*	*DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	*PETER R. SANDERS	6
WILLIAM M. JACKSON	3	*STEPHEN IVIN	7
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Society.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*ALICE E. J. LESTER	*Treble*	*LEONARD S. SHARPE	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	*ARTHUR F. BALLAM	6
*ROBERT E. LESTER	3	*KENNETH G. BROWN	7
SAM J. TWITCHETT	4	*HENRY IVINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN A. ROBERTSHAW	*Treble*	JAMES A. PARKER	5
*MARGARET E. WILKINSON	2	BERT SUTTON	6
†JAMES WOOLFORD (14)	3	STEDMAN H. STEER	7
HAROLD PARKER	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	*GEORGE S. DEAS	5
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	2	PETER M. GILES	6
MRS. K. ARTHUR	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
CHARLES N. LEA	4	A. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
and
THE ORDER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

COMP. JACK N. BROWN, Excelsior Engineers' Chapter, No. 4248	*Treble*
COMP. NORMAN HEAPS, Bridson Chapter, No. 613	2
EX. COMP. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Everton Chapter, No. 823	3
COMP. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Chapter, No. 5657	4
COMP. EDWARD ASHCROFT, Ormskirk Priory Chapter, No. 4007	5
COMP. EDWIN C. BIRKETT, Thermopylæ Chapter, No. 4386	6
COMP. PETER CROOK, SEN., St. John's Chapter, No. 348	7
COMP. ALLEN P. SANDFORD, Coronation Chapter, No. 2927	*Tenor*

Conducted by EX. COMP. THOMAS R. BUTLER.
50th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.
First peal in the method by a band of Royal Arch Companions, the only other peal by such recorded in the Masonic peal book at Grand Lodge, London, being one of Grandsire Triples.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	STANLEY W. COPLING	6
RICHARD S. PAYNE	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
REGINALD J. DARCH	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL	2	TERRY EARLE	6
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.

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MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	7
A. NEVILLE BROWN	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 9).
Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.
* First peal on a hunting bell.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	‡ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	‡COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
*D. ROY STODDARD	3	‡PETER R. SANDERS	7
†ROBIN N. PITTMAN	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Cambridge. The 250th peal by the Society.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5008 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED	*Treble*	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5
RICHARD W. R. COATES	2	SYDNEY J. MERRY	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
JOSEPH SAUNDERS	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the late Rev. Canon R. L. Whytehead, former Rector of Lowestoft and Rural Dean of Lothingland.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*STUART E. DYER	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
†MISS B. SPICER	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
* First peal in Surprise methods. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Whitehead, both members of this tower, upon their departure to reside in Cambridge.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS AND ST. FELIX,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Stedman and ten extents each of Grandsire, Plain, St. Simon's and St. Martin's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD J. DARCH	*Treble*	†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	2	PETER KINDRED	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal on five bells and in five Doubles methods.

CROUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 16, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in A.

HARRY STEBBINGS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
*GERALD M. ROUSE	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.
* First peal of Minor and first peal for the Association.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	*EDWARD J. JENNER	4
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
*STANLEY JENNER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal in three Minor methods.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOHN NIXON	*Treble*	DAVID JACK	4
ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	5
CHARLES S. RYLES	3	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.
The first peal on the bells.

HILLFARANCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Treble*	STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4
REGINALD BEALE	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
ARTHUR H. READ	3	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE.
Believed to be the first in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Stanley Bristow upon his silver wedding anniversary.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
ALLEN MORGAN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First seven-method peal on the bells for over 30 years.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, KINGSTHORPE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*B. PICKEN	*Treble*	STANLEY F. EARL	4
FRED BENFIELD	2	JACK PAYNE	5
†JOHN W. FELCE	3	BERNARD E. FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. FROST.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to B. Picken, who is leaving the district.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Anthony D. Bax .. .. *Treble*	George Kenward 4
†Ronald C. Burns 2	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
Terence Bartqn 3	Ralph Bird .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

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

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Price, of Tunbridge Wells.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Betty Syrett .. .. .. *Treble*	Robert C. Button 4
C. Frank W. Phillippo .. 2	Frank C. J. Arnold.. .. 5
Charles E. G. Banham .. 3	John S. Barnes .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John S. Barnes.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Barnes, parents of the conductor, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 600 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, and 1,400 Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

George Garwood .. .. *Treble*	Kenneth G. Brown .. 3
M. Willoughby 2	*H. Clarke 4
Richard Seabrook .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

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

ST. MARY BOURNE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Peter R. Dollery .. .. *Treble*	‡Oscar G. Smart 4
*Terry A. Tarrant 2	‡Geoffrey K. Dodd.. .. 5
†Vera Smart 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung to the memory of the local inhabitants who gave their lives in the two great wars.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Single Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Frederick J. Lambert .. *Treble*	Ivan A. C. Butcher .. 4
*Patricia M. Howard .. 2	†Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
*Henry N. Vaughan .. 3	Frank H. Hicks .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in four methods. † 50th peal.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*Derek M. Porter .. .. *Treble*	Michael B. Kemp 4
John G. Webb.. 2	Anthony R. Peake.. .. 5
*David T. Darby 3	*F/O D. J. K. Wise .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal.

Rung by an R.A.F. band from R.A.F., Yatesbury, and R.A.F., Compton Bassett.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores Tenor 11 cwt.

*Ellis C. Turner (14) .. *Treble*	Thomas E. Hiddins 4
John Hale 2	D. Walford Davies .. 5
William T. Petty 3	David L. Hughes .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Alfred W. Wright (81), of Bridgend, who was interred the previous day.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and seven extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

Harry King .. .. .. *Treble*	Kenneth G. Brown 3
Ernest Bishop 2	Leonard Sharpe 4
Douglas H. Rooke .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

First peal in eight Doubles methods by all. Believed to be the first peal in eight Doubles methods for the Guild.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*Richard Hall .. .. .. *Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 4
John Hall 2	Jack Bray 5
Ronald Chafer 3	Harry Hall .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal and first attempt.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 23, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Primrose, Carlisle, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*George Shellard .. .. *Treble*	‡Montague Saunders .. 4
*Barry Saunders 2	Ernest Lines 5
†William J. Chester .. 3	‡William A. Yates .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Yates.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † 150th peal. ‡ 25th peal together.

Rung as a farewell to Barry Saunders, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
At 35, Brighton Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Westminster, Annable's London, Netherseale, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge.
Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. Kathleen M. Knight 1—2	Robin G. Leale .. .. 3—6
Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 50th peal this year. First Surprise peal in seven methods by all the band, and on handbells in the county and for the Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes,*
At 24, Doyle Avenue, Hilsea,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Crayford Little Court and Cromer Alliance, (3) Little Bob and Walsingham Alliance, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob and Double Bob.
Tenor size 7 in D.

S. Kathleen M. Knight.. 1—2	Robin G. Leale .. .. 3—6
Roger Baldwin.. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in ten methods by all the band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: J. P. Martin (first away from cover) 1, Pamela R. Gough (first in method) 2, C. D. Linington (first in method) 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Diana M. Gough (50th quarter in the tower) 6. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Piper 1, A. H. Winch 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Brenda Payne 4, J. Hayns 5, D. G. Astridge 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. H. Hayns 8. A birthday compliment to Janet, daughter of the tenor ringer and sister of the ringer of the fifth.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss J. Owen (first quarter) 1, J. E. Cook 2, P. A. Hill 3, P. E. Parry 4, W. R. Read (cond.) 5, D. A. Frith 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, D.D., as Bishop of Lincoln.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 720 Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Gwen Reeves (first in method) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Ann Shiels (first in method) 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Bridges 6, S. Hatfield cover bell. For Remembrance Day.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. Dunsden 2, A. Greenough 3, H. Bishop 4, C. Aldridge 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. Blond 7, J. Grace 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of C. E. Gregory, many years captain of this tower.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Evenden (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Boyes 2, Miss K. Fletcher 3, Miss S. Titchener (first 'inside') 4, J. Daniels 5, B. Gould 6. H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, R. Boyes 8.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Turner 1, W. C. Boughton 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, B. C. Ashford 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. W. Glazzard 6, G. W. Boughton 7, J. H. Hicks 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Jones, who attained the age of 79 on Nov. 29th. He has been a chorister and ringer at this church for 55 years.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss G. Outhwaite (first quarter) 1, Miss J. George (first 'inside') 2, J. Parker 3, N. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For patronal festival.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Bob Minor: N. King 1, Daphne Hyams 2, Janet Evans 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung by the North Weald ringers for the wedding of Miss Anne Low to Mr. Michael Smith.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 576 Cambridge): R. E. Beck 1, A. P. Beck 2, R. G. Beck 3, D. Targett 4, E. J. Targett 5, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 6. For Gift Day.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wood (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lloyd 2, J. A. L. Thompson 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, J. Draycott 6, J. F. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. E. S. Moreton 8. Rung to mark the 80th birthday of Mrs. W. Harding, mother of Mr. A. Harding, people's warden at this church and a former ringer.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brinsen 1, A. Peters 2, H. Hooper 3, A. Hooper 4, G. Burge 5, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hutchins 1, C. Evans (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, H. Blick 4, E. Carter 5, R. Brown 6, C. Howells 7, I. D. Davies 8. Rung half-muffled with 7, 6, 8 covering as a tribute to the Rev. Gilbert Williams, late Vicar of Cowbridge, and to the memory of Mrs. Mary Coles, mother of the conductor, both of whom were interred during the week.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Dowse (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, F. Hodgson 3, T. Senior 4, T. Hill 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Creasy (first of Minor) 1, P. Jonason 2, L. King 3, W. Gibbons 4, E. Shingfield 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ESHER, SURREY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Sturgess (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Rooke 2, J. Maybrey (first quarter) 3, B. A. Rose (cond.) 4, Miss J. Barbrook 5, R. Rooke 6.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Speakman (first of Triples) 1, R. Bagnall 2, Eileen Hudson 3, N. Tompkins 4, P. J. Hudson 5, O. Davies 6, P. Crook (sen., cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowen 1, G. L. Hewitt 2, P. Clarkson 3, G. Green 4, R. Hazell 5, S. C. Milton 6, L. Barry 7, J. Whiting 8.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gould 1, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 2, R. Duesbury 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, F. H. Erith 5, H. F. Pike 6, C. A. Andrews 7, D. B. Munro 8. First of Grandsire for all except 2 and 7.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Hillier 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, P. Walker 3, Miss R. Maundrell 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, H. White 6. Rung for Family Communion service to close annual Gift Day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Price (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Tonkin 2, Miss K. Yeo 3, L. Baldock 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, B. Stepney 6. For Advent Sunday.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, C. J. Young 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

HIGH BARNET, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marvella Braithewaite (first quarter) 1, R. Harrison (first 'inside') 2, M. Soper 3, Margaret Johnson (first 'inside') 4, C. Ward 5, D. Bowen (cond.) 6, W. Poolman 7, W. Langley 8. Rung as a farewell to ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 8, who are ringers at Monken Hadley but have been assisting at Barnet.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Nov 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Butler 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Mrs. P. W. Mills 3, E. B. Smith 4, L. E. Sharp 5, W. A. Theobald 6, D. Welham 7, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 8.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on Nov. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Randall (first of Major) 1, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 2, L. J. Batley 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ranson 5, P. J. Hutchings 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. O. Grainger 8. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 1, Valerie Willard 2, H. B. Whitney 3, Joan Gray 4, E. Conquest 5, R. Woodruff 6, C. Loke 7, V. W. Conquest 8. For Matins, and to the memory of F. J. Dedman.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, on Nov. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss E. Aldridge 1, Miss M. Floyer 2, Mrs. J. Armstrong 3, D. Jackson 4, W. A. Theobald 5, W. Cook 6, J. Armstrong 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge for 1, 2 and 3.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Bob Triples (on the light eight): Elizabeth Smith 1, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, K. Minchinton 4, A. Fisher 5, C. Pearson 6, J. F. Roper 7, C. R. Williams 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all the band except the conductor. For Evensong and as a farewell to Elizabeth Smith, who sailed for England on November 19th after three years in Australia.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Merrill 1, T. S. Astbury 2, F. Barnard 3, J. Thomas 4, A. A. Jaques 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Cadman (first quarter) 8. For Sir Edmund Wright's Charity Day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob): Wendy Bowak 1, Daphne Hyams 2, Janet Evans 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Roaf (cond.) 1, Miss R. S. Hodgson 2, N. J. Maggs 3, P. R. Sanders 4, R. A. Hodgson 5, C. R. C. Coussmaker 6. First in method for 1, 3 and 6. For Matins.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 Bob Minor: H. T. Cornick 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, G. H. Perry 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. T. Corben 6. To commemorate St. Andrew's Day.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: E. Simpson 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, C. Sutcliffe 3, N. Parkin 4, H. B. Schofield 5, F. Rayment 6, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8. First quarter of Little Bob by all except 1 and 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, and 300 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Miss J. E. Crow 1, H. E. Curtis 2, A. G. Osborne 3, R. Line (cond.) 4, N. Line 5. A farewell to A. J. Baker, who joined the R.A.F. on November 7th.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Nov. 11th 720 Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, G. Wheller 2, S. Zobal 3, F. Zobal 4, B. Aldridge 5, P. Braund (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. Acott 1, G. Acott 2, H. Wolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, G. Godfrey 6. Rung half-muffled by the local band for Remembrance Sunday.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Nov. 25th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Doreen A. Deverell 1, T. Bevan 2, G. F. Carter 3, J. M. Payton 4, A. J. Frost (first of Caters) 5, G. A. Parsons 6, B. J. Willis 7, A. W. J. Butler (first on 10 as cond.) 8, E. V. Williams 9, J. T. O'Dell 10. First on ten bells for 1, 4 and 7.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire): B. Martin (first quarter) 1, J. F. Olney 2, Stella J. Devereux (first 'inside' in two methods) 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, A. Martin 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Mrs. A. Hales 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, F. Harvey 4, I. Cooper 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 240 each Stedman and Plain Bob): Sonia Shepherd 1, Miss C. E. Willers 2, A. L. M. Shepherd (first 'inside') 3, Jane Thorpe 4, E. M. Bullman (first as cond. in three methods) 5. For Evensong, and as an engagement compliment to Frank E. Haynes and Jane Thorpe.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Rea 1, J. Chapman 2, M. Sinden 3, J. Tomsett 4, J. Cook 5, F. Corfield 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung on the anniversary of installation of the bells.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: K. Garner 1, M. Hooton 2, Margaret Welton (first quarter) 3, Rev. C. E. Wigg 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, R. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, H. C. Jones 2, F. Kirtland 3, W. Lee 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, D. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Bob Minor: D. Holland (first of Minor) 1, Susan Porter 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hughes 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Willis 1, C. Bishop 2, R. Tubbs 3, L. Groves 4, C. Burt 5, E. Bishop 6, P. Tubbs (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Waterman 8. Rung for Confirmation service; also farewell to Canon T. W. Page Phillips.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Shipton 1, Joan Gray 2, A. E. Kershaw 3, P. M. J. Gray 4, Valerie Willard (cond.) 5, M. Hooton 6, K. Spavins 7, B. Cope 8. First in the method for 3. First of Surprise as conductor. For Evensong.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 April Day, 480 Bob): D. Roaf 1, E. J. Morton 2, N. Chamberlain (first as cond.) 3, W. Godwin 4, J. Venn 5, Miss D. Castelt 6. For Evensong, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Ottoway.

YOUNG RINGERS' KEENNESS IN EAST DEVON

In a rural part of East Devon there are three small parishes, Farway (3 bells), Northleigh (4 bells) and Southleigh (4 bells), with a total population of about 600, yet they can muster 27 young ringers who regularly ring at these three towers. The ringing was started by Mr. F. W. Foot in 1952, and it was thought to be a 'flash in the pan,' but as can be seen by the present number this is not so.

Recently a competition was arranged amongst the ringers and was held at Northleigh. Four teams of four ringers competed, the captains being Michael Berry, Michael Denning, Philip Tucker and Leslie Glanville. The Rector of these three parishes, the Rev. W. Wright, conducted a short service which was well attended, and then the ringing commenced. This consisted of rising in peal, rounds and Stand. Then five minutes of changes, a form of Bob Minimus changing on each sally only, and lowering in peal. Quite a good standard was attained.

Afterwards the ringers, together with the two judges—Mr. William Webb, of Honiton, and Mr. Ernest Rowe, of Sidmouth—were invited to the Rectory for a cup of tea and sandwiches.

The keenness amongst these ringers in view of their small number of bells should be a real lesson to other areas where the bells are not regularly rung.

Two quarter peals with five 'firsts' from Burwell, Cambs, denote the progress of the local Sunday service band, which was formed when the bells were reopened last December. Mr. R. J. Housden, their conductor, has hopes of a first peal by this new band before the end of 1956.

Christmas Bells on the Air

On Christmas Day bells will ring out greetings to the nation, from 9.20 to 9.30 a.m. in the Home Service, from the belfries of Chester Cathedral; All Saints' Parish Church, Long Ashton, Somerset; St. Thomas's Church, Belfast; St. Mary's Parish Church, Lambeth, London; St. George's Parish Church, Greenock, Renfrewshire; St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Monmouthshire; the Abbey Church of St. Mary and St. Thomas of Canterbury, Wymondham, Norfolk, and (recorded) the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem.

All these bells, with the exception of Bethlehem, will be heard 'live.' It will be appreciated that such a broadcast entails, overall, a tremendous amount of work on the part of the Outside Broadcast Department, B.B.C. engineers and the Post Office.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The following are the newly-elected officers for 1957 of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers:—

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NORWICH DIOCESAN

An Interesting Anniversary

Fifty years ago, on November 5th, 1906, Mr. E. Barker, a Shouldham ringer, journeyed to St. Faith's Church, Gaywood, to take part in the ringing of the six new bells while King Edward passed through the village on his way to open the King's Lynn Grammar School.

On Saturday, November 24th, Mr. Barker was again among the ringers at the church, the occasion this time being the third quarterly meeting of the Western Branch.

Some 40 ringers representing 14 towers attended, and the Master, Mr. C. V. Ebberson, arranged the ringing. The Rector of Gaywood, Rev. D. N. E. Bringloe, conducted the service and the president of the Association, Rev. H. G. Lillingstone (Rector of Marsham), read the lesson. The organist was a local ringer, Mr. D. Little. Relatives and friends of the local band arranged tea, and the profit of £1 5s. 5d. was paid to the Gaywood Bell Fund, which now amounts to £124.

At the business meeting, at which Rev. R. G. Dodson (Rector of Gressenhall) presided, ten new members were admitted.

The chairman expressed sincere thanks to the ladies who prepared tea, also to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the organist. Replying, the Rector invited a band from the Western Branch to ring an afternoon peal at Gaywood.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent, Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise; also rounds and call-changes for the learners.

The next meeting, which is the annual, will be at Fakenham on February 23rd, and the dates for the quarterly meetings are May 25th, August 31st and November 30th, 1957.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A former member of the Chilvers Coton band, Mr. Harry Wright, who has lived in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, for the last eight years, in a letter to Mr. A. H. Beamish, writes of his excitement to find a sally in his hand again after a trip of 1,340 miles in 3½ days to Durban. Call-changes and Grandsire Doubles with covering bells were rung at both St. Mary's (8) and St. Paul's (10). He mentions meeting a ringer from Rugby and one from Kidderminster.

Owing to the shortage of ringers the peal attempt at Newbury on December 1st was reduced from Grandsire Caters to Bob Major.

Fourteen-years-old Roland Cook rang two peals on December 1st — Yorkshire Surprise Royal at St. Andrew's, Derby, and Bob Minor at Asfordby.

As an act of appreciation for the use of the bells for a peal one reader sends a copy of the performance to the incumbent. A happy idea that could well be followed for outings.

John and Peter Kindred rang their 25th peal together at Loddon on November 19th. So far John has not stood in a peal without his brother Peter.

A happy relationship with ringers has the Rev. Wm. Garner, for the last 21 years Vicar of All Saints', Madeley, Staffs. The anniversary was marked by a peal in six methods on Madeley bells, and afterwards the Vicar entertained the ringers to tea.

The departure of Mr. Michael Thomas into the Services is regretted by a large circle of friends at Oxford. It was celebrated by a course of Grandsire Doubles rung silent on thumbs at Oxford Station. Other travellers called in the duly authorised officer, and the latest report from the county asylum is that the ringers are shortly to be allowed out on probation!

Mr. Frederick Oakhill, who rang the third in the peal at Wotton-under-Edge to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the installation of the bells, has been a ringer at this church for 63 years and a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for over 57 years. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. O. Mills.

Seventeen-years-old Donald L. Mills has conducted 17 of his 25 peals. He has now conducted a different composition from every position in the octave.

Mr. John H. Wilson, who rang his first peal at Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, on Nov. 24th, has only one effective arm. He is to be congratulated on the way he handled his bell in his first peal.

Centuries were very much in evidence in the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Hugglescote. It was the 100th together of Roland Beniston and Joseph W. Cotton, and also Arthur E. Rowley and Joseph Cotton.

Mr. T. Merritt, of Bishop's Cannings, Wilts, whose 40th wedding anniversary was commemorated by a quarter peal at Bishop's Cannings on November 28th, has completed 60 years as a ringer in this tower.

A belfry clock is being dedicated at Weston Favell, Northants, at Evensong on Sunday, December 16th, to Joseph W. Linnitt, a Weston Favell ringer, who died seven years ago, aged 26 years. His ringing friends are invited to be present. Ringing is from 5.30 p.m.

The band who rang in the Masonic peal at Southport on November 24th wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. B. F. F. Crane) for his permission and interest, Mr. Ronald Kenrick (local captain) for his ready co-operation, and Mrs. Heaps and family for their splendid hospitality after the peal.

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ROYAL CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO EL GRANDE, MADRID

By RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON

MR. DOVE's celebrated Guide has started quite a number of things, and there can be no doubt that it was the originator of this expedition; unfortunately, Mr. Dove was unable to add any further information about the bells in this church than he had already published and he could not quote any references from which further information might be gleaned. Numerous books were scoured through without even finding a fleeting reference to the bells.

Having worked on the Continent for some while and having seen bells there of all shapes and sizes, I had never come across a stay or a slider, even though ball bearings are far from being unknown. I was therefore extremely sceptical of there even being a faint possibility of a set of ringable bells on the Continent.

However, a year ago I heard that a Spanish-speaking friend of mine was going to spend a holiday in Madrid, where at one time he used to work. As he does not ring I did my best to arm him with all the available information about the bells and with illustrations of bells hung for ringing, and asked him to visit the above church.

The result was unexpected. Even though he was not allowed to see any of the bells, he did find in the sacristry of this Franciscan monastery a card stating that the bells were cast by John Warner and Sons, of the Cripplegate Foundry, London. He also learnt (erroneously) that there were nine bells in one tower, of which four were said to be hung similarly to the sketch I had sent of a bell hung for ringing in changes.

This raised fresh doubts in my mind as the nine bells would infer the presence of a semi-tone bell and the possibility that only a few of the actual octave were hung for swinging, the others being used for tune-playing only. Though my friend speaks fluent Spanish, even for him permission to inspect the bells was 'out of the question.' It was obviously not worth my while going all the way to Madrid without having prior permission to see the bells, especially as my knowledge of Spanish is slight.

Some while ago I acquired the foundry papers of the late Robert Warner, the last owner of the bell-foundry. The latest catalogue was dated 1877 and made no mention of these bells; the other records also contain no reference to them. This placed the bells in the period 1877 to 1920, and it seemed reasonable to assume that given favourable conditions they might be ringable if they ever were in this state.

The first step was to confirm that the church did belong to the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor, and this I did by contacting the headquarters of the Order in England: this done, I enlisted the aid of the British Council in Madrid. The staff of the Council were of very considerable assistance to me and the necessary permissions were all obtained through them.

On contacting the church authorities it was discovered that the fabric comes within the jurisdiction of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and that application would have to be made to the section of the Ministry dealing with it. So approaches were made via the British Council, the Cultural Attaché in the Spanish Embassy in London, and via the church authorities, with the successful result that I was granted permission to see, and if necessary (or possible), to overhaul the bells in the church.

This stage having been reached, I arrived in Madrid on Sunday, September 30th, last, equipped with a bell rope, bearing oil, a hydraulic jack, a boiler suit and various tools.

The Monday was a public holiday so it was Tuesday before I could make arrangements to see the bells. A visit was first paid to the British Council to meet the staff who had so kindly assisted in the project, and then to the Spanish Foreign Ministry, now housed in the magnificent Palacio de Santa Cruz, once the headquarters of the dreaded Holy Inquisition.

There I met Sr. Ernesto La Orden, who is responsible for the maintenance of this church. He spoke good English, and with the aid of a model bell in a frame brought from England and with various illustrations the process of swinging a bell in a full circle was explained. An explanation of change-ringing was not so readily understood, and as at that stage it was uncertain whether he even had a ring under his care, the matter was not pursued. Sr. La Orden



THE CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO EL GRANDE

very kindly arranged a meeting with his resident curator at the church for later that afternoon, and I undertook to report to him on the state of the bells.

THE CHURCH

Though the church is not the Cathedral of Madrid it is the Royal Church, and in the time of the monarchy coronations were held here. Under the present circumstances all State services involving the attendance of the diplomatic corps are held in the church, and it is not inappropriate to note that General Franco's patron saint and the patron saint of the church are one and the same.

The church is situated some half a mile south of the Royal Palace. The magnificent building mainly dates from the 18th century, though it does incorporate part of a 15th century fabric.

The arrangement is somewhat reminiscent of St. Paul's Cathedral in London: there is a large central dome with twin flanking towers on, in this case, the east front. Due to the peculiar site conditions the altar is at the west end and the east front faces on to a square surrounded by fairly tall blocks of flats in one of the older parts of Madrid. The twin towers are set back in the east front and are about 130 feet high. The church contains some very fine mediæval walnut choir stalls and some paintings by Goya and others.

During the Civil War the church was at one time in the front-line and extensive monastic buildings on the south side were completely destroyed. At the moment the authorities have a three-part plan of restoration; the first part, being the restoration of the remaining monastic portion, is already complete. The second one, restoring the frescoes and painting, is well in hand, and the remaining one of restoring the two eastern towers is yet to be undertaken.

THE BELLS

I found a ring of eight bells (tenor 8 cwt.) in the southern of the two towers and a chime of 11 in the other (tenor 15 cwt.). All were cast by John Warner and Sons, of the Cripplegate Foundry, London, in 1882, and a number of bells in the ring have the same notes as others in the chime.

The ring of bells is now unringable and has been so since about 1910, and for the reasons given below would have only just been termed 'ringable' when brand new.

The bell-founders were faced with a tricky problem. The two towers are identical and have their two lower floors taken up with rooms and spaces in the church proper, each floor being on a stone vault. On the second floor rises a 50 ft. spiral staircase which occupies the complete inside area of the tower, except for a hole some 3 feet in diameter down the centre. The towers are square externally, circular internally in the staircase zone and octagonal in the bell chamber.

At the head of the staircase there is a floor between the octagonal tower walls and the circular aperture of the stairway. This hole is protected by a 3 ft. high balustrade of iron. As the staircase is so large there is only some 19 inches between the balustrade and the tower walls. Some 3 feet above this floor is the bottom of the four window openings, one in each wall, these being some 14 ft. high by 4 ft. wide.

The problem the bell hangers had to face was where to put the bells. If they put them on the floor at the head of the staircase then there would be nowhere for the ringers to stand other than at the bottom of the 50 ft. staircase, and that would mean piercing the staircase treads to feed the ropes through and making the stair virtually unusable.

The compromise decided on was to locate the bell frame high up in the window openings so that the bells when set inverted would just clear the top of them and the stone vault in the bell chamber roof. This left the bearing level some 13 feet above the floor at the head of the staircase and a clearance of some 8 feet from this floor to the lowest frame beam.

The area available inside the tower was insufficient to hang all the bells in one level without allowing some of them to hang actually in the window openings, which are in a wall thickness of some 4 feet. Having the bells in two tiers would have been impossible due to the very restricted head room. So the second, fourth, sixth and tenor bells are hung in the window openings with the remainder inside the tower. No louvres have been fitted but iron grillages have been clamped to the outside tower walls to stop bells, ringers, etc., falling to the ground.

The ringers stand on the floor inside the tower at the head of the circular staircase, in a position somewhat akin to that at Merton College, Oxford, and Southwell Minster. But the poor ringers of the treble, third, fifth and seventh have to ring their bells in a gap of 19 inches between tower wall and balustrade, and the fourth bell rope descends only 1¼ inches from this 3 ft. high iron railing. On the other hand, the rope circle is excellent!

There is nothing between you and the bells, and the risk to life and limb if a clapper dropped out would be considerable. The din must be quite appalling, and in inclement

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Ringing Bells at Madrid—Cont.

weather it could be more than a little d aughty, wet and cold in the completely open ringing chamber. The bell ringing season would appear to be somewhat limited—early spring and late autumn only!

It would not be hard to visualise a band of ringers kitted-up to meet all eventualities, equipped with tin hats and chain mail (against the clappers), walkie-talkie sets (to hear the conductor), special acoustic headgear (to stop the noise), protective clothing (for snow, rain, cold winds, etc.). If the temperature is over 100° F. it would be best not to go for the peal! A 'silent' peal would not require walkie-talkie sets.

Early this century Warners appear to have returned and fitted an electrical chiming system to the chime of 11 bells in the other tower and also to the treble, third, fifth, seventh and tenor in the ring. This necessitated the removal of the wheels from these bells and also the sliders. In the process of time this electrical system became useless and it has now been completely removed.

The bearings are ordinary blocks let into the frame beams and covered by wooden boards, and most of the gudgeon pins are either rusty or scored. The clappers from the third and fifth bells are now in the seventh and tenor, leaving the former pair without any. The bells and framework are in quite good order but a number of the fittings are missing, e.g., five wheels, seven sliders, etc.

Later I saw the chime of 11 bells in the other tower. These just hang dead with no means of sounding them at all, though the tenor did have what appeared to be a pierced 4-inch-diameter canon ball hung by a hemp rope from the crown staple and hitting the soundbow just by the lip, some 3 inches too low.

So all together, out of 19 bells 13 have no means of sounding them at all and only the tenor of the ring is used. This latter bell is clocked in a most Heath Robinson way which involves a chain on the clapper, levers, a weight and a wire passing down outside the tower through the lead roof of the church to the ringer.

As arranged with Sr. La Orden, I have written a report on the state of the bells and I have set out proposals for restoring them and making improvements so that they can be rung far more easily and comfortably. It is perhaps opportune to make such a report in view of the proposed restoration of the towers themselves and in the not-too-far-distant future the bells may be made ringable again.

The Devil's Knell

A Middle Age custom was 'Ringing the Devil's Knell'—tolling the tenor bell 4×4 strokes on Christmas Eve, it being believed that the Devil died each year at the birth of Christ. On Christmas Eve the 'Devil's Knell' will be rung on the Mitchell Tower Chime at Chicago University, U.S.A. A carillon concert of Christmas carols will follow.

Is the 'Devil's Knell' observed anywhere in England today?

Two Issues In One Week

Because of Christmas holidays, two issues of 'The Ringing World' will have to be produced in one week. The last date for receiving Notices for the issue of December 28th is Friday, December 21st. Will District secretaries please co-operate or be disappointed.



BELLS HUNG IN THE WINDOW AT MADRID

Peal Board Dedicated at Wolborough

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a by-meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on November 24th, when an enjoyable time was spent by those who attended. Ringing throughout the afternoon consisted of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, this being followed by a short service in church, conducted by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott (assistant priest), assisted by Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild. During the service a handsome peal board was unveiled by Mr. J. E. Lilley, chairman of the Branch, and dedicated by Preb. Cox. This records a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on the bells earlier in the year, the first peal in this method rung by an entirely resident band in the county of Devon.

The visitors subsequently adjourned to a local café for tea, and although there was no official business to transact, two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Long, of Coffinswell, were elected, and the president congratulated those who rang in the above-named peal for which the peal board had been erected. A. L. B.

WOODCHESTER BELLS RESTORED

Bellringers from all over Gloucestershire were among a congregation of several hundred people at the service of rededication of the recently restored ring of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Woodchester, on November 29th.

The dedication was performed by the Rural Dean, Canon S. H. A. Bennett, rector of Amberley, the service being conducted by the rector (Rev. W. N. R. J. Back) and prayers said by a former rector (Rev. H. D. Woolcott) who, together with his wife, had travelled from Westcliffe-on-Sea to attend the service.

Midway through the service the clergy, led by the churchwardens, Mr. L. J. Birt and Col. E. A. Airy, processed to the ringing chamber high in the steeple where the dedication took place.

As they made their way back into the church the local ringers 'rang up' the bells ready for the change-ringing which followed the service. The first ring was performed by Messrs. A. Howell, R. L. Brunt, R. Bowley, G. Latham, F. W. Garland and L. Cordwell.

HANDBELL RINGERS CARRIED ON

Hymns during the service were accompanied on handbells rung by the younger ringers who, week by week, have rung their bells while the tower was undergoing repairs. The ringers comprised Michael Brunt, Anthony Burford, Terry Randall, Philip Raymond and Brian Vanstone.

During his address, Canon Bennett referred to the bandbell ringers, saying he thought they had done a 'wonderful job' while the tower was silent. He also praised the efforts of the villagers in raising money to pay for the renovation.

Canon Bennett said change-ringing was an English art. 'It is always a joy for us on the top of the hill to hear the bells of Woodchester. They have been a source of inspiration to many people,' he added.

Church bells, the speaker said, were often the means of cheering up sick people and giving courage to those who had been laid aside through illness.

The lesson was read by the tower secretary (Mr. W. J. S. Brunt) and the collection for the church bell fund was taken by three ringers.

Most disappointed ringer that evening was the Woodchester tower captain, Mr. Raymond Thain. Only a few hours before the commencement of the service he was sent to bed suffering from influenza. However, he will be able to hear a complete record of the service thanks to the efforts of a local recording enthusiast, Mr. Reg Watkins, of Paganhill.

Visitors included Mr. W. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank of London, who carried out the renovation, Mr. W. F. Scudamore, of Winterbourne, the general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and Mr. S. T. Price, the Stroud Branch secretary.

After the service the visiting ringers enjoyed short touches on the bells. Almost every tower in the Stroud district was represented at the service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GETTING MOST OF THE GAME

Dear Sir,—'The onlooker sees most of the game,' so may I, as a non-ringing associate member of the local County Association, venture to comment upon some aspects of bell-ringing and ringers as they occur to me?

I usually see 'The Ringing World' each week as one member of our household is an active ringer—always in the belfry twice on Sundays and visiting other towers during the week. My perusal of the paper leads me to the opinion that the ringer of peals is considered to be the leading man in the Exercise, the 'tower-grabber' coming in as a very poor second.

Now let us consider what each of these two members gets out of his hobby. The ringer of peals usually associates himself with ten or a dozen like-minded ringers. They fix up peal attempts together in towers mainly in their own neighbourhood, and very often the same tower is chosen over and over again for the attempt, as it is thought to be of importance to ring so many peals together or to 'circle' the tower. And whilst the peal is being rung the people outside—some of whom object—have to listen to two or three hours' solid ringing without a break.

The 'tower-grabber,' however, on receiving his 'Ringing World' turns not to the first opening but the last. 'Ha! a meeting at Toad-in-the-Hole! I haven't rung there! How do you get to it?' Out come maps and time-tables; what does it matter if it is across a couple of counties and a three-mile walk at the end? Off early on the Saturday by bus or coach or train, seeing the beauties of the countryside and striking up acquaintance with fellow travellers en route.

Then, when the venue of the meeting is reached, ringing a little, talking a lot, attending a service in the church, enjoying a good tea, and taking part in a meeting; making new friends and renewing acquaintance with old ones—all with similar tastes and hobbies. Then back home again after another enjoyable day and a new tower or two to credit.

Yes! As an onlooker, it seems to me that the 'tower-grabber' gets much more sheer pleasure and enjoyment from his ringing because he is obliged to travel the country to get his new towers. The peal ringer misses all this—he has only satisfaction in performing a difficult task. Pleasant, no doubt, but not sufficiently so that derision should be the lot of the 'tower-grabber.'—Yours faithfully,

THOS. W. CLARK.

Bushey, Herts.

RINGING IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. Collins appears to be not a little hard on Alan Carveth in the matter of ringing in Cornwall, particularly when one considers the natural obstacles such as appalling isolation of towers, poor communications, etc., which have to be overcome by those endeavouring to keep change-ringing alive in this county. Hardly a week passes by without a record of some sort of activity by Mr. Carveth and his stalwart followers in the band at Kenwyn Church appearing in 'The Ringing World,' both in their own tower and elsewhere, and this is 'some going' for that part of the world, not to mention their unpublicised labours in the matter of assisting at practices in less fortunately placed towers, tuition of learners, etc.

Although I hold no brief whatever for Cornwall in the matter of scenery, climate or the amenities of a civilised life, its ringers, particularly in the Truro district, are a grand and gallant crowd, deserving of credit rather than criticism, direct or implied.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

THE DEVIL'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—If I may venture to offer a correction to Mr. Cluett's letter, I believe that the title of the book mentioned by him is 'Herod's Peal,' written by Russell Thorndike, author of the famous 'Dr. Syn' books.

I, too, was very much interested when I read it, by the author's conception of the fatal significance of certain peal compositions. Perhaps legend will in time attach itself to modern compositions, and the daring band who go out with grim faces to ring a certain famous composition of Double Norwich will come down from the belfry to be greeted by the news that one of the villagers has fallen dead in the churchyard.

There is also reference in Thorndike's book to the thoroughly sinister appearance of a band of travelling peal-ringers, which bears good witness to the author's observant eye and memory for detail.—Yours sincerely,

DAPHNE R. CASTELL.

Oxford.

Christmas Greetings

Our seasonal feature, 'Christmas Greetings,' whereby members of the Exercise send their good wishes to ringing friends, will appear in our issue of Friday, Dec. 21st. The charge is 4s. per insertion of 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

CAPE TOWN'S INVITATION

Dear Sir,—Next year we hope for some renewed activity at Cape Town with the arrival of a Cheshire ringer who will settle in Cape Town. The return of two very useful members after longish absence is promised, and early in February we shall be honoured with a visit from the president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frank W. Perrens. Bob Stickley returns from Nigeria towards the middle of 1957, and Mr. J. Bennett, of Grundisburgh, is coming for a few weeks in October. To all these we look forward with keen anticipation.

Despite the great increase in shipping calling here, Merchant Navy visitors are rare birds. We would bring to the notice of all Australian and New Zealand travellers the advantage of this route to snatch a tower.

With every good wish,

V. SHEPPARD.

Box 1073, Cape Town.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

St. Michael's, Heighington, whose bells have recently been rehung on ball bearings, attracted an attendance of 18 at the meeting of the Southern District held on November 24th. The visitors included Mr. W. Oliver, who is 81 years old, and Mr. H. Simpson, two old Heighington ringers, and the president of the Association, Mr. Kenneth Arthur.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Meek, with Mr. Thompson at the organ.

The business meeting was held in a local inn, and thanks to the Vicar and warden were expressed by Mr. W. N. Park. Miss Goodship, of Stockton-on-Tees, was elected as a new member, and the next meeting in January was fixed for the Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees. The ringing commenced with Bob Minor, and later various touches of Doubles, Treble Bob and Surprise Minor were rung. F. W. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

At St. Mary's, Taunton, Again

It is almost ten years since the Bath and Wells Association held a meeting at St. Mary's, Taunton—the only ring of 12 in the Association's area. For several years the tower has been regarded as unsafe for ringing, but it has now been passed by the architect as safe for ringing for short periods only.

The meeting, held there on December 1st, was the annual of the Taunton Branch. At the business meeting, held at the nearby Corfield Hall, in the absence of the Branch chairman (Rev. Edwin Hirst) through illness, the Branch vice-chairman welcomed the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. H. L. Bothamley) to the meeting, thanked him for his granting permission for the band to meet at St. Mary's, and also welcomed his interest in the ringers and especially his own young band of learners, who were being very ably trained by Mr. W. Tarr. All the Branch officers were re-elected for 1957 and the secretary's name was added to the list of nominees for the diocesan representatives on the Central Council.

It was agreed to hold the 1957 annual meeting at Wilton, with quarterly meetings at Ruishton, Bishops Lydeard and West Buckland, subject to the respective incumbents' permission.

A resolution was passed expressing the Branch's strong disapproval of the recent articles published in 'The Ringing World' regarding the College of Campanology Manual. This is to be forwarded to the Diocesan General Committee for their consideration of further action. The secretary of the N.E. Branch of the Devon Guild, who was present, stated that it was hoped to hold a joint meeting with the Taunton Branch at Sampford Peverell during 1957.

Ringing after the meeting ranged from Triples to rounds on the 12 for the learners present, and included a good course of Bob Royal in which two ringers were ringing their first touch on ten bells.

During the course of the meeting ringers were present from towers as far away as Dulverton, Tiverton and Cannington, as well as representatives from ten local towers. F. W. S.

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

Members and friends of the West Midland District visited the church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on December 1st, where the eight bells are ideal for ladies to handle. Ringing during the afternoon was under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Barron. A band of ladies rang a course of Cambridge Major, only to have their efforts surpassed by a touch of Spliced Surprise Major when the gentlemen were given a chance to perform.

The Rev. Canon Ronald Allen conducted the service, which was held in the choir stalls, and gave an address. The organist was Mr. Russell Green, who also played the new organ following the Blessing.

A splendid tea was prepared in the Parish Hall by Miss Evelyn Fletcher, Miss Ruth Russell and other local ringers. Again the gentlemen were outnumbered at tea. A vote of thanks to all the people who had helped make the meeting so enjoyable was proposed by Stella Hughes.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mrs. C. A. Barron. Twelve members representing seven towers were present. Two new members, Jill Morgan, of Lichfield, and Margaret Hampton, of Erdington, were elected.

The next meeting will be held at a Worcestershire tower early in March.

THE LADIES' GUILD CAME TO ACLE

PRESENTATIONS TO MRS. FLETCHER

THE Eastern Branch held its winter meeting at its usual venue, Acle, the village on the edge of the marshes, where the ring of six bells is hung in a 'false' steel tower within the actual round tower of the church, which would not be able to support a ring.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Great Yarmouth, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, a vice-president of the Association, the lesson being read by Mr. Nolan Golden, and a visitor from Spalding, Mr. R. C. Noon, played the organ.

After a splendid tea the meeting started its deliberations, and because of the very welcome presence throughout the afternoon of several ladies, including such personalities as the Ladies' Guild president, Mrs. K. Lock and Mrs. A. Richardson, it was evident 'something was afoot.'

In the unfortunate absence, occasioned by last-minute family ill-health, of Mr. E. R. Goate, the Branch chairman, the chair was taken by the president of the Association, Rev. H. G. Lillingston, supported by the Association Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, and other Branch officers.

The chairman commented how happy they all were to see so many Ladies' Guild members, and noting the first item on the agenda was 'Ladies First' straightway called on Mrs. K. Lock.

Mrs. Lock thereupon explained the reason for their presence. She said 44 years was a long time in anyone's life to serve any one organisation, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher had served the Ladies' Guild ever since its foundation in 1912—for 36 years as general secretary and treasurer, then for eight years as president, retiring from the latter office this year. The Guild felt such a record could not be allowed to go unrecognised. To their great regret Mrs. Fletcher was unable to attend their annual meeting at Worcester in July, so they resolved then to try and carry out their intention at a meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association whenever one was held near Caister.

The Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Lock continued, were very grateful to the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Association for allowing them the time and opportunity to express their appreciation of Mrs. Fletcher's work. Mrs. Lock then thanked the Branch secretary, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, for his efforts on their behalf.

Because of the petrol restrictions several of their members were prevented from attending, Mrs. Lock said, but nevertheless she was sure they were with them in thought at that moment.

Mrs. Lock then asked Mrs. Fletcher to accept their gifts, which were a cheque and a full dressing table set with a beautiful floral design executed in petit-point.

Mrs. Fletcher was much moved at this welcome surprise, and in her reply of thanks said that whatever hard work she had put into the Ladies' Guild from its foundation, her efforts were amply rewarded in the healthy state to which it had grown. She had always been able to rely on the keen and loyal support of such stalwarts as their new president, Kathleen Lock, and Mrs. Ann Richardson, both of whom she was happy to see at Acle.

The meeting then passed to its own business and subject to the usual permission voted Loddon as the venue for the 1957 Branch annual meeting on February 16th.

Belfry elections of Messrs. S. J. Merry, of Caister-on-Sea, and J. Saunders, of Great Yarmouth, were ratified.

The question of the Branch peal attempt at Wymondham Abbey Church scheduled for Easter Monday next year was discussed. The Branch secretary reported that only four names of ringers desirous of taking part had been handed to him. Two other names were then added and it was suggested a Saturday might suit members better; Mr. H. Tooke, of Wymondham, thereupon undertook to try and arrange for a Saturday in March to be made available. He was thanked and the meeting deferred further action until the Branch annual meeting.

Closing the meeting, the chairman congratulated the G.O.M. of the Branch, Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, on ringing a peal recently on his 84th birthday. The Rev. H. G. Lillingston proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar of Great Yarmouth for conducting the service, Nolan Golden for reading the lesson, Mr. Noon, the volunteer organist, and the local ringers with their lady helpers for the excellent tea arrangements. Last, but certainly not least, they must welcome and thank Mr. Watkin Jones, the Rector's warden, who because of the present vacancy in the living had readily smoothed the way for the meeting.

Some ringers also visited Ranworth and South Walsham in the evening.

A RING OF EIGHT FOR SOUTHAMPTON

The Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, is to have a full ring of bells in the near future.

Six of the bells will come from St. Maurice's Church, Winchester. This gift of six bells was made available to Bitterne Park if a donation of £300 was given to the people of St. Maurice's towards the restoration of their other church, St. Laurence's.

The ring at St. Maurice's is of interest. Two bells are late 14th century from the Wokingham foundry; the tenor was cast in 1610 by an unknown bell-founder; the fourth by John Wallis, of Salisbury, in 1603. The second, dated 1639, was by an unknown bell-founder, and was recast by Gillett and Johnston, makers of the treble.

Metal for the two new bells comes from two old bells Bitterne has obtained—one from St. Laurence's Church in High Street, Southampton, and the other from Holy Trinity Church. These bells are to be recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A bell frame, proper belfry floor and the overhaul of the old bells are necessary. The total cost of the work is over £1,600. Part of this is being met by a legacy, but the sum of 1,000 guineas remains to be raised and an appeal for this was launched on Advent Sunday.

ST. NICHOLAS', ISLIP, HAS NOW A RING OF EIGHT

FOUR new presents to St. Nicholas' Church, Islip, were dedicated at Evensong on Nov. 18th by the Bishop of Oxford. One was two new trebles given as a memorial to Mr. E. W. F. Gilman, a churchwarden at St. Nicholas' for 13 years, by members of his family.

Other gifts dedicated were a lectern Bible, given by the widow and members of the family of Mr. W. H. J. Perry; a processional cross, from the family of Mrs. Florence Young; and a ciborium, which perpetuates the love Mr. and Mrs. Forbes had for the church.

The Bishop dedicated the bells first, and as he walked back to the altar with the Rector, the Rev. A. W. Blanchett, the local ringers, augmented by visiting ringers, rang rounds which, in the words of the Rector, 'was most effective and added dignity to the service.'

The dedication of the other gifts followed, and the Bishop, in his sermon, expressed his pleasure at his first visit, as head of the Diocese, to Islip, and his good wishes for the life and work of the parish

The theme suggested by the bells, he pointed out, was the joyousness of Christian worship and the happiness to be found in it. He stressed the need for churchpeople to show those virtues outside the church; young people in particular should show that the Christian religion was not one of restriction and dullness, but one of gladness and hope.

After the service the bells were rung by the visitors and the local ringers from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. It was agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had made an excellent splice, but the trebles are tricky to handle due to new ropes, light bells and a long draught without guides.

The history of these bells is interesting. Originally there were five bells and these were recast into a ring of six (tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.) in 1859 by G. Mears. The old bells were taken down and the new ones rehung by Alfred White, of Appleton.

The inscriptions on the old five and their weights were as follows:

Treble: This bell was made 1611; 5½ cwt.

Second: James Keene made mee 1652; 6 cwt.

Third: Omnia Parata Venite, Anno Domini 1623; 7½ cwt.

Fourth: Michael Darbie made mee 1655; 10 cwt.

Tenor: James Brady Relph Harwell, C. W. 1652; 14 cwt.

Mr. E. Morris makes the following reference to Islip bells in 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.'

'On Tuesday, March 14th, 1871, six members of the University of Oxford paid a visit to the neighbouring village of Islip, and succeeded in ringing, on the pretty ring of six, several peals of six-score Grandsire Doubles. Rev. E. P. Barrow (Oriel), treble; J. S. Leadam, Esq. (Univ.), second; R. Troyte, Esq. (Trinity), third; H. C. Sturges, Esq. (Univ.), fourth; J. E. Troyte, Esq. (Christ Church), fifth; W. B. Ingham, Esq. (Univ.), tenor. Conducted by John E. Troyte, Esq., College Youth.

'Probably these are the first peals on record rung entirely by "gentlemen of education." The bells were fairly struck, without any breakdown: three of the ringers had only been learning since last November. What an encouragement to others to follow their example! Besides being able to sing, we think every young clergyman should be able to ring, and then he will be able to take his proper place in the belfry.'

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District held their last meeting of the year at Kelsale, when the eight bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, many methods being rung, with ringers coming from as far as Newmarket and Beccles. Canon Eddows, Rector of Kelsale, took the service, and gave an interesting address. Tea was taken at the inn named very appropriately 'Eight Bells': a good tea was enjoyed by 14 members. At the business meeting Canon Eddows took the chair, Mr. G. N. Churchard, of Sotherton, was elected a probationer member, and Miss O. Turney, of Barney, an honorary member. Place of next meeting, Aldeburgh, after Easter, 1957. A. R. B.

WITH THE R.A.F. AT YATESBURY

It was a cold autumn afternoon, and the wind blew noisily over the Wiltshire downs, shaking the few remaining leaves from the trees, sending them scurrying down the lanes. Two cars stopped outside Yatesbury village church; soon the bells were raised and another meeting of R.A.F. Yatesbury Campanology Club was in full swing.

Following a chance meeting in the church centre of the camp, two keen bellringers had approached the padre with the intention of forming a ringers' club. It was realised that few ringers continue ringing while in the Services; the majority do not bother or fear they will be unwelcome in a new district and, as a result, much badly-needed talent lies dormant. To foster interest among ringers in camp, a club was formed and, permission having been obtained from the rector and tower captain of the parish church, activities commenced early in November.

Since then a band, numbers varying from six to ten, has rung every Wednesday afternoon at Yatesbury (5, 12 cwt.). Two learners are making steady progress and rounds, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles are rung regularly. Evening discussion meetings are held in camp, followed by ringing at nearby Calne (8, 24 cwt.). Members of the club are also able to visit many of the other local towers for practice nights, meetings and Sunday service ringing.

Youth is ambitious, and the club had not long been in existence before whispers of quarter peals and peals were heard. It was not possible for a peal to be rung by airmen from Yatesbury alone, and to ring the peal an alliance was made with Compton Bassett camp (R.A.F. camps seem to be more frequent than villages in this part of Wiltshire). A convenient time and date were arranged and the 'neutral' tower of Broad Hinton (6, 8 cwt.) was chosen as the venue. On Wednesday, November 21st, a peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles was rung. Of the six ringers three recorded their first peal.

There are snags, as always. Since we rely on the goodwill of the local parish for our tower, we are always visitors. Before the petrol shortage we had hoped to travel to other towers in the area, but lack of transport makes this rather difficult at present. Many ringers spend only a few weeks at the camp, and hence there is a 'floating population.' A welcome awaits any ringers who may be stationed at Compton Bassett or Yatesbury.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's last meeting in 1956 was held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 24th. In all, more than 40 members and friends were present during the afternoon and evening, and a company of 25, including the Vicar and the president and his wife, sat down to the very enjoyable tea provided by the local ringers.

At the business meeting which followed, and at which two new members were elected, the president took the chair. In proposing the vote of thanks he took the opportunity of expressing his own personal gratitude for the many kindnesses shown to him during his illness. The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased everyone was that Mr. H. Lofthouse had felt well enough to attend the tea and business meeting.

Before tea, and again afterwards, a variety of methods were rung on the fine ring of eight bells.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at Bradford Cathedral on January 26th.

There appears to be no record of the longest length in Minor. Can any member supply the Exercise with the answer?

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

The last meeting of the year was held at Bredbury on November 23rd, when some 50 members and friends were present. The usual form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. N. Esther), who gave the Branch a very warm welcome. In an address which avoided the usual approaches to ringers, he left no doubt in the minds of his hearers of the value he attached to the service of ringers and their part in the worship of the church.

Tea was served in the schools, and after tea the Vicar presided over the business meeting. Reference was made to the passing of Mr. J. W. Hartley, of Norbury, a member of the Branch for 52 years and who did much to lay the foundations of the present standard of ringing in the District, particularly in the field of Spliced Minor ringing. The death of Canon E. P. Tyson, of Mottram, was referred to as a loss not only to the Branch but to the life of the church and the village of Mottram, and in the same way the village of Rostherne had been distressed to learn of the passing of its beloved Vicar, one week after his retirement on account of ill-health after serving them faithfully for 22 years. The meeting stood for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of these friends. Reference was made to the illness of Mr. G. Bason, of Rostherne, and the meeting sent its good wishes for his early restoration to health.

The main business of the meeting was to compile a provisional list of meetings for 1957. As a result of the change of date of the Guild Annual Festival to May 12th, it was decided to break with tradition and hold a Branch meeting in Lent. The provisional list was decided as follows: January 26th, Stockport St. Mary; March 30th, Norbury; June 29th, Chapel-en-le-Frith; September 28th, Dunham Massey; November 23rd, Staley.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens, the organist, the local ringers and the ladies who had prepared and served tea. Further ringing was enjoyed until late in the evening, touches in various methods being rung to accommodate all comers. C. K. L.

CUMBERLANDS & MIDDLESEX

Joint Meeting

Another very successful joint meeting between the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex Association was held on December 1st. Ringing during the afternoon took place at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and was followed by a magnificent tea in true Bishopsgate style, which was enjoyed by a company of 50.

After tea, the Master of the Cumberlands, Mr. H. E. Audsley, expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many present at the meeting, and spoke of the good feelings that existed between the Cumberlands and the Middlesex Association. Mr. F. A. Finch, hon. secretary, S. and W. District of the M.C.A., thanked Mr. Audsley for his remarks, and said that he hoped these joint meetings would long continue. So many Societies and Associations were represented that he almost wondered whether the occasion was a general ringers' reunion, and it gave him great pleasure to see so many old friends present.

As is customary, no business was transacted at this meeting, and the majority of those present adjourned to the belfry of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, where ringing on the fine 12 took place in methods up to Kent Maximus.

So ended another of what it is hoped to be one of a very long series of happy and enjoyable joint meetings between the two Societies.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. DAYNES

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Mr. George Henry Daynes. He passed peacefully away in St. Alphege's Hospital, Greenwich, on December 4th, in his 87th year.

MR. JOHN T. GRANT

Mr. Jack Grant, as he was familiarly known, was found dead in bed on December 1st. He had been a member of the Leicester Cathedral band for more than 30 years, and was 76. He had not been in good health recently, but had been ringing up to a week before his death.

Of a quiet, unassuming character, Mr. Grant had never aspired to ringing beyond the tenor behind, and occasionally the treble. He had been a loyal and conscientious member of the band and had rung numerous peals on the tenor with a precision that always assured a good beat.

The funeral service was held at Leicester Cathedral on December 5th, conducted by the Provost, and most of his ringing colleagues attended. An attempt to ring a muffled peal as tribute to him unfortunately came to grief, owing to a shift, but a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on December 6th. His son Richard is a member of the Cathedral band and a most efficient steeple-keeper. H. G. J.

MR. THOMAS HENRY HALL

It is with deep regret we report the death of Mr. Thomas Henry (Tas) Hall, of Grantham, Lincs, which took place at Hill View Hospital, Grantham, on November 26th in his 73rd year, after a brief illness.

Mr. Hall was a member of Lincoln Diocesan Guild and was the oldest member of St. Wulfram's band, Grantham, having joined the local band some 56 years ago. He was a regular Sunday service ringer, and mostly rang the ninth bell, his favourite one. Mr. Hall had taken part in about 60 peals, and at one time excelled in ringing the tenor to odd-bell peals.

The funeral service, attended by a number of his ringing friends, took place at St. Wulfram's Church on November 30th, followed by cremation at Leicester. In the evening members of the local band rang the bells open (by his request) to his memory. H. R. W.

MR. JOHN HOLME

We regret to report the death of Mr. John Holme, of Silverdale, Lancs, on December 4th, at the age of 92. Four of his ringing colleagues acted as bearers at the funeral service at St. John's Church, Silverdale, on December 8th, which was attended by many ringing friends. A report of his ringing activities will be published shortly.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON A NEW RING OF BELLS

THE well-known Church of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, made famous by the late George Williams after he 'migrated' there from Brighton, had its new bells dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on December 8th. The back seven, which were previously a very 'mixed bag,' and of a quality to produce varying comments from connoisseurs, have now been recast and tuned to match the front three, which were cast by Taylors in 1931, so that the whole ring at last belongs to one family. The tenor is now 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. as against 9 cwt. 26 lb. before they went away, and the others have been adjusted accordingly.

I have recently spent a few pleasant hours reviewing the past 12 months or so since the project was put in hand. The local band had for some considerable time past been urging the P.C.C. to call in the bell founders, but other mundane things such as worn out floors, hot water systems and leaky roofs had to be given first consideration (although for the life of me I can't, as a ringer, understand why; after all, even an efficient hot water system makes a ghastly noise most of the time, and there's no music in a roof which doesn't leak!). So it was not until just before Christmas last year that the Rector came to discuss the offer of the ringers to raise the money by their own efforts. He asked how much they reckoned they could raise by the end of 1956, and was confidently told that by then they should be able to reach £250. This was obviously satisfactory, for before long the bell founders had been written to and estimates obtained. In March the estimate of John Taylor and Co. was accepted by the Church Council, for the back seven bells to be recast, metal added where necessary, and all rehung on ball bearings, at a cost of £618. The front three and the sixth were already on ball bearings.

And so an appeal was launched for £650, and the bells were taken away in June. Since then the ringers have been busy in a variety of ways: sending out leaflets, knocking on doors, seeking publicity in any way whatever, cleaning the belfry of 60 years' accumulation of matter-out-of-place, painting and creosoting, and learning to ring handbells into the bargain. As a result (or in spite of?) this activity, the bell fund is now at about £335— a creditable effort, I think. It is interesting to see just how this has been accumulated, and a summary of the several sources is given below.

1. *Ringers and Ringing Associations* — about £160. This includes grants from the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, collections at meetings, £7-odd from the Southampton University Association (which was virtually born at North Stoneham under the leadership of our friend Derek Jackson, whom we miss very much, and we wish him well!), and a very fine contribution of some £150 as the result of two excellent jumble sales, under the expert guidance and organised entirely by Alan Smith and Leslie Stead, to whom great credit and thanks are due.

2. *Non-ringers*—£115, mainly in comparatively small amounts, from local residents for the most part, but one donation of 5 guineas from as far away as Westmorland! Amongst these it is so heartening to see the small amounts from people who love to hear the bells but have missed them and will be glad to have them back again.

3. *Anonymous*—£21.

4. *Casual visitors*—£15, collected in a box affixed to a pillar in the church, with a 'thermometer' above it to show how the fund is growing.

5. *Sundry sources*—£20-odd, from parish groups such as the Mothers' Union, the Over-60's Club, Girl Guides, etc.

To my mind this is a very encouraging achievement, although there is still another £300 or so to find, but we are confident that this will be done in good time. However, I feel sure that there are ringers who would like to help the fund along, and I appeal to those who know North Stoneham, and particularly ringers who have participated in any of the 249 peals which have been rung in the tower. (How many ringers are there, I wonder, who have had peals specially arranged for them there, and how many were guided through their first in a new method there by 'Old George'?) Many such have already responded, and our thanks go out to them all.

This is a ringers' effort, and we seek support from all other ringers. Please send your donation to the Rector, Rev. W. F. Shail, The Rectory, Glen Eyre Road, Bassett, Southampton, or to Mr. R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged. Thank you. R. A. R.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cirencester Branch

Fairford proved a popular choice for the Branch annual meeting on December 1st. Well over 40 ringers visited this well-known church during the day, from as far afield as London, Nottingham and Penzance. After tea at the Bull Hotel, the business meeting was held, with Mr. W. A. Godwin presiding. The minutes, secretary's report and balance sheet were all read and approved.

The retiring officers were all re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. W. A. Godwin; secretary, Mr. R. E. W. Wenban; and representative on the management committee, Mr. E. H. Jefferies.

It was decided to retain the rota of meetings for another year, those for the ensuing quarter to be held at Ampney Crucis, Lechlade and Rendcomb with North Cerney.

The Branch chairman thanked all those who had made the meeting a success, and Mr. H. Falkner thanked the officers for their work during the year. Canon Janvrin conducted the service which followed, with Mr. Falkner at the organ. Ringing afterwards continued in a variety of methods up to Double Norwich until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal to end a very enjoyable day. R. E. W. W.

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BY LAND ROVER TO N.E. STAFFORDSHIRE

UNDER the pilotage of Eric Edginton, of Kings Bromley, ringers drawn from Cannock, Yoxall, Stafford and Walsall visited several towers in North-East Staffordshire on Saturday, September 29th.

The first call was at St. Peter's, Alton, a fine old church somewhat eclipsed by the palatial Alton Towers, which has brought fame to this small village. It is pleasing to hear that this unmusical five (tenor 12 cwt.) are shortly going to be recast and augmented to eight.

At St. Peter's, Ellastone, we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. S. Smylie, and here we found a large notice, 'Welcome,' facing us as we entered the ringing room. The bells are a heavy six (tenor 18 cwt.) which have long, multi-coloured sallies on the ropes. Unfortunately, we had only rung 60 Grandsire Doubles here before the fifth rope broke.

At St. John-the-Baptist, Mayfield, we found an excellent six (tenor 12 cwt.) which seem to ring themselves. It is a great pity that the clock case, which is in the ringing room, means that the ringers of five and six never see each other.

A sandwich lunch in the Pennine foothills was followed by the long run to Kingsley, which tested the skill of our driver and everyone else's nerves. On arrival at St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, the third church we had visited which was decorated for harvest festival, we were met by Mr. W. Carnwell. Everyone agreed that this six (tenor 12 cwt.) must be one of the best in the county.

At Cheadle arrangements for ringing were not so straightforward, and we soon discovered the disadvantage of having two churches in one town which possessed bells, let alone both being dedicated to St. Giles! After searching the town for various people, ranging from vicars to men in green trousers and blue coats, we were led to the belfry of the 6-bell tower by the Rev. J. P. B. Ashton.

The next tower was All Saints', Dilhorne, whose partly Norman octagonal tower is unique in Staffordshire. Here we had our second breakage, this time the clock hammer wire.

After leaving Dilhorne our road lay through Draycott-le-Moors and (on the advice of the back-seat drivers) to what looked vaguely like a disused airfield.

Checkley was our only disappointment. The Rector, who was on holiday, had not received our letter and consequently no one was expecting us. After tea at Uttoxeter we made our way through the gathering dusk, down a lane which seemed to go on 'ad infinitum' to Leigh. All Saints' Church is really massive, and the magnificent mediæval tower is equally large. The tenor, according to 'Dove,' weighs 14 cwt., but Mr. Whittingham and Mr. Darby, the 'locals' who met us, told us that it was a ton, and it certainly felt more like that. At first we found these bells difficult to handle, but discovered after a while that they 'weren't all that bad.'

We thank Eric Edginton very much for driving us through North-East Staffordshire for 12 very happy hours. S. H.

EMERGENCY OPERATION ON MR. W. DENYER

After ringing for last Sunday evening service at Aldershot, Mr. W. Denyer (74) was found at home seriously ill by a member of his family. Medical aid was immediately sought, and he was removed to Farnham Hospital, where an emergency operation for strangulated hernia was performed in the early hours of Monday morning. He is in the Pilgrims' Way Ward.

We are also sorry to learn that Mr. Charlie Denyer's little son is ill with scarlet fever.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motion for A.G.M., 1957, should reach me by February 1st, 1957. (Rules VIII and IX.).—F. V. G. 9414

The bellringers of St. Nicholas' Church, BRIGHTON, will hold their practices on Thursday evenings at 7.30.—J. D. Smithers. 9413

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4.15 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6.15 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 9370

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9382

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells just been rehung and retuned by Mears.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9392

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 15th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9399

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedlescombe, Saturday, Dec. 15th, 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness. 9385

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, Saturday, Dec. 15th, 3 p.m. Afternoon ringing only. Meeting in tower 5 p.m. — S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9407

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th; 45th anniversary of the District, 1911—1956; St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Further ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—L. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 9391

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Monthly practice, Deddington (8), Saturday, Dec. 15th, 5 p.m. No tea. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Roper. 9420

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A meeting will be held at 17, Euston Square, London, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15th, followed by tea (3s. 6d. per head). Names for tea to G. A. Morris, Central Dispatch Office, Euston Station, London, N.W.1.—S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 9419

SUFFOLK GUILD. — District Meeting, Woodbridge, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., for all who apply to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 9387

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Mary's bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Parish Hall. Meeting follows. Bells till 8.30 p.m. 9319

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9395

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Rededication of Cheriton bells on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 2.45 p.m., by Bishop Lang, tea to follow. Tichborne available after tea.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 9397

ESSEX.—The dedication of a new treble bell will take place at Goldhanger on Monday, Dec. 17th, at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome. 9384

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 4 p.m. Tea at 6.30 p.m. for those who notify me by Dec. 18th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9415

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Dec. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9426

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Kenneth G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9411

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, Dec. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Important business to follow. All ringers cordially invited. 9428

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of recast and retuned bells, Saturday, Dec. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available after service. All welcome. 9421

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Preliminary notice.—The annual meeting of the District will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12th, in Guildford. There will be a social evening for which tickets are now available, price 1s. 6d., from Mrs. V. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. Please bring your friends.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9381

QUARTER PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Schofield (first attempt, 11 years) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Evans 3, H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, M. J. Thurmott 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, T. Pedder 8. For Remembrance Day.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, R. Downing 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. Jesse H. Newman, an honorary member of the Bures St. Mary's Society. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. R. Cansdale 1, E. C. Hynard 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. M. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, S. T. Hume 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, D. L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. M. Spurgin 4, Miss E. R. Cansdale 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. For a special service to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the coronation, in Bures, of Edmund K. and M.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. J. Cowperthwaite 1, A. G. Orbell 2, S. Fenn 3, R. J. Housden (cond.) 4, C. F. Sargeant (first 'inside') 5, S. Faircliffe 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. J. Lawrence 1, A. G. Orbell 2, R. J. Housden (cond.) 3, C. F. Sargeant 4, A. G. Fuller 5, S. Faircliffe 6. First quarter for 1 and 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. Wallis and Mr. T. Jaunkalns.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, Mrs. E. K. Hart 3, W. Wenban (cond.) 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, P. D. Beedie 7, W. N. Genna 8. For evening service.

HOLBORN, W.C.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Scrutton 1, M. Sinden 2, Miss B. Nolder 3, Miss E. Wooldridge (first 'inside') 4, G. Parsons 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, F. E. Corfield 7, J. Tomsett 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Dunn 1, Nancy Kempsell (first 'inside') 2, Betty Saggers (first in method) 3, A. Harwood (first 'inside') 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, A. R. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Jelley 1, J. M. Jelley 2, Joan K. Brown 3, B. S. Chapman 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, R. K. Stretton 8. Half-muffled for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in the method by a Sunday service band. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Secker 1, Miss L. Hawes (first 'inside') 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. Rowe 4, W. Theobald 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6.

5,088 Teddington Surprise Major

By R. F. B. SPEED.

23456	W	M	B	H
42356				—
54326	—			3
42563	—		X	2
35264		—		—
63254	—			
56234	—			
52364	—			2
32465		—		3
(32654)	—		X	
32546	—		X	
25346		in/5ths		
34256	—			—
53246	—			
45236	—			3
23456	—			—

Rung at Willesden on November 22nd, 1956.

5,120 Cambridge Surprise Major

By STEPHEN IVIN.

23456	B	M	W	H	
35264	X			3	
56342	X				
36245		—			
64352	X				
2375468				— 4ths	
25463	In	—			A
56234	X				
42563		3A			
64523				—	
42635	X			3	
23456	X			3	

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'THEREFORE WITH ANGELS . . .'

By The Rev. J. G. M. SCOTT

ON the first Christmas night, two worlds became united, the world of earth and the world of heaven, the world of material things, of work and wages and human activity, and the world of worship, which is love expressed in action. The Baby in the stable belonged to both worlds, and for the first time since the Fall the two universes came into step, so that the shepherds to their astonishment and consternation were suddenly able to see and share the life of heaven, and witness the worship — the love in action — that goes on there. They were like passengers in a train at night, looking out of the window while another train is accelerating past them: for a long time there is nothing to see but a blur of moving light, and then all at once the two are going together, side by side, and you can see into another little world six feet away, the people in it doing the things they do, all quite clear so that you can see even what papers they're reading, yet they might be in another plane of existence.

Yet in the shepherds' case it wasn't altogether a different plane. The message came from that other world for them to go to Bethlehem, and there they found the Baby, an ordinary-looking Jewish baby in a cold and smelly stable, but a Person who belongs not only to their world, the world of the hillside and the inn and the stable and the workshop and the office, but also to the world of worship which they had seen just now. Did they know, when they saw the Baby, that the world would never be the same place again? They were simple men, so perhaps they only sensed it; the Wise Men knew it, though: they knew that something had happened that made every other event in human history a triviality, and they were going to be witnesses of it however long the journey or great the cost.

Since that day the two worlds remain linked, by that one Person, the Person in the Manger, on the Cross, rising from the Tomb, and now living again in the world of worship from which He came, but yet always giving Himself to the other world — our world in which we live. When we go to the Communion at midnight or on Christmas morning we shall sing or say the song that the shepherds heard when they had their glimpse of Heaven — 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men' — and the song that Isaiah and St. John heard when they had their glimpses of that same world, 'Holy, Holy, Holy.' It isn't merely as a gesture that we repeat those words at the Holy Communion; it is because in this act that Jesus gave us to do we are for the time being carried into the world of Heaven, and belong there, and join in what is happening there. We aren't making an act of worship which has been thought up, or even evolved, by men or even by the Church; we are using the Sacrament as a means by which we join in an act of worship which is going on in Heaven — you might almost say an act of worship which *is* Heaven. In it we become part of Jesus and He part of us; so for the time being we are where He is, and do what he does, and the multitude of the heavenly host is all round us. All our worship — real worship, love expressed in activity — is made part of the worship of Heaven, caught up and perfected in it — our ringing and our singing and the simple movements of our bodies in standing and kneeling and joining our hands in prayer. This may seem a hard idea to understand, but nothing is more simple; a child can understand it, and most children do. We know that in His Sacrament we are with Jesus; we know that Jesus is in Heaven with the angels and archangels that the shepherds saw. That's all.

You might think that the worship that Heaven can offer is so great and perfect and holy that the not-very-special Christmas service touch, the rather inharmonious carols, the not-too-well-attended service in a small church would make no noticeable difference by its presence or absence. You'd be wrong. Heaven's worship isn't nearly complete without the earth's; the angel was sent specially to tell the shepherds to go and see the Baby in the stable, and angels aren't sent about the world on trivial errands. God *needed* those simple men in the stable, even though the whole company of Heaven was there already. Nobody is so unimportant that his part in the worship of Heaven can be given without being noticed — or withheld without being missed.

Worship is love expressed in activity; hands on a rope, a bent knee, speaking lips, a singing throat — if love is there, it is worship, and if Christ is there, it is the worship of Heaven, perfect, limitless and eternal. We have no call to envy the Shepherds their glimpse of the heavenly host, or their chance of worshipping God's Son with Mary and Joseph and the angels and archangels in the stable. They were there before us, but we can be as close: He promised it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

ALAN G. FOSTER	*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS	7
STELLA HUGHES	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	9
ERNEST STITCH	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	10
BARNABAS G. KEY	5	HOWARD HOWELL	11
PETER J. BARKER	6	HARRY GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, who attained the age of 84 on December 3rd.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

ROLAND H. COOK	*Treble*	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
DEREK P. JONES	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	7
*GORDON A. HALLS	3	*ROBIN G. TURNER	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	*PHILIP MEHEW	9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a birthday compliment to Ian David Smith, great-grandson of Mr. G. Freebrey, Ringing Master at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	*REGINALD WOODYATT	6
*†DEREK P. JONES	2	*ROBIN G. TURNER	7
GORDON A. HALLS	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	PHILIP H. WHITTAKER	9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5	*PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 50th peal this year.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. ELLIS	*Treble*	†BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	†WALTER AYRE	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
†CHARLES F. SAYER	5	HAROLD V. FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal on ten bells. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	†ERNEST J. LADD	6
THOMAS E. SONE	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	8
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
WILLIAM ROGERS	5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
*FRANCES M. WELCH	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
*JILL MAYES	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
†BARRY PINNOCK	4	JOHN WELCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal, aged 14. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration, and recasting of the fifth bell.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composition: Clavis, p. 178. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung on the 121st anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise Major.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SHERFIELD-ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*DON C. EXELL	*Treble*	†MICHAEL V. WHITE	5
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	2	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	6
†ISOBEL INMAN	3	†PAUL W. M. JONES	7
RUTH A. CAREY	4	RAYMOND E. FINCH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Little Bob by all.
Rung on the conductor's 18th birthday.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	5
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	6
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	3	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	7
A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
* 200th peal. † 50th peal.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	5
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	ROYDON DAVIES	6
JOHN HILL	3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	7
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER	4	*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative as conductor.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
FREDERICK R. EVANS	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung to the memory of Mrs. A. Baker.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(Bures St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

STUART T. HUME	*Treble*	EVELYN R. CANSDALE	5
*DONALD L. MILLS	2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	6
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
JANET M. SPURGIN	4	EDWIN C. HYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* 25th peal, conducted 17 (aged 17); has now conducted different compositions from every position in an octave.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE S. WIGGINS	*Treble*	FRANK LEWIS	5
STELLA DAVIS	2	*FRED E. TURNER	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
ALAN R. PINK	4	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

R. GEORGE CARE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. GREEN	5
*GEORGE F. ROOME	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
*B. ERIC FROST	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*STANLEY F. EARL	4	*REX LINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Stedman.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*JEAN POWELL	*Treble*	*PETER NASH	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*R. ROGER SAVORY	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).
Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Rutland. First peal of Rutland on the bells
A 13th birthday compliment to R. C. Kippin.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

EDWARD A. DIXON	*Treble*	FREDK. W. LAWRENCE	5
*THOMAS F. YOUNG	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
E. THOMAS ELLENDER	3	ALLAN BUTLER	7
†EDWARD J. WALKER	4	*PHILIP J. WESTWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVER MILLS	*Treble*	PETER CLARKSON	5
G. LEONARD HEWITT	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
FREDERICK OAKHILL	3	GEOFFREY GREEN	7
PETER HURCOMBE	4	FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK LORD	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
RONALD CHAFER	2	C. ALLAN HEWITT	6
*JOHN HALL	3	JACK BRAY	7
FRED LACEY	4	GEORGE THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

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SIX BELL PEALS

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Single Oxford and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

STEPHEN BROMFIELD	*Treble*	ARTHUR CROWDER	4
MICHAEL CROWDER	2	SEPTIMUS NEAVE	5
NORMAN BELL	3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob and 1,080 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

DERMOT J. ROAF	*Treble*	‡COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	4
*ASHLEY C. P. PUGH	2	PETER R. SANDERS	5
†RICHARD A. JACKSON	3	§DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DERMOT J. ROAF.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles. § 75th peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in more than one Doubles method by the Society.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*HILARY M. JOHNSON	*Treble*	†ROBIN V. BAKER	4
†MICHAEL BENNETT	2	BRYAN S. COPE	5
VICTOR A. PERRY	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung on the eve of the visit of the Lord Bishop to dedicate the new lectern and Chapel of St. Giles in this church.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM MARTIN	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM TRINDER	4
*JOHN H. WILSON	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	5
MICHAEL E. BROWN	3	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Thompson, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

A. THOMAS HOWES	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
*MISS D. ROBINSON	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	R. FRANK BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal at first attempt.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and two extents of Kent T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*CHARLES WEBB	*Treble*	*DAVID JACK	4
*PHYLLIS HOLBORN	2	EWART H. EDGE	5
*PAMELA J. PEARSON	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Wm. Garner, for the 21st anniversary of his induction as Vicar of All Saints' Church, Madeley.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
*HENRY C. FOSTER	2	STANLEY SHIPP	5
*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

* First peal in two methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN D. ADAMS	*Treble*	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	4
*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	*FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 150th peal together. † 325th peal.

Believed to be the first peal in seven Minor methods on the bells.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Durham, York, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	4
*JOHN L. MORRIS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
*BRIAN BLADON	3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

WEMBURY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

DAVID F. FARNHAM	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	4
H. FREDERICK MYERS	2	DAVID N. PENROSE	5
YVONNE C. PORTER	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

First peal on the bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* 100th peal and 50th peal at Bunwell.

A birthday compliment to Mr. H. W. Barrett.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WATERMAN	*Treble*	ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	4
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	SAM J. TWITCHETT	5
TOM BIRD	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	*Treble*	J. D. PAINTER (Caius) ..	4
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) ..	2	†A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5
*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	3	A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by SUSAN JACKSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The first peal for the Guild to be conducted by a lady.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods, as follows: (1) 288 Durham, 144 Beverley, 120 Surfleet, 72 York, 48 Berwick and 48 Hexham, with 20 changes of method; (2) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Primrose, 72 Bourne and 72 Hull with 26 changes of method; (3) Netherseale; (4) Carlisle; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Norwich.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal together. The most methods rung to a peal by all the band.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

LEONARD TUFFREY	*Treble*	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD	5
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* 25th peal.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. WEST	4
*L. MICHAEL NOAD	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Minor.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH (dedication unknown),
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*DENNIS G. MILLER ..	*Treble*	RONALD D. SHORT	4
JOHN WALTON	2	†MICHAEL J. STONE	5
CECIL T. CLARKE	3	HERBERT POPLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL T. CLARKE.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in more than one method 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

NEIL D. LOMAS	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4
PETER WATSON	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	5
*CAROLE EUSTACE	3	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

*AUDREY N. BANKS	*Treble*	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ..	4
†GILLIAN A. RICH	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
FREDK. W. LAWRENCE ..	3	PETER J. RYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	4
ROLAND H. COOK	2	ALFRED E. HINMAN	5
HAROLD T. BONSHOR	3	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was conducted by Mr. E. Morris, who has now 'completed the circle.' Also as a compliment to Miss Christine Wheeler on her coming-of-age.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
MRS. H. F. CARTER	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
HANBURY F. CARTER	3	WILLIAM CATCHPOLE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

Rung on the even of Advent Sunday.

HANDBELL PEALS

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT GLANVILLE, ALRESFORD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 10. Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7—8
		†PETER NASH	9—10

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

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' † First peal on ten bells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
		ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

CAMBRIDGE
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT TRINITY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*M. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	1—2	*M. M. PETERSON (Trinity)	3—4
		A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) ..	5—6

Conducted by A. J. HOWARD.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

Rung on the Feast of St. Andrew.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	WALTER AYRE	3—4
		*STANLEY HUCKLE	5—6

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

ACCRINGTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,488 Bob Major: L. J. Williams 1, W. Ramsbottom 2, J. Pilkington 3, N. Smith (first of Major as cond.) 4, J. B. Pickup 5, G. F. Garnett 6, D. Gilbert 7, R. Leigh 8. First on eight for 5 and 7. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. W. Harwood 1, H. W. Lidbetter 2, K. L. Brown 3, A. W. Bird 4, Doris E. Lidbetter 5, B. W. Willgress (first as cond. of Minor) 6. For Advent Sunday.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown (cond.) 4, Pamela R. Gough (has now 'circled' the tower) 5, Diana M. Gough 6. Rung as a welcome home to the Rector (the Rev. L. H. Yorke) on his return from hospital.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Stacey (first in method) 1, S. Bonnett 2, C. Harwood 3, L. Scoot 4, J. Dear 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, P. Flack (aged 13) 8. Rung as a welcome home to D. Sutcliffe from National Service.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Pearce (14) 1, A. Taylor 2, H. Balaam 3, Jill Gorton 4, J. Weaver 5, E. F. Gilbert 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, C. Sherwood 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Lynch 3, A. W. Skinner 4, P. D. Wells 5, N. O. Abell 6, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8. For Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 2,476 Bob Major: G. Penney 1, R. J. Cook 2, Patricia Doorn 3, D. G Astridge 4, A. S. Harris 5, S. Huckle 6, M. W. Harbott 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Jarvis 1, Violet Relf (first of Doubles) 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, P. Jarvis 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, D. Borton 6.

BISHOP'S CANNING, WILTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Culley 1, Mrs. J. Parsons 2, J. Romain 3, S. Grant (cond.) 4, F. Hale 5, W. Bevean 6, H. Gummer 7, F. Osmond (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. T. Merritt, a ringer at this church for 60 years, and Mr. Merritt.

BRECON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Chick 1, W. G. Smith 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett 4, G. P. Davis (cond.) 5, D. Stokes 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Powell, ringer and churchwarden of St. David's Church.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Double Oxford: E. Deacon 1, D. Sims 2, A. T. M. Perry 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. Tovell (first quarter) 1, A. Ellis (first quarter) 2, M. Stokes (first of Doubles) 3, P. Cattermole (first as cond.) 4, T. Bailey (first 'inside') 5. First of Bob Doubles by all the band, average age of the band 15½. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

CHORLEY, LANCS.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Gartside 1, E. R. Martin (cond.) 2, P. Dunderdale 3, T. Barker 4, P. J. Coles 5, J. Charnock 6, C. Crossthwaite 7, F. Stead 8. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to J. H. Gartside.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire and 840 Plain Bob): H. Tembey (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Simpson 2, G. McKay 3, S. Richardson 4, H. Wilson (cond.) 5, C. Kirkby (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the baptism of the grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bush (first quarter) 1, J. Baverstock (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, Miss M. Mackenzie 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, G. Dyer (first quarter) 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Warner 1, Brian Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, I. Zass 6, F. Pannell 7, N. Greenaway 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

QUARTER PEALS

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Egglestone 1, H. Wright 2, C. Wilson 3, G. Rogers 4, F. Abrey 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Underwood 1, Miss D. V. Elson 2, D. W. James 3, E. G. Orland 4, R. Wilson 5, S. G. Osborne 6, B. P. Morris 7, G. Care 8. First of Surprise Major for 2 and 5.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, E. E. Retter 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, D. Callard 6, J. Salway 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward Trapnell, who died 1716.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Hutchings 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, T. H. Taffender 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ranson 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

LEA, LINCS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, B. Johns (first 'inside') 2, C. H. Baker 3, B. Brown 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, A. Gilbert 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. F. Bull (nee Joan Allison).

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 6th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. B. Bowley (cond.) 1, R. Prime 2, D. D. Dutton 3, Mrs. P. Poole 4, R. F. Elkington 5, H. G. Jenney 6, J. Acres 7, S. Burton 8, W. Lacey 9, S. A. Jesson 10, W. Root 11, C. Turner 12. In memoriam Jack Grant, over 30 years a member of the Leicester Cathedral band.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. F. Absolom 1, R. Tuckwell 2, J. Godman 3, F. Absolom (cond.) 4, W. Fulker 5, E. Morris 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulker, and the 21st birthday of Miss Brenda Smith, also for the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 5th; all ringers at this tower.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Denny 2, B. Heeler (first quarter) 3, W. Collins 4, E. Garrett (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Dring (first of Caters) 1, G. Pearson 2, H. Wickens 3, W. Grice 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head 6, J. Wallis 7, T. Cullingworth 8, L. Mannering (cond.) 9, H. Smith 10.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Sinfield 1, A. Rushton 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, T. P. Harris 5, A. Murphy 6, E. Sharp 7, S. Sharp 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Colin Mann, now serving with H.M. Forces in Malaya. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Jones (first quarter) 1, M. J. Lockey 2, G. Kirby 3, A. Murphy 4, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 5, S. Sharp 6. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Murphy (first quarter) 1, G. Kirby 2, M. J Lockey 3, A. Murphy 4, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 5, S. Sharp 6. Miss Jones and Miss Murphy are believed to be the first Maulden ladies to ring a quarter peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Nov 26th, 1,344 Bob Major: J. Case (first quarter) 1, P. J. H. Wycherley 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, W. J. Phippen 4, P. W. H. Harding 5, L. E. Hitchins 6, F. Slatford 7, R. H. Abbott (comp. and cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 2, 4 and 8. Rung on the 15th birthday of the conductor.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Olliver (cond.) 1, T. H. Bird 2, Nancy Kempsell 3, W. Dunn 4, A. Clarke 5, W. Clarke 6.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Dec. 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Ellis 1, Miss G. Hawkins 2, Mrs. M. James 3, J. Thomas 4, G. Pickavance 5, C. Smith 6, M. S. Hart 7, C. J. B. Taylor (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by all except 3 and conductor. Rung for Evensong.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Browning 1, D. N. Penrose 2, D. Farnham 3, K. Farnham 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, D. Pengelly 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Wixey 1, G. P. Green 2, M. Ling 3, I. Goulter 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, C. Wixey 7, R. G. Corby (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for all except 4, 5 and 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Vann 1, E. Hunt 2, P. D. Howitt 3, E. G. Orland (cond.) 4, S. Osborne 5, P. Fisher 6, C. Underwood 7, W. Vann 8. For the patronal festival.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: W. J. Paice (cond.) 1, J. E. Wightman 2, L. W. Paice 3, W. J. Parker 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. Collins 6. For Evensong (Advent Sunday).

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At St. George-the-Martyr's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Randall (first of Stedman 'inside') 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. Blewer 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, W. D. Grainger 5, F. Ranson 6, L. W. Bullock 7, T. W. Wyatt 8. For Confirmation service.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Podd 1, D. Cook 2, Iris Walker 3, C. Payne 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Secker (first of Stedman) 1, Miss F. Secker 2, B. Bladon 3, M. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,320 St. Clement's Minor: Miss J. Secker 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 6. Thirtieth quarter by the local band on the bells this year.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Spliced Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Grandsire Triples: C. Underwood 1, V. Perry 2, J. Hobley 3, M. Chown 4, H. Windsor 5, E. Orland 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. First quarter in four Spliced methods by all the band.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. Heard 1, A. Bissat 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, H. Stacey 4, R. Pearce 5, J. Hockridge 6, S. Stacey 7, E. Gilbert 8. Rung for the patronal festival (St. Andrew).

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,320 Minor (240 Little Bob, 720 Single Oxford, 360 Plain Bob), tenor covering: M. Gartside 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, N. Moxon 3, B. Hough (first in three methods) 4, Grace Burchnall 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, R. Mumford 7. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Keal) on his installation as Canon. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Discrens 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, G. Wiggins 4, M. Maisey 5, R. Christopher 6, H. P. Read (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Rung half-muffled for the afternoon Remembrance service.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. W. Burgess 1, J. A. G. Ball 2, A. G. Leahy 3, F. C. Love 4, G. W. Barton 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 2.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Taft (14, first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, D. Hewitt 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, E. E. Holman 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. Taylor 8.

WARMLEY, BRISTOL.—On Dec 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Webb 1, Miss B. Rodgers 2, T. Gibbs (first 'inside') 3, J. Sprules 4, G. Sprules (cond.) 5, C. Turner 6. For Advent Sunday Evensong; also to welcome home Paul King, a Warmley ringer, from H.M. Forces.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Costar 1, N. Chamberlain 2, E. Hill 3, C. Coles 4, Angela Kitto (first 'inside' of Triples) 5, B. J. Coggins 6, H. Gearing (cond.) 7, C. Bustin 8. For Confirmation.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gooding 1, A. T. Truman 2, L. K. Dawe 3, R. Truman 4, G. Betts 5, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Gooding, also to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gooding on the birth of a son, a grandson for the ringer of the tenor.

A NOVEMBER OUTING

Saturday, November 24th (*was* it one of the coldest days so far this winter?), was the date chosen for a trip around the Radstock–Frome neighbourhood, and it was a small party which met at Kilmersdon in the early afternoon.

Kilmersdon has a 'good-looking' church with a tall tower containing a very fine ring of six (tenor 21 cwt.), recently rehung by Taylors. We were impressed by the furnishings in the ringing chamber—provided by the resourcefulness of the local ringers. The next church, Leigh-on-Mendip, was not hard to find as its tall, decorated tower shows up for some distance; in fact, we thought the church was taller than it was long! Our attention was drawn to the condition of the tops of the pews here, and we were told that this was done by Cromwell's horses when he spent a night in the village. The bells (6, 12¼ cwt.) were rung to various methods, and we found them easy to handle and strike well.

At Wanstrow (6, 10 cwt.) we had a little furniture shifting to do before ringing (in the porch) could start! It seems that at present the walls are primarily used for the storage of boxes, ladders, etc. However, the bells go well and ringing included a good course of London. This was followed by a picnic tea—grateful thanks to the lady who officiated at the teapot!

We travelled on then to Nunney (it was now dark and noticeably colder!), where the church is being restored on a large scale. The body of the church is shrouded in corrugated iron, all seats have been removed and services are held in the Lady Chapel. The tower is safe (apparently), and we rang various methods, including a touch of Bob Minor for one of the local ringers who had not rung any Minor for eight years.

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The last organised tower was Whatley (6, 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.). We found the bells rather difficult to strike properly and were told that 5 and 6 have counter-balanced clappers. However, with the assistance of Roger, who met us, we managed a course of London and Cambridge (almost!). At the invitation of Miss Overend, we then joined the Frome ringers at their practice. One more stop was made en route home, and although the cider was not perhaps up to standard, there was a blazing fire! Very many thanks on behalf of the party to all incumbents, local ringers, and our organiser and car drivers. M. E. F.

JOINT MEETING AT ABERAVON

The joint meeting of the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild this year was held at Aberavon on December 1st. The attendance was not up to standard, but those who attended represented many towers in the district, including Llanelly, Carms.

A good afternoon's ringing was enjoyed by everyone, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Tim Yeomans.

In the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Margam, the curate conducted the service, and afterwards an excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall.

Mr. Fred Hannington was elected to the chair, and he presided at both the Swansea and Brecon and Llandaff business meetings. All officers of the 'S. and B.' Guild were re-elected. The meeting then stood in silence for the late Mr. Weaver, of Penarth, who had been a faithful member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

Several new members were elected to both organisations. It was agreed to hold the next Llandaff meeting at Porthcawl, and the next 'S. and B.' Guild meeting at Neath. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. R. E. Coles.

The customary return to the tower for more ringing concluded the meeting.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: S. Harding 1, H. C. Jones 2, Monica Barrett 3, F. Kirtland 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6. Rung for Evensong for the visit of the Bishop.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Audrey M. Bailey, now living at 5,007, Rue Jean Brillant, Montreal, writes on reaching Canada eight months ago it was a great disappointment to find no ringing activity in the four towers of the Eastern Provinces—and therefore as big a thrill as visiting New York or Niagara to help St. Matthew's, Quebec, ring for Sunday service on Advent Sunday. It has inspired her to try and promote some interest in Montreal.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Newport, Mon, last Saturday, conducted by David W. Beard.

We regret to hear of the deaths of Mr. Edgar Humfrey (86), who had a long association with ringing in Reading, and Mr. E. E. Pratchett (81), of Hendon. Obituary notices will appear in our next issue.

Wenhaston, Suffolk, bells have been recast and retuned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. So far, just over £300 has been raised towards an estimated cost of £1,300. Any donations would be more than welcome by the Vicar (the Rev. L. R. Manthorp), The Vicarage, Wenhaston, Halesworth, Suffolk.

After an anxious week, we are pleased to learn that Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot, who is in Farnham Hospital, took a change for the better on Saturday. He is now able to read and take solid food.

Mr. D. Vincent, of Hale, Cheshire ('Old Dec Cee Vee'), has been deeply touched by the large number of expressions of goodwill from dear and valued ringing friends on the occasion of his installation as Master of the De Sala Lodge. These have included letters from friends who are not members of the Masonic fraternity, and they are equally treasured. He finds it impossible to reply to all letters immediately.

The Rev. J. V. Pixell, Vicar of Radley, who was ordained 50 years ago on St. Thomas's Day, was taught to ring when he was well over 60 years of age, and rang his first peal when over 70. At the present time he rings regularly twice every Sunday. He is vice-chairman of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Tom Ingram, the author of 'Bells in England,' has written a full-page article on 'The Praise of the Bells' for the Christmas issue of 'The Radio Times.'

The Rev. M. B. Hurst-Bannister is resigning the Mastership of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at the end of the year, due to his moving out of the Diocese.

The peal at Wilmslow in 33 methods on December 1st marked the 33rd anniversary of the first peal in 35 methods at Norbury. Strange to relate, it occupied the same time (2 hours 42 minutes).

An attack of lumbago prevented Mr. Herbert Knight from participating at the last moment in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Wolverhampton for his 84th birthday. The band are looking forward to Mr. Knight joining them for his 85th birthday next year.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Joseph Wren, who was a ringer at East Grinstead Parish Church for 70 years and captain for 50 years. To his memory a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on December 11th.

Congratulations are extended by the conductor to Miss Dorothy Robinson, of Huntingdon, on her peal in three methods at Great Staughton on December 1st. Apart from one plain course of Kent T.B. the previous evening, she had not rung a blow in the method. She rang like a veteran peal-ringer, although she had only rung a peal (at first attempt) on November 24th.

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IN DEFENCE OF PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that the deletion of the word 'Plain' from the title of peals and quarter peals of Plain Bob reported in 'The Ringing World' is completely illogical.

In the case of a method named '——' Bob Major, the word 'Major' indicates that the method is rung on eight bells, the word 'Bob' shows that the method belongs to the class of hunt-controlled methods whose Treble Path is the Plain Hunt, and the '——,' a purely arbitrary name, indicates which method in this particular class is under consideration.

Thus the Plain Hunt-controlled Major methods have such names as St. Clement's Bob Major, Longney Bob Major and Plain Bob Major. 'Bob Major' by itself does not specify any particular method.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM HALL.

Belfast.

Dear Sir,—Despite the fact that the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World' is, in its decision to discontinue the use of the word 'plain' as applied to Plain Bob, complying to the letter with the Central Council's 1955 resolution, I feel that this can lead to nothing but confusion, particularly in the reporting of peals.

Firstly, the word 'bob' is a definitive term in the field of plain methods, being just as indicative of a certain type of plain method, i.e., one having a seconds-place lead-end, as is the word 'Surprise' indicative of a certain type of treble bob hunt method. Thus, a peal described as one of '5040 Bob Minor' should be construed, without further explanation, as one containing any number of seconds-place plain minor methods, just as a peal of '5040 Surprise Minor' is normally understood to contain a plurality of Surprise minor methods.

Further confusion is likely to arise in the reporting of multi-method minor peals, wherein the word 'minor' is invariably dispensed with when listing the methods rung. Thus, if we are to be consistent, an extent will now read:

'(1) St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Bob. . . . etc.'

This looks decidedly odd to me, but would appear to be unavoidable under the new ruling.

Lastly, we have the case where Plain Bob has been rung for the first time in a certain tower: take the case of a 10-bell tower where the first peal of Plain Bob is one of Major on the back eight. Is the footnote to read: 'First peal of Bob Major on the bells,' thus implying that Minor and/or Royal has previously been rung? The only alternative consistent with the new ruling, i.e., 'first peal of Bob on the bells,' is surely inadmissible.

It has been shown only too often in the past that too rigid an adherence to loosely-drawn rules leads only to controversy and confusion. This is a case in which 'elasticity' should be our watchword, and a dead and discarded custom should be allowed to rest in peace.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND BELLS REDEDICATED

A LOVELY, old-world, unspoilt, Dickensian village is Stoke-by-Nayland, perched high up on the East Anglian heights to the south-west of Suffolk.

Those ringers lucky enough to have visited and rung on the bells of certain villages (or small towns, if you like) in the West Country would agree that Stoke-on-the-Wold would sound equally imposing. Wide streets, top-heavy houses of ample stud and pink-washed plaster give one the impression that with the ground covered in snow and a full moon shining on frosty tiles, here indeed is inspiration for 'A Christmas Carol.'

The church is in keeping with all this lovely setting: a large and lofty nave with clerestory, north and south aisles and lady chapels, and a fine-proportioned sanctuary terminating with a generous east window.

But our business lies, or rather stands, at the west end, where a tower with enormous buttresses rises to over 100 feet and could well have been the inspiration of Dorothy Sayers' Fenchurch St. Paul, had it not been on high ground. This is where the heaviest ring of six in the Eastern Counties hangs, and many wild guesses have been made as to the weight of the tenor.

In 'Nayland Black Hoss' ringers have been known to remark: 'She dew weigh twenty-eight or thutty hunded weight corz ut took foive min t' git har up roight.'

All the same, she was rather an old pan, the treble was cracked and the ropes hung 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5 (I believe). The treble has been recast, the old five bells tuned, two new trebles added and this now fine ring of eight, with tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in the key of D, hangs in a new iron frame with all new fittings by John Taylor and Co.

Saturday, December 8th, was the day chosen to dedicate this grand work, and well before 3 p.m. the church began to fill. A coach arrived and disgorged 30 ringers upon the village green (or were they pilgrims?), and many clusters of the craft indicated this was no ordinary 'do.'

Promptly at 3 p.m. the cross-bearer, churchwardens, Vicar and Bishop proceeded to the west end, where the choir had formed up for the processional hymn (which no one knew except half the choir). Later they all recessed to under the tower, where the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Morris, greeted the local ringers, the donor of the two trebles, Commander C. W. J. Simpson, Mr. Paul Taylor, the architect and builder. Followed the usual prayers of dedication and the procession returned to the chancel to sing 'Ding Dong Merrily on High.'

In his address the Bishop congratulated Stoke-by-Nayland, the Vicar and people, and in particular the donor of the trebles and the Barron Bell Trust. He gave a short history of bells and their uses. 'Bells summoned people to church. Would those who heard the bells but could not go to church, pray for their brethren here and afar? When they heard the passing bell would they remember that life does not go on for ever, and say a prayer? And when they heard the wedding bells, would they pray for happiness to the married couple?'

He was pleased to hear the bells in so many Suffolk churches and to know there was keenness among the ringers, especially the ladies. Ringers used to ring for service and then go away, but he was glad they did not do that in Suffolk.

The bells occupied a high place in national life, and it was depressing when the ban was put upon them during the war and the steeples became observation posts. But what joy when the bells rang out for victory. He had no time for the new electrical apparatus which was, here and there, taking the place of bells. A gramophone phone record could never equal the real thing.

He considered great credit was due to the church and parish. They had set an example to many other parishes in the county, and from the information he had received he hoped other parishes would follow this fine example.

Tea was provided, and the bells were kept going until a late hour. Everyone appeared delighted with the restoration and considered Messrs. Taylors had once again completed a first-class job.

C. W. P.

ADVENT SUNDAY

At Quebec and Coventry

To anyone who has sailed down the St. Lawrence River, the first sight of the city of Quebec and the green copper turrets of the Château Frontenac, mounting the hill towards the Heights of Abraham, is unforgettable. Close to the Château is the Anglican Cathedral and further up St. John Street St. Matthew's Church, both noted in the guide book as having bells hung for ringing. However, very little has been heard recently of change-ringing bands at either tower. There has been some activity at the Cathedral, but the eight of St. Matthew's have merely been chimed.

The first Sunday in Advent may therefore be considered as a great occasion, when the back six of St. Matthew's rang out in rounds through the already snow-covered streets of the city. (Probably the first time for 25 years.) This is largely due to the enthusiasm of Mrs. Leslie Pickles (better known as Gladys Jarrett to her friends in Kent county), who came to live at Levis, Quebec, last year. The Archdeacon of Quebec has always been most anxious that the bells should be rung, and was delighted to discover a keen ringer. Before Gladys' trip home to England this summer, the bells were inspected and found to be in fairly good order, with only two stays missing. Mr. Duggan, who faithfully chimes every Sunday, was the only one able to handle a bell.

Gladys and Mr. Duggan started to teach a few weeks ago, with three learners (including Mr. Leslie Pickles!), and such was the standard reached after the few lessons that, with the help of a visitor from Montreal, the bells were raised and rung in rounds before a Sunday morning service. The Archdeacon himself is keen to learn and there are prospects of more recruits.

It will not be an easy task as Gladys is the only one with a knowledge of change-ringing, but it will be a wonderful achievement to have set the towers of eastern Canada ringing once again. The Cathedral band have also had a revival of enthusiasm and are starting a fortnightly practice, although apparently the bells are not in good condition and need a thorough overhaul. However, continuez à sonner, et bonne chance, Quebec!

A. B.

Advent Sunday was a red-letter day for the ringers of St. Michael's, Stoke, Coventry, for it was then that the Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley, was paying his first visit to the church to preach at Evensong.

Eight of the Sunday service band assembled at 5.15 and rang a quarter peal, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Roberts 1, R. D. Hayne 2, F. Brassington 3, D. Sibley (first in the method) 4, H. Folwell 5, D. Ellender 6, H. E. Sibley (conductor) 7, F. Rouse 8.

At the conclusion of the quarter peal, four other members of the band, Miss J. Brassington, N. Haile, B. Bingham and E. Simpson, stood in to ring rounds and a short touch of Stedman until the Bishop himself came to the ringing chamber to express his appreciation of the ringing, and was introduced to the ringers. He had a special word of praise for Mr. A. Roberts for his long and regular service, and was indeed surprised to learn that he was 86 years of age.

This is the first occasion on which any Bishop has visited the ringers in the ringing chamber at St. Michael's.

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the sudden death at Ottery St. Mary on Monday of Mr. Isaac Emery, aged 85.

SPLICED 720's IN 23 AND 24 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Spliced Minor ringers may be interested in the three following 720's.

Column No. 2 shows the places where the second 720 differs from the first, and column No. 3 the places where the third 720 differs from the second.

The method I have 'christened' Wakefield Alliance (as I have no name for it otherwise) is Mendlesham, with 6ths instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

The first two 720's contain, of course, the greatest number of methods yet spliced into a 720, and the third 720 makes it possible, I believe, to increase the present Minor record by one method.

There are several variations of each 720.—Yours sincerely,

Ryhill, Wakefield. H. CHANT.

	No. 1 (24)	No. 2 (24)	No. 3 (23)
23456	College		
— 64235	Killarney		
52364	Donottar Delight		
35426	St. Clement's		
43652	London Bob		
26543	College		
— 35264	Carisbrooke Delight		
— 42356	Killarney	Wakefield Alliance	
63542	Horsmonden		
56234	St. Clement's		
25463	Carisbrooke Delight		
34625	Wavertree		
— 56342	Killarney	Wakefield Alliance	
— 23564	Wath Delight		
45623	Double Oxford		
64352	Childwall		
36245	College		
52436	Killarney	Wakefield Alliance	
— 64523	Killarney		
— 35642	Wavertree		
26435	St. Clement's		
42563	Pontefract Delight		
54326	College		
63254	Horsmonden		
S 24635	Cromer Alliance		Reverse Bob
43256	Cumberland		
56324	Belvedere L.B.		Frodsham
62543	Frodsham	Belvedere L.B.	
— 62435	Frodsham	Belvedere L.B.	
— 62354	Frodsham	Belvedere L.B.	
25643	Canterbury		
54236	Ennerdale		
— 43625	Chalfont Alliance		Reverse Bob
32456	Double Bob		
56243	Belvedere L.B.		Frodsham
64532	Plain Bob		
— 64325	Plain Bob		
— 64253	Plain Bob		
45632	Ennerdale		
53426	Double Bob		
— 32645	Tibenham Alliance		Canterbury
24356	Fulbeck		
56432	Belvedere L.B.		Windermere
63524	Plain Bob		
— 63245	Plain Bob		
— 63452	Plain Bob		
35624	Reverse		
52346	Fulbeck		
S 42635	London Bob		
— 56423	College		
34256	St. Clement's		
23645	Horsmonden		
62534	Killarney		
45362	Carisbrooke Delight		
— 23456			

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District, held at Christchurch on December 1st, was well attended, 60 members and some friends settling down to tea in the Priory Restaurant, where the business meeting was subsequently held.

Previously the 12 bells had been rung and the Guild office sung in the Quire of the Priory. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Christchurch (Canon R. P. Price) and the preacher was the Rev. Marling Roberts, Vicar of Milford-on-Sea.

At the business meeting the Vicar of Christchurch welcomed the Guild to Christchurch once again, and referred to the great loss the District had sustained in the passing of Mr. George Preston and Mrs. A. V. Davis. The company stood in silent tribute to their memory.

The hon. secretary reported a steady year's work with fair attendance at the meetings and a small balance in hand after all dues had been met. The officers were re-elected for another year, with the exception of the chairman (Mr. J. E. Daniells), who would shortly be leaving Bournemouth to take up an appointment in Cardiff.

Admiral D. H. Everett, the correspondent of the Milford-on-Sea tower (and who has done much enthusiastic spadework to revive Milford ringing), was unanimously elected chairman of the Branch for 1957.

Quarterly meetings were arranged to be held on the first Saturdays in March, June, September and December, and it was decided to hold the George Williams Commemoration Dinner early in May, the date of which will be published shortly in 'The Ringing World.'

The Guild's annual general meeting will be held in Bournemouth this year, and Mr. J. A. C. King promised details in the early New Year.

GEORGE E. DAY

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 19th your correspondent 'C. R.' gave details of a peal of Bob Major rung half-muffled at SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, on September 24th, 1906—a token of respect to the Rev. John J. Raven, D.D.

'C. R.' mentions George Day, the bell-hanger, his son Fred and his grandson Hubert, as taking part in this peal. This is not so: the George E. Day who rang in the peal was the elder son of Fred Day.

George E. Day served as a sergeant in the 5th Suffolks, and was reported missing at Suvla Bay in 1915 when one or two companies of the battalion were reported missing, and so far as I am aware, nothing further was ever heard as to what happened to these troops.

The peals rung for the 'N.D.A.' by members of the Day family were: George 4, Fred 95, George E. 10, Hubert J. 18.

I believe that old George Day died just previous to 1906; the firm was carried on by Fred and later by Hubert.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Chardstock, Devon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GUILD ANNUAL REPORTS IN 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—I write to congratulate A. H. Smith on one of the most constructive suggestions that has appeared in 'The Ringing World' this year. It is interesting to note that no comment on it appeared and that no comment has appeared on the other suggestion earlier this year of a national striking competition based on District Associations. Ringers seem strangely reluctant to see in new ideas scope for development.

With respect to the publishing of Reports in 'The Ringing World,' I wonder if the Editorial Committee has considered selling space, and at what price it could be made available. At 6s. 6d. per column inch (the rate quoted above the weekly notices), a double page, the bare minimum for most Associations, would cost £17 11s. I have just had an estimate of £25 15s. for 350 Reports of eight pages and cover. If the rate for Reports could be fixed at £5 per page I am sure that most Associations would be glad of the opportunity to help themselves and the 'R.W.'—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM PARROTT.

Epsom, Surrey.

NOTE.—Very careful consideration would be given by the Editorial Committee to any Guild or Association who submitted a definite proposition. The National Press is used for Company Reports. A page of 'The Ringing World' is about the equivalent of 2,000 words.—Ed.

KEEP OUT PREJUDICE

Dear Sir,—I read 'The Ringing World' with much pleasure and interest, but this pleasure is somewhat modified when I see so many of your correspondents dipping their pens in the ink of prejudice. People who do not like the idea of a College of Campanology might at least be willing to give the venture a chance. It's so easy to reject an idea when it's first mentioned or to damn it in the early stages, but new ventures are at least a sign of life and intelligence and there's always room for improvement, given time. I can quite see that experienced ringers who have learnt their ringing the hard way—practice, practice, and more practice—may not like the idea of turning the basic practice into a scientific drill. But there is plenty of room for variety in educational methods. Pupils vary, and so do the methods that suit them best.

As an elderly novice myself, and one who is trying at the same time to teach young ones to ring, to keep the church bells ringing, I have a feeling that some of the exercises from the Manual, judiciously used, might be a great help to me and to my young people. They will give us a standard of ringing practice that we might not otherwise have, seeing we have no expert ringer regularly in the tower.

I for one hope that the College Manual will be available in book form: the young will find much they can learn from it, whilst the older and more experienced will, of their goodwill, be ready with suggestions for improvement. In the meantime, let us keep mere prejudice out of the discussion. It doesn't help, and it militates against the traditional friendliness of our fraternity.

As for quoting Scripture for our own purposes, that is a thing that should not be done. It is bad theology, and it hasn't got good precedents, has it?

What I say is, God bless all who are working to improve the standards and ideals of bell-ringing. It is, surely, a *sacred* art, practised in the House of God and dedicated to His glory. —Yours sincerely,

HENRY THACKRAY.

Barnetby, Lincs.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Dear Mr. Cluett, please pay us a visit. The belfry with bats in it?—Woodchurch is it. Incidentally, added to that, we also have a *ringer* named Batt!—Yours faithfully,

DAPHNE J. RUSSELL.

Ashford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I have seen bats in both North Weald and Fyfield belfries. In North Weald we found one sleeping behind a picture one practice night. I used to wind the Fyfield church clock every Monday evening about 9 o'clock; this was situated in the belfry. For some time a bat would be sitting on the top step of the staircase. I disturbed it in passing, and it was flying around the belfry whilst I was doing my job.—Yours, etc.,

HARRY KING.

North Weald, Essex.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the correspondence on the subject of 'Bats in the Belfry,' I have been more fortunate (or unfortunate) than the two ladies whose letters appeared in the December 7th issue of 'The Ringing World,' in that I have seen one of these small creatures in a ringing chamber—once.

One evening about 18 months ago, when I was visiting Ashford, Kent, for practice, a bat descended the chute of the treble in the middle of a touch. It flew round and round the room, distracting us from our ringing, for we were afraid of it getting in our hair. So we stood our bells, and one of the gentlemen present caught it when it alighted on a coat, and put it out through a window into the body of the church. Much relieved, we resumed our ringing.

Also, previously to this, I had heard of the existence of one in my home tower, Rye, Sussex. Surely I am not the only person in the country who has seen a bat in a belfry?—Yours faithfully,

J. M. SOUTHERDEN.

Blackheath, S.E.3.

Let 1957 Be Your Red Letter Year

No young ringer can feel he is part of the great ringing fraternity until he is a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' We are now enrolling subscribers for 1957. *We ask District representatives to make a special effort so that* 1957 *will be a red letter year. The drop in circulation reported at the Central Council annual meeting has been made good, but we want to do much better.*

Remittances should be sent to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months, £1 8s.; 6 months, 14s. 6d.; 3 months, 7s. 6d.

SNOWDON AND RINGING TERMS

Dear Sir,—Mr. York-Bramble's 'full realisation of "Ropesight," called "The Manual of Ringing",' certainly shows that he has studied one of Snowdon's publications very thoroughly.

However, in another of Mr. Snowdon's excellent books we find him saying and quoting as follows:

'Although of the opinion that other words might be found better adapted to express the meaning than are those actually employed, yet (to quote from Shipway) "as the use of these terms has long been sanctioned by the custom of the Exercise, it is not my design to make any alteration".'—Yours sincerely,

F. W. GROCOTT.

Manchester, 14.

CHURCHMANSHIP AND BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—In his article of Churchmanship and Bellringing, 'J. T. D.' states that it is an unwritten rule that no peals shall be rung during Lent in Somerset. While it is true that members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association are requested by the Association committee to refrain from peal-ringing during this period, there is not, and cannot be, a rule, unwritten or otherwise, on this matter, since all ringers are directed finally by their incumbents, and it is just possible that the incumbent of a church might ask his ringers to attempt a peal during Lent.

Some years ago, a ringer who was a founder member of the Association, and who had given a lifetime of service to his church and to ringing, passed away in Lent. If ever a man was worthy of muffled peal as a tribute by his brother-ringers, this man was; yet no peal was rung at his home tower, although the Vicar was prepared to grant permission, simply because the tower Master was under the impression that he would get into trouble with the Association if a peal was rung.

Finally, if we are to cut out 'unnecessary' peals and ringing during Lent, let it be for the reason that the bells will be noticed all the more during the Easter Festival, and not for reasons of self-denial. After all, only 15 per cent. of us ring peals anyway, and there are many things which it is harder to do without; the money saved by these abstinences might well go to the many needs of the Church.—Yours faithfully,

Bath. R. O. FRY.

UNATTACHED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—A correspondent in the issue of December 7th says that while there may be good reasons why ringers are sometimes 'unattached,' he cannot think of any. May I give him two from personal experience?

Ringer 'A' was an attached member of his association for 30 years, but there came a day when his vicar had a difference of opinion with the local branch of the guild, and at a belfry meeting (the incumbent being in the chair) it was decided to resign from the association. What was this ringer to do—leave the church where he had worshipped, with his family, all his life, and join ringers in a neighbouring village? No, he continues to ring twice a Sunday with his home band, and his name now appears in his diocesan handbook as 'unattached.'

Ringer 'B' worships at a church possessing five bells and no ringers. For many years he lived in a parish where he was able to ring regularly. It may be said that he should now raise a band for his present church, but it so happens that the vicar prefers that the bells be chimed as the church is in a closely built-up area; not that he has prejudices against ringers —the association is welcomed whenever it visits the tower—but there is no affiliation (change-ringing being a condition of membership). So this ringer, too, is 'unattached,' but he goes along to his branch meetings when he can and even fills a minor office in the organisation.

These two value their membership and make some small contribution to the guild; I am sure there are many others.

As my name would immediately identify these people and they might not wish it, with your leave, I will sign myself

GLOCKLEIN.

Clevedon, Somerset.

TOTTERNHOE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I am indebted to Mr. S. Ivin for pointing out that the claims for the peal of Totternhoe Surprise Major ('R.W.', Sept. 21st, 1956) are somewhat extravagant. The composition is unsuitable for Jersey Surprise Major, which although it has the same F.C.E. has the falseness occurring at different leads.—Yours faithfully,

D. KNOX.

Neasden, N.W.10.

THE RINGERS

One Sunday evening seated in my room
In solitude engrossed in my affairs,
I heard a glorious, mellow sound of bells
That sent a thrill throughout my saddened self,
And turned my thoughts to others called to church
Who join the bells in joyous worship. Then
While ever-changing sequences of notes
Were flowing o'er the evening countryside,
Inducing harmonies upon the ear,
I thought of those huge, lifeless lumps of bronze
Which, hanging side by side in lofty tower,
Are dumb, until the hand of man gives life
To make each bell give forth its lusty shout.
So wonderful the cadences seemed now
That with uplifted spirit I resolved
To see what sort of men could handle bells,
Performing church-work of a unique kind.

A week has passed without another throught
For bells or churches, then on Sunday morn
That wondrous sound excites me once again
And off to church I go, the merry tune
Becoming louder with each stride I take.
My ears are throbbing as I prowl around
The churchyard, puzzling how the ringers reach
Their point of vantage in the sturdy tower.
I find a little ivy-hidden door
Reveals a spiral staircase dark and steep,
And hear a shout of 'Bob!' twist down the stair.
Encouraged by this exclamation, up
And round and round I climb, until I come
Upon the sombre-coloured ringing room.

The bells have ceased their jangling cries of glee,
The ringers hitch their ropes, and one of them
Inquires if I'm a ringer. 'No,' I say,
'But may I watch you?' 'Please sit down, and see
If Plain Bob Major int'rests you at all.'
The brightly-coloured partly woollen ropes
Are hanging in a ring, with each a mat
Below it; so they take one each and wait
For cry of: 'Look to! Treble's going—gone!'
They pull their ropes in order round the ring,
The bells above them singing down the scale,
The 'sallies' whisking ten feet up and down
Cast shadows on the walls, which make it seem
That nothing can keep still in this small room.

I watch the aged ringer nearest me,
His silvery hair all glist'ning bright with sweat;
He stands bolt upright on the tenor's hox,
And rings this mighty deep-toned bell without
A single ounce more pull than is required.
His rosy, healthy face seems all alert
With concentration in his quick, sharp eyes.
I hear the young conductor snap out 'Bob!'—
This must be some direction to the rest—
I see he's tall and dark with serious face;
He puts the others right with absolute
Authority. A boy of ten or twelve
Is learning on the treble how to 'Hunt,'
A well-dressed business-man heaves at the sixth,
A grimy engine-driver has the fifth—
He's just off shift, and still wears overalls.
A pair of schoolgirls ring the third and fourth,
An ancient spinster neatly wields her rope.
The seventh's handled by a genial youth
Who, clothed in chequered shirt and tartan socks,
Applies his thick-set body to the task
With zest unwarranted for such a bell.
They ring, I realise, as a perfect team;
For slightest error made by anyone
Means all is spoilt, and discord's the result.
Each change I hear is different from the last
For repetition never must occur,
Each bell weaves in and out among the rest
Until conductor snaps out: 'This is all!'
The bells return to singing down the scale
And then a cry of 'Stand!' brings them to rest.

(Continued foot next column)

We hurried down the stairs and into church—
I've been a ringer ever since myself.

J. R. T.

Bedford.

A Christmas Frolic

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE FARM OF TINTINNABULATION

[Copied (right) by OXON]

THE following are a few extracts from the forthcoming Manual of The Farm of Tintinnabulation (henceforth referred to as the MOF). It is based on a serious work which Oxon welcomes, and he offers this with no intention of giving offence to the author. Oxon accepts the reasons why the serious work is (to quote its introduction) 'detailed and explanatory to an unusual degree,' and does not consider the degree excessive, though that charge might be raised against the MOF. The Farm sends fraternal greetings to the College.

INTRODUCTION.

K. Wol and P. Bear (those two stalwart conductors mentioned on p. 299 of the 'R.W.' of May 11th, 1956) are principal and vice-principal. Almost anyone mentioned in the 'Beauty and the Beast' articles of April 6th and August 10th, 1956, is eligible to act as tutor (though not student).

Paragraphs are numbered so that when those omitted are published the whole series may be cut out and stuck together to give a complete Manual. (Buy an extra 'R.W.' for the purpose.) The letter (A) is to inform the tutor that he should attempt to demonstrate the paragraph referred to. After an hour of fruitless endeavour (but not less—this is important) the tutor should move on. (Q) means that unanswerable questions may be asked by pupils, so move straight on and avoid them.

PART I

THE 'COWSHED' SYSTEM OF TUITION

SECTION I

CHAPTER I

1. Aim.—The objective of the teacher is to teach the pupil. The teacher knows:—
(a) Imprecisely what is to be taught.
(b) Nothing much else.

2. Manual.—As a guide the MOF is better for 1 (b) than for 1 (a) above.

3. Teaching systems.—Our teachers under training devoted several minutes to the study and practice of ringing itself. Mr. Bear follows the Pooh system and Mr. Wol no system at all. (The Pooh system consists in answering all questions 'Pooh pooh!' or 'Moo, moo!'. This forces pupils to think for themselves. Mr. Bear states that no pupils have done so yet, but he is hoping that one will soon—or better still give him some honey in exchange for the answer. (Q)

4. Selection and Arrangement.—Fill this in, Wol, when you have time. Ten lines should suffice, P.B. Do it yourself, K. W.

5. Method employed.—In the Cowshed system . . . the less desirable results . . . are always attainable. (A)

6. Presentation. . . . Above all, never assume the pupil knows anything you have checked. (Occasionally even the most inexperienced teacher finds a pupil who has learnt something, however.)

7. Interest.—Without it real progress cannot be made. This is why the 'Cowshed' system inevitably fails. (Q) (A)

8. Aids.—A bell is always a great help.

9. Continuity.—The tutor should not miss too many classes or he will forget where they are being held.

10. Questions.—Let nothing 'fluffy' get passed over. Kiss her!

SECTION XII

COURSE ORGANISATION

2912. The Course.—A course will normally occupy one session of five minutes.

2913. Class arrangements.—In practice a tutor may (independent of the circumstances) instruct up to 500 pupils simultaneously. (None will learn anything, anyway.)

2914. Recruiting.—Nature will produce pupils.

2915. Register.—For every course the Farm issues a Register (Form 2675/1B/392(a)) and this should be returned to the Principal with the milk. Tutors are requested to fill the form in before returning it. (A)

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3018. The Grades and Parts.—Examinations are not conducted in any of the seven parts of the MOF. Mr. Bear, having very little brain, has mislaid the names of the parts so we will go on to the Grades. These include Ringer, Ringer, Ringer, Ringer, Ringer and many other grades (also known, to avoid confusion, as Ringer).

3019. Honorary Grades.—Oxon may elect ringers to the honorary grade of Ringer.

3020. Examinations.—The Farm being Comprehensive, the 11+ examination has been abolished. So have all other exams, and one may not, therefore (until further notice), advance from the grade of Ringer to that of Ringer. The pass-standard has been lost anyway.

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SECTION LIII (thirteenth session)

INTRODUCTION TO ACTUAL RINGING

4824 Preparation.—Dress: Gumboots and old clothes should be worn.

4525. Papers: Form 2675, etc., has still not been filled in—why not? (A) (A) (two hours).

4526 Opening.—The tutor should be careful not to annoy the pupils.

4527. The two 'Chambers.'—R. Z. Chambers and P. Q. Chambers are honorary fellows of the Farm. (Address as 'Old Chap.') N.B.—Ladies are not 'Chaps.'

4528. The Art of Ringing.—Refer to the previous viewing by the class of ringing in progress. (It is assumed that in most cases there will have been such a preview, but if not, state that the action is about to be demonstrated.) State that ringing, or the sounding of cow-bells with different movements of the head, is a peculiarly Swiss art dating back to some time in the past. It is enjoyed by mountain cattle of both sexes from all walks of the Alps and provides an easy way for the farmer to find his cattle.

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SECTION XCIV

ACTUAL RINGING

5129. To Start Ringing.—Fix the cow-bell firmly round the pupil's neck and drive the pupil out of the cowshed.

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By special request further instalments will not follow.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES E. BORRETT

AN APPRECIATION

It was with extreme regret that I read of the passing of my old friend Charles E. Borrett. He had a charming manner and was well respected by all members of the old Norwich Diocesan Association.

Charlie was the finest light bell ringer that I have ever had the pleasure of ringing with, a perfect striker and a very neat handler.

Sometimes I rang with him at Mancroft, before the first world war, at their practice nights, when the ringing was somewhat indifferent, and have seen him almost gnash his teeth because one of the band could not strike. Sometimes at the end of the touch, he read the riot act to me, because I smiled at his annoyance when these bad blows were made.

I don't think that Nolan Golden is correct in saying that J. A. Trollope and C. E. B. were school fellows. Charlie commenced ringing some time before J. A. T., in fact I have always been given to understand that he (C. E. B.) attended many practices of the old company at Mancroft before he was asked why he attended the practices. Then some members of the old company, including Fred Howchin, commenced teaching him.

His first peal was rung on handbells on Feb. 23rd, 1892. The band was: Alfred W. Brighton (1), Charles E. Borrett (2), Fred Knights (3-4), Fred H. Knights (5-6); conducted by Fred Knights. His first peal on tower-bells was Bob Minor at Hethersett, in which Alfred W. Brighton also took part. These were also Alfred's first peals on tower- and handbells.

Charles' first peal on eight was Oxford Treble Bob on January 19th, 1893, at Mancroft on the middle eight (ninth as tenor). On the same day J. A. Trollope, John E. Burton and George P. Burton rang 5,040 Bob Minor 'in hand' (their first peal).

About 1896 Charlie became the conductor of the old company practising at Mancroft, and called many peals with them. This position he retained until about 1905, just before the old company were, shall I say, turned out of the tower.

A new company was formed at Mancroft, with a Sunday service band. He rang several peals with them and called some. He was never a regular service ringer, as he was a member of the choir at St. Martin-at-Palace. He remained a member of this choir until about 1920, when they had a change of parson, with whom he could not see eye-to-eye, so he left.

In the meantime the old company continued to meet at their club room to ring handbells and talk. Charlie was a regular attendant, and it was a kind of ritual for old Fred Knights to offer him a cigar as soon as he sat down. As a youngster I often attended these meetings, and I did much handbell ringing with them. It was usual to ring a course of Grandsire Cinques and sometimes a touch of Double Norwich. Although we often rang three courses of Double Norwich almost perfectly, there was never any mention of attempting a peal. This was during the years 1911 to 1914.

I think Charlie's 100th peal was Stedman Cinques, with his friends Jimmy Motts and company at Ipswich on April 27th, 1909. It was also his first peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

I find I rang 38 peals and called 33 with Charles. These peals were as follows:

Bob Major 2, Bob Major (handbells) 2 (conducted 2), Bob Royal 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob Major 3 (3), Kent Treble Bob Major (handbells) 1 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Major 3 (2), Kent T.B. Maximus 2 (2), Double Norwich Major 8 (7, includes 7,136), Double Oxford Major 1 (1), Superlative Major 2 (1), Cambridge Major 4 (4), New Cambridge Major 1 (1), Stedman Triples 4 (4), Stedman Caters 2 (2), Stedman Cinques 2 (2).

My first peal was called by Charles on Sept. 30th, 1909, and the other four which I did not call were conducted by Frederick J. Cross, Albert G. Warnes (rung for the N.D.A. by members of the Norwich Scholars), John E. Burton and Frederick R. Borrett.

He rang four peals on the back eight at Mancroft, the first of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major on the bells. He called the Stedman Triples from the treble. I think this composition was one of John Carter's with the treble observation. The fourth peal was also Stedman Triples in 1922.

Farewell, Charlie.

GEORGE H. CROSS.

MR. GEORGE H. DAYNES

The funeral service for Mr. George Henry Daynes, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place at Greenwich Parish Church on December 10th. Among friends attending were Mr. T. A. Easterby and Mr. F. W. Richardson.

In the evening at Eltham Parish Church a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples from the first and last parts of Holt's Original was rung with the bells half-muffled. It was at this church that George rang his last peal and also his last quarter.

The representative band paying this last tribute was B. W. Aldridge (Woolwich) 1, J. Dafters (Lewisham) 2, P. J. Spice (Bromley) 3, T. A. Easterby (Deptford) 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor, Deptford) 5, E. B. Crowder (Deptford) 6, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 7, F. J. Hurrell (Eltham) 8.

MR. JOHN POWELL

With very deep regret we record the sudden death of Mr. John Powell, of 56a, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon, early on December 3rd. By trade Mr. Powell was a grocer, having worked at Brecon Co-op. Stores for over 30 years. In the first world war he served with the Royal Lancashire Fusiliers.

A member of St. David's P.C.C., Brecon, and people's warden for 16 years, he was elected a member of the Swansea and Brecon Guild in 1925. Though not a peal ringer, he was always present at meetings when able to attend. Mr. Powell held the rank of major in the Church Lads' Brigade, and had been a member of the Llanfaes Company for 32 years. The members of the Northern Branch of the Guild rang a quarter peal half-muffled on December 7th as a tribute of respect. He leaves a widow and stepson to mourn their loss. D. B. H.

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MR. ERNEST PALMER

Members of the Bristol Rural Area will learn with regret of the death at Mangotsfield on December 2nd of Mr. Ernest Palmer, at the age of 71. He had been in indifferent health for some time, but his death was sudden and unexpected.

A native of Mangotsfield, the service that 'E. P.' had given to his local church was an example to all with whom he came in contact. At the time of his death he was tower secretary and verger.

He learnt to ring over 45 years ago, and was always faithful in his Sunday service ringing. He was not a prolific peal ringer and kept no record of his peals, but it is understood that he had taken part in about 20, the first being a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mangotsfield in February, 1922, shortly after the bells were augmented to eight.

The funeral service took place at Mangotsfield on December 6th, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Beard, and was attended by a large congregation, including many ringing friends from the local band and towers in the Bristol area. The Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Mr. C. R. Harding (Master), Mr. W. F. Scudamore (general secretary), Mr. S. G. Riches (general treasurer), Mr. T. T. Walters (chairman, Bristol Rural), Mr. J. G. Jefferies and Mr. F. Skidmore (vice-presidents).

Immediately following the committal in the churchyard the bells were rung half-muffled to 'whole pull and stand' and Grandsire Triples by Association officials and members of the local band.

During the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, was rung in his memory by past and present members of the Mangotsfield tower. The band was: C. Beakes 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, C. R. Harding 3, M. Jefferies 4, T. Jefferies 5, W. Richings 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. Cooksley 8. W. F. S.

MR. ERNEST G. WALKER

Faringdon, Berks, has lost one of its oldest ringers by the passing of Mr. Ernest George Walker, who died at the age of 68 on December 4th at his home, 17, Marlborough Close, Faringdon.

Mr. Walker, who had been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, for over 50 years, was a regular Sunday service ringer up to about three months ago, when his health would not allow him to carry on with ringing.

Before his retirement in 1953, he was employed for 43 years by the Swindon United Gas Co., and later by the South-Western Gas Board. He leaves a widow and a son, aged 14, who is also a ringer.

Four of his fellow ringers, Messrs. F. H. Whipp, D. Vincent, J. Strawford and R. Miles, acted as bearers at the funeral service at All Saints' Church. The Rev. C. H. G. Davey officiated. Cremation followed at Oxford. Other ringers present were Messrs. J. Pearce (foreman), F. Wheeler, J. Belcher, P. Moore.

A half-muffled peal was rung on December 8th by the following: J. Strawford 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. S. J. Pearce (conductor) 3, D. Vincent 4, E. Cade 5, R. Miles 6, F. L. Whipp 7, J. Belcher 8.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Godwin, jun. (first of Minor) 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. Godwin, sen. (first of Minor) 3, Miss D. R. Castell 4, M. J. Thomas 5, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Loveridge, sidesman at this church; for Wolvercote fifth Ringers' Sunday; a farewell to M. J. Thomas about to enter H.M. Forces.

Christmas Greetings to all Readers

The Editor and staff of 'The Ringing World,' at Guildford, and Mr. J. E. Jeater send their good wishes to all readers and thank the many correspondents for their cards and greetings.

The ringers of Hobart, Tasmania, send their fraternal greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers in the Homeland and the world over.

The season's greetings to all English ringers from the members of Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, New Zealand.

St. Mary's, Apsley, ringers send their many friends best wishes for a happy Christmas, with successful ringing and good fellowship throughout the coming year, especially to Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, an ever-welcome visitor to the district. 9452

To bellringers at home and in far away places I wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—J. Armstrong, Morpeth. 9378

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Herrick B. Bowley, 108, Anstey Lane, Leicester. 9435

To old and new friends, especially to Tom Lock's tourists, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bullen, of Station Road, Darley Dale, send greetings for Christmas and the New Year. 9431

To all members of the East Grinstead Guild and friends in Sussex, Kent and Devon, a very happy Christmas and New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett and family, Wadhurst. 9468

To my many ringing friends everywhere I send hearty seasonal greetings. A welcome awaits you in Shropshire.—F. Hector Bennett, Brewery Cottage, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 9472

The Bedfordshire Young Ringers send Christmas greetings to their friends in 16 counties, remembering especially the Yorkshire ringers and clergy whose towers we visited during our August tour this year. 9463

Mr. Peter N. Bond sends his very best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all his ringing friends, especially members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 9458

Greetings and good wishes to all our friends wherever they may be.—St. Luke's Society of Change-ringers, Chelsea. 9475

Cape Town.—St. Mary's, Woodstock, sends sincere Christmas greetings to all friends at home, overseas and on the seas. We wish you a happy year of peace, and look forward to seeing our visitors. 9400

The ringers of Danbury, Essex, church tower send Christmas greetings again to all their friends, both far and near, and wish them good ringing in 1957. 9473

To Bill Slocombe, wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, from your friends in East Anglia. 9455

Remembrances at Christmas to my many friends, with good health and happiness in the New Year.—T. J. Fowler, Cookham. 9427

Paul, Flo and Mischief Field, of Marshfield, Knole, Langport, Somerset, send all their ringing friends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and hope that petrol will allow many happy outings in 1957. 9462

To my ringing friends, good fortune attend you; health, happiness, prosperity, the wish of H. Goodwin, 35, Farnworth Road, Rotherham, Yorks, late of Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent. No ringing, confined to house. 9451

Wishing all ringing friends both near and far a happy Christmas and good health in the New Year.—Hubert Hatto. 9459

Just a few brief lines of greeting and wishes most sincere, for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, The Stores, Lee Ground, Titchfield, Hants. 9442

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts. 9446

Best wishes for Christmas and 1957 to all our ringing friends near and far.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury and Nora Shorter, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9460

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially those of the Sussex County Association, from Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Linington, Penhale, Hillcrest, Helston, Cornwall. 9448

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, from David, Frances, George and Hilda Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome, Somerset. 9433

St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, send their greetings for Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all English ringers.—George W. Pipe.

Wishing all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas, a prosperous and bright New Year, with plenty of new hunting ground—get the old bicycle out, chaps.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea. 9461

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole, Marlow, Bucks. 9439

Here's wishing the jolliest of Christmases and happiest New Years to all my ringing friends everywhere.—F. Precey, 7, Cologne Road, Bovington Camp, Dorset. 9415

Greeting.—An old but sincere wish to all ringing friends. A happy Christmas and a successful New Year, from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 9438

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to our friends of the Southampton District, who have helped us considerably during 1956, from the ringers of the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelflæda, Romsey. 9441

Seasonable greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends wherever they may be, is the sincere wish of Ronald J. Sharp. 9444

My best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers, old and new, everywhere.—William Shepherd, Addlestone, Surrey. 9432

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringers everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skidmore, Bristol. 9453

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, of Warrington House, Paddock Wood, Kent, send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends far and near. 9437

Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—Evelyn Steel, Biddenham, Beds.

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the New and succeeding years, with thanks to all my ringing Associations and friends, wherever they may be, for many hours of pleasure, including 'The Ringing World' and the Editor, Mr. T. W. White.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 9409

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—With very best wishes for Christmas and a long, pleasant and profitable future to our Railwaymen's Guild and railway ringers, everywhere. Grateful thanks and appreciation to the following 'founder members,' and all kindred Associations who also helped, especially the Police Guild.

Sydney Foskett, prime mover, Bedford; Richard D. Langford, George A. Packer, Frank Moreton and Keith Collier, Crewe, the last two, engineering apprentices; Rodney Meadows, acting chairman, Bath; Brian D. Threlfall, Gresford; Charles Bassett, Wadhurst, Sussex; Albert J. Pitman, Port Talbot, Glam; Bert Sutton, Scarborough; John R. Cooper, Ashford, Kent; Cyril Deem, Exmouth; J. Eric Dakin, Watford; John W. Griffiths, Chester; Donald G. Clarke, Newport, Mon; J. Arthur Hoare, Swansea; R. W. Rich, Dittton, Kent; Jack L. Day, Melton Mowbray; Edmund J. Morris, Skewen, Glam; W. O. Farrimond, Coppull, Lancs; Fred Seager, Leeds; W. John Carter, Fenton, S.O.T., Staffs; present at Crewe. Also Harold Walker, York; W. Bertram Kynaston, Swindon; Peter G. W. Newstead, Great Yarmouth; Jack N. Brown, Ormskirk; S. W. Cull, Hitchin; F. G. Cull, Hatfield—both Herts; N. Ling, Withernsea; E. J. Counsell, Quarndon, Derbys; L. Willders, Lincoln; L. W. Giles, Burwash, Sussex; Henry Douglas, Dawley, Wellington, Salop; Robert E. Dannatt, Great Waltham, Essex; Stanley G. Sulley, South Molton, Devon; W. Smoothy, Icleton, Essex; Colin Harrison (aged 18), Blackburn, Lancs; Jack Brough, Nantwich; and Fred Sutton, Acton, Nantwich.

Also, specially, Mr. I. C. Forsyth, works manager, Crewe; Alderman J. A. Madeley, J.P., M.B.E., area welfare officer, L.M. Region; and the Rev. Francis G. Gentry, Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe.—W. Frank Stenson, acting general secretary. 9410

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all ringers and friends, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 9445

A happy Christmas to all our ringing friends and sincere good wishes for the coming year.—Martin, Paddy and Katharine Thorley. 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, Yorkshire. 9447

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Swindon Branch

Among the visitors to the Swindon Branch annual meeting on December 8th were Mr. Roger Fry, of Bath, Mr. Frank Skidmore, of Bristol, and Miss Marion Skinner, a former member of Christ Church, now resident in Middlesex.

Owing to a mishap, ringing was somewhat restricted during the afternoon, but things were put right eventually. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. W. Thomas), who delivered one of his customary out-of-the-rut addresses.

The company was entertained to tea in the Church Hall by Christ Church ringers, and the Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) presided at the business meeting. All the Branch officers were re-elected and Mr. R. Luton was appointed assistant secretary to assist Mr. Kynaston, who is away from Swindon a good deal. The secretary reported an increase in peal ringing and an average attendance of 33 per meeting during the past year. He also announced that the sum of £40 had been subscribed by the Association for Bow Bells.

It was proposed that the first three meetings in 1957 be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney and Stratton St. Margaret. Ringing was resumed in the evening, and methods up to Cambridge Royal were rung, although some difficulty was experienced in the Major methods.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Venn 1, H. Belcher 2, W. Langdon 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, James Phillips 5, John Phillips 6, J. Bell 7, J. Harvey 8.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

LAWRENCE.—On Saturday, Dec. 8th, 1956, at Great Mongeham, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Lawrence, a son, Neil William John. 9470

DEATH

FARR.—On December 8th, 1956, Arthur Joseph Farr, of 16, Halmer Gate, Spalding, aged 71 years. Member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and Yorkshire Association. 9434

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. F. W. Burnett is now 46, Newcome Road, Fratton, Portsmouth, where correspondence regarding Cathedral ringing, etc., should be sent. 9465

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 4 p.m. Tea at 6.30 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9416

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Dec. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9426

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Evening meeting, Sapcote, Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Please note: Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 26th; annual dinner, Sapcote, Feb. 16th. 9436

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Kenneth G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9411

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, Dec. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Important business to follow. All ringers cordially invited. 9428

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Boxing Day, 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: Ringing at Walton-on-Thames. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9424

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of four recast bells, two retuned and all rehung, Saturday, Dec. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., by Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Vicar of Great Yarmouth). All welcome. 9474

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—250th anniversary of the bells. Special service of thanksgiving, Sunday, Dec. 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Parker, President of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Bells from 5.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 9479

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church (12) on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. until late evening (8.30 approx.). Tea 5 p.m., and business meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 1st to Mr. V. Bottomley, 21, Bankfield View, Halifax. 9449

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A.G.M., Tiverton St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by Jan. 1st.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 9429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s. 6d. each), by Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Ladies' Guild members please note change of tower. 9440

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Winter meeting, Sedgley, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 9454

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford.—C. W. Towers. 9457

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Annual meeting at Devynock, Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 2.30 p.m.—G. Davies, Hon. Sec 9464

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available at 2 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names by Jan. 3rd to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9443

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing at St. Mary's and St. Chad's. 9471

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. C. Macbeth 1, D. L. Mills 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, W. J. Brunt 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, J. H. Edwards 6. Farewell quarter for tenor ringer.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Rudkin 1, D. J. Edmonds (aged 11) 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, T. L. Pendred (aged 16) 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Sylvia May West to Michael Arthur Temple Gobbin.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Annual at Beaminster

At the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held in Beaminster on December 1st, towers represented were: Beaminster, Bridport, Broadwindsor, Evershot, Netherbury, Loders, Lyme Regis, and Whitechurch Canonicorum. Visitors were from Corfe Mullen, Yeovil, Cattistock and Hawkchurch.

Ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Cambridge Minor and Major, while a service touch was Stedman Triples.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Beaminster (the Rev. J. S. Arthur), assisted by Canon C. Cox, the lesson being read by the Rev. O. L. Willmott, and the Vicar of Beaminster gave a very fitting address. The collection amounted to £1 6s. The Lyme Regis band rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells during the service.

Tea, enjoyed by 34 members, was given by the Beaminster ringers, and a charge of 6d. per head was made to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Taylor, the Hawkchurch band and Melbury Osmond ringers—the latter due to difficulty in obtaining petrol!

The secretary's report was read and adopted and the accounts, which showed a balance of £53 12s. 4d., passed. It was decided to invest £30 of the balance in Defence Bonds.

The election of officers followed. Canon Carew Cox was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Rev. O. L. Willmott vice-chairman. Mrs. E. Pannell was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The Ringing Masters were re-elected en bloc.

Quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: February—Bradpole, April—Symondsbury, July—Loders, September—South Perrott, and the annual meeting in December at Bridport.

The following were made members of the Guild: Mrs. Davis, E. Hodder and P. Wright (Lyme Regis), R. Rawlins and P. G. Bowditch (Hawkchurch), Nancy Wakely (Burton Bradstock), and W. Maddieson (Loders). The Rev. ff. Powell, of Evershot, was transferred from an honorary member to a ringing member, and Roger Keeley made a non-resident life ringing member.

Canon Cox thanked the Vicar of Beaminster for the use of his church and bells, and for his address, and Mr. Brooks for playing the organ. He asked for a vote of thanks to the Beaminster ringers for the ample tea, and to the Mothers' Union who prepared and served it.

Members then returned to the tower for further tower- and handbell ringing. E. G. P.

QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Broadley 1, Ann Sheils 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove (cond.) 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Meads 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Broadley 1, Ann Sheils 2, H. Wingrove 3, G. F. Bryant 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Meads 8. For Evensong.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. W. Leavett 1, Rev. H. T. Wisdom 2, J. Elliott (cond.) 3, J. Papworth 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White (first as cond.) 1, Miss J. Roper 2, Miss L. Allen 3, Miss S. Cope 4, Miss M. Twidale 5, Miss A. Gladwell 6, K. Cottrell 7, J. J. Coates 8. First of Grandsire Triples by 3, 4 and 5. Rung by members of Reading University Society as a compliment to the master on her engagement.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jean Stevens 1, D. Miller 2, W. Stevens 3, C. J. Stevens 4, R. D. Short (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela M. Stevens also first quarter of Stedman on the bells since rehanging.

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23456	—				
35426	—	X			
52364	—	2		—	A
35264	—	X	—	—	A
23564	—	X	—	—	A
62345		A			
53246	—			—	
34256	—	X			B
45236	—	X			B
25346	—	X		—	B
32546		B			
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THE THREE RINGERS: A CAUTIONARY TALE

IT was a fine, frosty New Year's Eve, and Santa Claus, who had been a little delayed on his rounds by the number of ringers asking for handbells to be put in their stockings, was making his weary way home to the North Pole.

An inn-sign at the side of the road caught his attention, and he hesitated. Then he halted the reindeer, and after a quick look round, to make sure that he was not shattering the life-long illusions of some tiny tot, pulled up his collar, and scuttled into the 'Eight Bells.'

It was a small, shabby place, and only three men were drinking under the faded wreaths of holly. Santa Claus ordered himself a large whisky; he took stock of his companions, and decided, from their conversation and from their poor but honest garments, studded with guild badges, that they were ringers.

One of them was a Teacher, one a Student, and one a Worker—all virtuous men, though of humble origin; and, as he listened to them, Santa Claus, impressed with the recital of their good deeds during the past year, decided that the next year should bring each of them a gift of inestimable value—fifty peals!

'I,' said the Worker modestly to his friends, 'have done very little of note this year, except perhaps to call less peals of Stedman than any man in the country.' Santa Claus nodded approvingly to himself.

'I cannot claim any great deed, either,' admitted the Student, 'but I have made it my solemn rule to attempt a handbell peal every Friday night.' 'Did you get them all?,' asked the others enviously. 'We didn't get any of them,' said the Student, 'but it's the principle that counts.' Santa Claus lifted his glass in a silent toast to the determined young man. The Teacher spoke last, a fine figure of a man, though not in his first youth, and told them, not without emotion, that only the month before, he had called 'stand' in a peal of Triples because the tenor was down to fourth's place.

Santa Claus choked over his whisky, and a tear trickled down his cheek, as he murmured: 'Noble fellow! He shall have not fifty peals next year, but a hundred!' He muttered a few magic words, and passed into the night like a shadow, without paying for his whisky.

A year later, on the anniversary of the date, he was passing the 'Eight Bells' again, and dropped in, for sentiment's sake. There were the same three ringers, covered with the glory of many peals—but how altered from their former happy selves! The Worker was saying peevishly that it was a well-known fact that only spite prevented him from being universally acclaimed as the best doubles ringer in the world. The Student was affirming that half the handbell peals called that year had been false—the other half had been called by him. The Teacher was saying very little; but all his sentences began: 'Well, of course, when you chaps have rung a hundred in a year like me . . . .'

Horrified at the results which his gifts had produced, Santa determined to punish the ringers with the most awful fate he knew. A wave of his hand, and it was done; and as he stood back to behold his work, he felt a hand on his shoulder, and heard the landlord's voice saying: 'You're the chap as skipped out o' here without paying last year. Now I want a word wi' you . . . .'

But you want to hear what happened to the ringers. The Worker was spirited away by the fairies into the Services; he was drafted abroad, and now spends his days impotently listening to carillons. The Student took a psychology degree, and was sent to experiment with the morale of lighthouse keepers. They say that he is attempting to call Holt's Original on the lighthouse bells of Britain, but is troubled by interference from those possessing hooters. The Teacher was dragged off by goblins and shut up under the box of Sherborne tenor; and to this day tenor ringers there who are slow with their backstroke leads sometimes imagine that they hear a faint voice crying in agony: 'Let me out, and I'll show you how to do it!'

FOOTNOTE.—The writer's friends assure her that there is a moral to this story, but she has so far been unable to discover it for herself. D. R. C.

OLYMPIC COMMEMORATION PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.
On Sun., Nov. 25, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*ERNEST H. HUGHES	*Treble*	*ARTHUR H. FISHER	5
KENNETH J. MINCHINTON	2	GERALD WESTON	6
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	3	*CECIL H. PEARSON	7
*GEORGE W. PIPE	4	JOHN J. F. ROPER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal outside England.
Specially arranged and rung in honour of the XVIth Olympiad.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

ERNEST H. HUGHES	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. FISHER	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	CECIL H. PEARSON	6
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	3	JOHN J. F. ROPER	7
KENNETH J. MINCHINTON	4	CYRIL R. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band except the conductor.
Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Melbourne. His Royal Highness attended morning service in this Cathedral prior to the commencement of the peal.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*JACQUELINE S. EVANS	*Treble*	†DAVID J. KING	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	8
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	9
DAVID W. BEARD	4	DAVID BEACHAM	10
†TUDOR EDWARDS	5	ROGER O. FRY	11
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6	ROBERT E. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Cinques as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*ROBIN E. CLARKE	*Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	5
BERTIE ALDRIDGE	2	ERNEST B. CROWDER	6
†KENNETH D. SMALL	3	GEOFFREY J. HURRELL	7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	4	JIM HURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the Eve of Advent. Also a wedding compliment to Peter Andre (late of St. Mary's, Lewisham) and Joyce Goodwin, married this day at St. Mary's, Holloway.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4	GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* 100th peal together. W. Clover has now 'completed the circle' as conductor.
Rung to mark the opening of the 850th anniversary year of the above church: 1107–1957.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

MICHAEL W. CROWDER	*Treble*	STEPHEN BROMFIELD	5
W. ARTHUR CROWDER	2	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	3	GWEN I. RUSBY	7
NORMAN BELL	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
A birthday compliment to Margaret Eastoe.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	JUNE M. CLEMENTS	5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	6
*JEAN EGERTON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal on eight bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*JOHN R. JOYNER	*Treble*	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*THOMAS J. LOCK	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 450th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Treble*	*D. WALFORD DAVIES	5
EDMUND J. MORRIS	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	GEORGE TALBOT	6
EILEEN M. TURNER	3	WILLIAM J. H. PARKER	7
ROY COLLINS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
In memoriam Harry J. Collis, who was for 50 years a ringer, and for 68 years a chorister, at this church.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	*ARTHUR NEWTON	6
*DAVID CORNWALL	3	JOHN KAPE	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	ANTHONY E. COX	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary this year of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH LAWSON	5
*THOMAS COOKE	2	CHARLES N. LEA	6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
†ROLAND PARK	4	†DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of London Surprise. † 50th peal together.
In memoriam Mrs. C. C. Venus, wife of Mr. L. Venus, a ringer and former steeple-keeper at this church for many years.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

H. WALTER SMITH	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	†CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
TERRY EARLE	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Bristol. † 100th peal.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	EDMUND E. PEARSON	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
*VALERIE W. WILLARD	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
CHARLES COLES	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. The first peal on the octave (two trebles added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and dedicated on November 18th, 1956).
Rung for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	*EDWARD C. BARTON	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	TERENCE BARTON	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3	FREDK. A. MITCHELL	7
RALPH BIRD	4	†CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. Mr. F. A. Mitchell has now 'circled the tower' twice.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Stanley Kenward, son of the second ringer.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*MRS. EILEEN HUDSON	*Treble*	E. MARTIN FIELDEN	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
W. GEORGE TURNER	4	†VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Joe Greenwood, oldest ringer and surviving member of the original band of the above church. Also for the birth of Judith Elizabeth, grand-daughter of the conductor.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
BEN S. THOMPSON	2	A. WILLIAM BIRD	6
HORACE W. EASEY	3	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	7
MICHAEL SOLLEY	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
*SYDNEY SAGE	2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	6
*PETER WATSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
*IVOR JENKINS	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
ELIZABETH BATE	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	6
*IAN M. HOLLAND	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	7
NORMAN CHADDOCK	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Treble*	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Rugby by all the band and for the Guild. Composition rung for the first time.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

DAVID C. VINCENT	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
PERCY W. CAVE	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall Bob and Childwall Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
ALAN G. FOSTER	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The quickest peal on the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4
JOHN S. MASON	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
FRANK C. PRICE	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band except the conductor.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Plain Bob, each extent being called differently.
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EDMUND J. WHITING	*Treble*	R. FRANK BAKER	4
*DOROTHY ROBINSON	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
BRYAN F. SIMS	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal in more than one method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HAMBLEDON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN A. G. BALL	*Treble*	*ALAN H. STURGESS	4
*RENEE STURGESS	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal in more than one method.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (different callings).
Tenor 6 cwt.

*BRIAN MACHON	*Treble*	ALEC GAMMON	3
†ROY H. JONES	2	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	4

DAVID C. WOODWARD *Tenor*
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal by a local band. Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and to mark the arrival of Miss Madeline S. Liles as parish worker. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Roy H. Jones.

NASEBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. CROPLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. BROWN	3
STANLEY A. BROWN	2	DEREK E. GRIFFIN	4

ARTHUR J. MILLWARD *Tenor*
Conducted by ARTHUR J. MILLWARD.
* First peal and first by a Naseby ringer. First peal for the Guilsborough Branch by tower captains.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F Lane. Mr. F. Lane is a Naseby ringer.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5/6 right way.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

FRANK G. OLIVER	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. DAY	4
*WILLIAM J. BRUNT	2	†BERNARD FAIRHEAD	5
*FRANK PIKE	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Spliced Chester and Munden, (2) Spliced York and Durham, (3) Spliced London and Wells, (4) and (5) Spliced Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER J. EVES	*Treble*	*PETER J. CAME	4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in ten Surprise methods.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 33 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. SMITH	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in 33 methods.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Wheadon, wife of a local ringer.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 37, 34, 48, 50, 49, 51, 29).
Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD R. DARCH	*Treble*	*ALAN R. BRIDGES	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Minor. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	*†EDWARD C. BARTON	4
*TERENCE BARTON	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
†CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in seven Minor methods 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) York, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Bourne, (6) Nethersale, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOYCE GOOD	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
†MRS. G. MANCHIP	2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal in eight methods.

FINBOROUGH MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
*LESLIE N. MELTON	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

PETER R. J. LESTER (13)	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	4
LESLIE N. MELTON (14) ..	2	*†DAVID F. WELHAM ..	5
*WINSTON S. GIRLING (15)	3	ROBERT E. LESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor has now 'circled' this tower.

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

GILBERT S. SPRULES ..	*Treble*	†VERNON J. JONES	4
*RITA M. WEBB	2	JAMES W. SPRULES	5
*BARBARA J. ROGERS	3	HENRY TAYSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by GILBERT S. SPRULES.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*DOROTHY M. RUSHTON (14)	*Treble*	THOMAS RUSHTON	4
*MRS. DORIS MINTON ..	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
†ROSEMARY BRAY	3	A. ROLAND BILLINGS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BRIAN J. WYLDE	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING ..	2	PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
†PATRICK J. BIRD	3	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK D. MACK.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON ..	*Treble*	JOHN H. BAILESS	4
*RODNEY RICHARDSON ..	2	GRAHAM T. BALL	5
MICHAEL VERNON	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal and first attempt (aged 13).

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4
GILES C. GALLEY	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
*AMOS INGALL	3	*LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
* 75th peal together.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ..	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	4
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
TERENCE BARTON	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Paul E. Richman, who was inducted on December 4th.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	*Treble*	ALBERT G. FULLER	4
A. GEORGE ORBELL	2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN ..	5
CHARLES F. SARGEANT ..	3	SIDNEY FENN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.
First peal and first attempt for all except conductor.
Rung by the local Sunday service band to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Philip Taylor (son of a local ringer) and Miss Mary Balls.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 13, KNOWSLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Hudson's 'New Light' variation Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	3—4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7—8

Composed by ED. C. GOBEY. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
First peal in the method on handbells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 4, 1956, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD			5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD, NORWICH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

*GEORGE SAYER	1—2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	3—4
ARTHUR G. BASON			5—6

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First peal 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 9, 1956, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

*GEOFFREY DODDS	1—2	WALTER AYRE	3—4
*JOYCE DODDS			5—6

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Minor in two methods 'in hand.' Conductor's 250th handbell peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

VALERIE WILLARD	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
*DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	3—4	MRS. J. THOMAS	7—8
†VIVIEN BARNES	9—10		

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
Witness: MRS. D. J. MARSHALL.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Dec. 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Allott (first quarter) 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, D. Ogden 3, A. W. Stone 4, J. P. Schoolden (first quarter as (cond.) 5, N. Bennett 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (640 London, 320 Bristol, 160 Cambridge, 96 Superlative, 64 Yorkshire, with 32 changes of method): Beverley A. Thompson 1, A. F. Thirst 2, D. Jackson 3, D. N. Layton 4, J. Armstrong 5, P. P. Brown 6, R. Keeley 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise Major for all the band except the ringers of the second and fourth.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Major: Miss S. Streeter 1, E. R. Rapley 2, Miss J. Clements 3, G. Francis 4, A. P. Cannon 5, L. Stilwell 6, R. Bird (cond.) 7, W. L. Weller 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise for 1, 3, 4 and 8. Rung after peal failure.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gare 1, Miss A. V. White (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, H. G. White 4, H. Doel 5, F. L. Andrews 6.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. W. Knowles 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, P. G. Galder (first of Surprise Major) 3, J. D. Holden 4, E. E. Speake (cond.) 5, D. J. Tranter 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. Pritchard 8. A birthday compliment to the mother of the 4th ringer. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ryde (first quarter) 1, P. B.-Knight 2, Miss P. Forster 3, F. R. Lowe 4, H. Letts 5, B. Manning 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, F. Murfin 8. For special patronal festival service.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Bob, 360 Grandsire and 120 Spliced Canterbury, Bob and Grandsire): H. Wooding 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, R. Line 3, N. Line 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Miss E. J. Labutt on her 90th birthday.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDS.—On Nov 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Joyce Davies (first quarter) 1, F. R. Harris 2, P. Powles 3, S. Daniels 4, L. T. Mainwaring 5, Rosemary Bray 6, L. Evans (cond.) 7, G. E. Arnett 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. P. E. Rock), who has retired.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pickett 1, Kate Branson 2, A. Smith 3, R. Wilson 4, J. Killick 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 5. Rung to celebrate the success of the ringers of 3 and 5, who are both now qualified as doctors.

ERINDSBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss R. Highley 1, Miss D. Borer 2, J. C. S. Benson 3, R. Burns 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, P. F. Borer 6. First of Minor for 2 and 3. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Borer.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Pamela Clarke 1, R. Woods 2, C. Towers 3, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 4, D. A. Frith 5, F. Pinchbeck 6, E. J. Jelley 7, L. Squires 8, J. D. Clarke 9, J. Jelley (first of Royal on tower bell) 10. First of Royal for 1, 4 and 8. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. R. Woods 1, B. Hunt 2, J. R. Cook 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. Watson 5, W. R. Read 6, D. A. Frith (cond.) 7, P. E. Parry 8. First in method by all. To honour the first visit of the new Bishop of Lincoln to Grantham.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 6 callings, and 480 Bob, 4 callings): C. W. Simpson 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Sylvia J. Heasman 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, B. W. Huntley 6. First quarter in two methods by all the band. For Evensong.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Maltby (first of Minor) 1, M. Carter 2, J. Voss 3, A. Butler 4, G. Ellis 5, A. Warren (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. Foxall 2, A. Newton 3, K. Biggs 4, N. Cornwall 5, J. D. Kape 6, A. E. Cox (cond.) 7, D. Cornwall 8. Rung in memory of Ralph H. Biggs, who met with a fatal accident 25 years ago this day.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Grainger (first of Triples) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss H. Lowings 3, T. D. Belben (first of Triples) 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. Gargrave 8. For the patronal festival.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): Miss B. Stapleton (first quarter) 1, B. Grainger (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. Grainger 3, R. Churchill 4, A. Butcher 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, B. Stapleton (first quarter) 7, D. Hall 8. Rung to the Glory of God.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Harris 1, T. Gwilliam 2, G. Harris 3, R. Hitchcock 4, T. Wortley 5, P. Romney 6, G. Thomas (cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8. Also 1,320 Grandsire Triples: G. Harris 1, R. Hitchcock 2, T. Gwilliam 3, D. Thomas 4, G. Harris 5, P. Romney 6, D. Wertly 7, W. Harris 8. Both rung to commemorate the enthronement that day of the Rt. Rev. John Richard Richards, a native of this parish, as Bishop of St. David's.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Butcher (first quarter) 1, R. Bennett 2, Miss B. Catt (first quarter) 3, J. Pell 4, A. Hart (cond.) 5, T. Brett 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Butcher.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, F. Osbaldiston (first 'inside') 2, A. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves 4, M. J. Pryor 5, A. McFall (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): Miss D. Stafford (first quarter) 1, W. Dowse (first 'inside') 2, A. Osbaldiston 3, R. Smith 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, A. McFall 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Williams 1, R. Finch 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. Downing 4, Miss D. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Linnell 8. Rung by members of the local company as a compliment to Mr. B. Linnell and Miss E. Chaplin on their engagement.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Bob and 660 Grandsire): Angela Mellor (first quarter) 1, T. Smith 2, J. Cruickshank 3, J. Dart 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Linda Forward 1, Ruth Hodgsson 2, D. Simms 3, S. A. Scott 4, T. Smith 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Revd P. Symes, who is leaving for St. Michael's, Abingdon.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dawson (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, E. H. Simpson 2, J. Cooper 3, Margaret S. Rhodes 4, D. Thorp 5, W. Dixon 6, P. Whitaker (first as cond.) 7, M. K. Duxbury (first of Grandsire Triples) 8. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. F. P. B. Ashe, M.A.).

OXFORD.—On Dec. 2nd, at New College, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: S. J. Ivin 1, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 2, A. J. Sanger 3, P. R. Sanders 4, W. H. Jackson 5, G. G. Salmon 6, C. J. B. Taylor 7, R. A. Hodgson 8, E. Naylor 9, D Hoare 10. First of Little Bob Royal for 3, 6 and 10.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, Miss P. Hart 3, K. Cottrell 4, B. C. Stirland 5, T. N. Lanaghan 6, R. G. Burton 7, R. F. Diserens 8, N. J. Diserens 9, V. T. Cherrill 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edgar Humfrey.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sharratt 1, Miss A. Ward 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, C. A. Brass 4, J. A. Townsend 5, E. H. Norman 6. For Confirmation service, and also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,956 Minor (comprising 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 516 Plain Bob): P. Westwood 1, A. Butler 2, M. Stephens (cond.) 3, F. Lawrence 4, D. Chatfield 5, B. Luck 6. Rung, after an unsuccessful peal attempt, for the Feast of St. Nicholas; also as a welcome to Neil, son of Janet and Fred Lawrence, of the Walmer band, born December 8th, 1956.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on Dec. 9th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, C. A. Hughes 2, T. H. Francis (cond.) 3, Miss B. A. Thompson 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, P. P. Brown 6, R. Keeley 7, E. V. Williams 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, A. R. Ling 10. First of Stedman Caters for 4 and 8.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gare 1, C. Thomas 2, H. F. Creed 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, D. Gare 5, C. Lamb 6.

STEPNEY, E.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. J. Fox 1, Miss B. Tester 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, C. W. Ridgway 4, A. F. Lewry 5, R. W. Sumner 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, H. W. Knauss 8. First of Stedman for 2, 3, 4 and 8. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 16th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sinkins (92) 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, R. Sanders 3, J. Chapman (cond.) 4, M. Williamson 5, J. Cook 6, J. Euston 7, G. Miles (first quarter) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. G. Townsend 2, G. W. Townsend 3, R. C. Westney 4, H. W. Bishop 5, M. B. Kemp (first of Caters and in method) 6, G. Wells 7, E. Sutton 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Rung for Advent Sunday and a birthday compliment to Eli Vincent.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pratt 1, G. Peers (jun.) 2, E. Elton 3, N. Pratt 4, B. Rackham 5, H. Dakin 6, G. Peers (sen. cond.) 7, N. Attaway 8. Rung half-muffled in respect of the death of Mrs. E. Chaplin. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Smith 1, N. Attaway (first 'inside') 2, G. Peers (jun.) 3, E. Elton 4, B. Rackham 5, H. Dakin 6, G. Peers (sen. cond.) 7, C. Pratt 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to N. Attaway, and in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. Rackham.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor (with tenor covering): G. Peck 1, D. M. Reeve 2, H. Fuller 3, N. Watson 4, T. Stagg 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, J. Banks tenor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Watling.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. S. Crew 1, A. E. Rushton 2, R. J. Scott 3, A. J. Smith 4, J. R. S. Jordan 5, R. Kendall 6, J. G. Newman 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 5.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Buswell 1, Pamela C. Clarke 2, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 3, T. Goodwin 4, T. O. Greasley 5, C. Wise 6. First quarter of Grandsire Doubles for all the band. Rung for Confirmation service.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Francis 1, A. E. Rye 2, P. Rye 3, F. Rye 4, T. Wickens 5, F. Lawrence 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, A. Dixon 8. For Evensong.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. T. Northwood (cond.) 1, G. C. J. Wakefield 2, R. Yates 3, P. Morris 4, T. A. Yates 5, G. Northwood 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 4. Rung for the patronal festival and to mark the inauguration of a monthly family service.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): W. Seymour 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker (first quarter) 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, H. Gregory 5, A. R. Wood (first 'inside') 6, H. C. Mulford 7, H. White 8. To the memory of the Rt. Rev. Roscow George Shedden, D.D., 21 years Vicar of this parish, who died on December 11th.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, J. Cooper 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, F. Pickering 4, W. D. Peart 5, W. A. Partridge 6, J. N. Hadley 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. For Evensong and the dedication of two stained glass windows by the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Venerable W. A. Parker).

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew and 300 Grandsire): Dilys Smith 1, B. Harfield 2, Edna M. Everest (cond.) 3, Agnes F. Millam 4, S. W. Brown 5, A. Osborne 6. For harvest festival.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Frances Spavins 1, H. D. Harris 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne Spavins 4, K. G. Spavins 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, B. Grainger 7, R. E. Atkins 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Members and friends gathered at Mulbarton on December 8th to pay tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Alexander St. John Heard, president of the Association from 1942 to 1955. Mrs. Heard, who was unable to attend through ill health, was represented by Mrs. Derry Cooke, of Bergh Apton Manor.

The occasion was the dedication of a bronze memorial tablet by the president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston. The service was conducted by the Rector, Dr. J. Mosley, who also gave the address. The lesson was read by Mr. Arthur G. Bason, chairman of the Northern Branch.

The tablet has been placed in the ringing chamber, and the inscription reads:—

In grateful memory of Alexander St. John Heard, M.A., president of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, 1942–1955; Rector of this parish, 1943–1955.

The cost has been defrayed by individual donations from members and also a donation from Mrs. Heard.

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BALDOCK DINNER

Canon Brenchley was welcomed and re-introduced to the Baldock Guild at the Rose and Crown on December 15th, when the annual dinner was held.

After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, Mr. T. Southam proposed the health of the Baldock Guild, saying that the Guild was fighting the defeatist attitude found in many towers.

The captain, Mr. E. Buck, replied. He said that the Guild had taught 25 learners, but only 12 remained as ringers. Progress could only be maintained if new people were taught. Six quarters had been rung this year, and two peals, including the one that afternoon.

Mr. B. Scoot proposed the toast to 'The Ladies,' and Miss J. Sanderson replied. Afterwards Mr. Harris showed his lantern slides of old Baldock. They were most interesting, and were followed by more handbell ringing and some conjuring by Mr. P. Mehew. J. S.

Memorial Belfry Clock

A fairly large congregation representative of many church organisations was present at Evensong at Weston Favell, Northants, on Sunday, December 16th, to witness the dedication of a new belfry wall clock (by Smith and Son, of Derby). The clock is to the memory of Joseph W. L. Linnett, a keen ringer, who died in 1949 at the age of 26 years from a rare, incurable disease. He was a College Youth and a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and had several peals—mainly Doubles and Minor—to his credit. He was also a chorister and loved his church and all it stood for. The dedication was performed by the Rector (the Rev. Douglass Hopkins), and all the local ringers with their leader, Mr. P. Amos, were present.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ilchester Deanery Branch Dinner

The second annual dinner of the Ilchester Branch was held at Somerton, Somerset, on December 15th.

The evening began with short touches on the church bells prior to 7.30 p.m. Evensong, after which 36 guests sat down to dinner at the White Hart Hotel.

In the absence of the Branch chairman, the Rev. L. E. Walsh, grace was said by the Vicar of Somerton, the Rev. T. H. O. Hayter, who also proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of the gathering, Mr. W. E. Turner, the Branch Ringing Master, and Mr. W. G. Turk, of Martock.

After dinner the programme was varied. Mr. Ricketts of Yeovil, entertained the company with songs; Mr. B. Watts, of Hardington, played the piano and organised some amusing games, including a paper hat making competition; handbells were brought out for a few changes, and particular delight was given by Mr. P. Sparks and his team from Templecombe, who rang a selection of songs and carols on 16 handbells. Mr. Turner warmly thanked all who had contributed to the evening's entertainment, and the party concluded with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

Tower represented were: Martock, Yeovil, Templecombe, Hardington Mandeville, Shepton Beauchamp, Ash and Somerton.

The Bedfordshire Young Ringers published last week their Christmas greetings. Their Yorkshire tour was in July and not August. Will their new friends please accept this correction to their greeting.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Our congratulations to the ringers of Burwell, Cambs. Five of the band rang their first peal on December 15th. Among them was Mr. A. G. Orbell, who is now 66 and rang his first quarter last November, although he learnt to handle a bell in 1908.

The ringer of the second in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln on December 1st (p. 786) was John Waters, and not as submitted for publication.

The quarter peal from Woburn, recorded this week, is the first long touch by a local band for 45 years, and was rung by a band recently starting from scratch. A peal of Bob Major in December, 1911, conducted by Mr. H. D. Harris, was the previous local performance.

Hudson's 'New Light' Variation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, of which a handbell peal was rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, was first rung at Sheffield in 1843. The peal consists of leads of the two methods with various peculiarities for bobs.

Recordings of the bells of Bucklebury and East Hagbourne, Berks, were relayed by a Swindon radio firm as part of their Christmas appeal. Swinging bells on headstocks (two bells to one headstock) are part of the firm's window display. The records include rounds, Queens, Tittums, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent T.B. Major.

Geoffrey Miles, who took part in his first quarter at Streatham, is a son of the late E. L. Miles and a nephew of the late H. G. Miles (for many years a ringer at Kensington and St. Paul's Cathedral, who was also the composer of the 21,000-odd Stedman Caters, rung at Appleton). The veteran F. Sinkins, who also took part, wishes it to be a birthday compliment to Walter Wolstencroft, 82 on December 17th, both old ringing friends at Slough for many years.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Newport was rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Greedy, who can be justly proud of his record of being a ringer for 40 years, the last 27 years of which he has held the position of tower captain at St. Woolos'. The excellent 'go' of the bells and the cleanliness of the ringing chamber are themselves a fine tribute to his keen work.

Carlton Colville bells have recently been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame with provision made for an additional treble by John Taylor and Co. Summer visitors to Pakefield will be pleased to note that 'Uncle George,' as he is affectionately known by many, rang his first peal on these bells.

Four members of the local band took part in a quarter peal of Bob Minor on December 13th at Husborne Crawley, Beds. This is the first time for many years that as many as four local ringers have realised such an achievement and it is hoped that a quarter peal may soon be accomplished entirely by the local band. Most of the members have been ringing only for a short time, and their effort speaks well for the instruction of Mr. R. Churchill and the enthusiastic support of Brigadier Springhall.

The quarter peal at Hornchurch for the Patronal Festival was also a farewell to Mr. T. D. Belben. A native of Lytchett Matravers, Tim Belben has been employed as an accountant at Ford's Motor Works. Practically all his method-ringing has been done with the local band and at Havering-atte-Bower. His keenness, enthusiasm and good humour have made him a welcome visitor to all practices at these towers. He leaves the district to enter the Friary of the Society of St. Francis at Cerne Abbas, Dorset, with the best wishes of both bands. May his work be blessed.

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OLYMPIC YEAR OF MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

THE annual meeting was held on August 15th in the Cathedral belfry. The chairman was the Dean of Melbourne (the Very Rev. S. Barton Babbage), assisted by Rev. H. H. Girvan (the Precentor). Seventeen members were present.

The chairman opened the meeting with prayers, and after being welcomed by the captain (Mr. John Roper) thanked the Society for its excellent service to the Cathedral over the past 12 months. Apologies for absence were received and the minutes of the previous A.G.M. read and adopted. The balance sheet, which was healthy, was then read by the Precentor in the absence of the treasurer, and was adopted.

The captain in his report thanked the officers for their good work over the year. He welcomed four English ringers to the tower—Messrs. Arthur H. Fisher (Hampshire), Cecil H. Pearson (Oxon), Ernest H. Hughes (Cheshire) and George W. Pipe (Suffolk), stating that the influx of experienced ringers would help the team to higher achievements. Mr. Roper also paid tribute to the work of Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. J. Gray, now back in England, and gave a farewell to Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was to leave in November, thanking her for the help and service she had given. The captain stressed that visitors, both interstate and overseas, were always very welcome, and he was glad to say that many had honoured St. Paul's by their presence during the year.

Four new members were welcomed as learners —the Misses K. Phillipson and B. Sayce, and Messrs. Cox and Simpson. The captain closed his report by stating that the following year's ringing looked very promising with many able ringers in the band. He hoped that many quarter peals and peals would result due to this factor.

In the steeple-keeper's absence the tower captain read his report, stating that the bells were in very good order.

The election of officers. These were as follows: Tower captain, John J. F. Roper; vice-captain, Brenda L. Sheppard; secretary, Kenneth J. Minchinton; assistant secretary, Tom Barnett; treasurer, Francis Sheppard; auditor, Rev. H. H. Girvan; librarian, John Willis; steeple-keeper, Alan Bennett; assistant steeple-keepers, Dennis Cornish and Tom Bennett.

The captain then asked the Dean to dedicate three peal boards recording peals of Grandsire Triples, 15/6/52, Stedman Triples 28/11/54, and Bob Major, 17/4/55. The Dean, dedicating, mentioned the importance of a record of this nature as a reminder of past achievements and to the memory of service by others. There was still ample room on the belfry walls for more boards, and he expressed a wish that the Society would uphold this tradition. He then thanked the members for their service rendered to God, the Cathedral and to the city of Melbourne.

The secretary, Mr. K. Minchinton, then opened the discussion on ringing for the Olympic Games, reporting that a letter was sent to 'The Ringing World' inviting overseas ringers who might be coming to the Games to join St. Paul's. An effort was made by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward to organise a party; this had to be abandoned due to lack of members willing to make the journey to Australia. A letter was sent to Mr. Garner-Hayward, thanking him for his enthusiasm and work, by the secretary, who expressed a wish that a party might be seen there in the near future, and assuring them of a good welcome. It was unanimously decided that the captain make Olympic ringing arrangements with extra practice nights if necessary. There were two important occasions for ringing during the festival: one being at the service to be attended by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, the other for the special Olympic service at the Main Stadium.

Arising out of 'Any other business,' a discussion opened concerning a badge. Mr. Cyril Williams asked whether the Society could purchase a badge, adding that he felt sure every member would be proud to wear one and would advertise his or her calling. This would help the Society in many ways, with a possibility of drawing recruits.

Before speaking on the subject, Mr. George Pipe took the opportunity of thanking all members of the band for the very warm welcome he had received on his arrival from England in July. He went on to say that due to the very small number of badges required, members would possibly find the cost prohibitive. Mr. T. Bennett offered to make enquiries about this, a proposal which was unanimously agreed upon. The Rev. H. H. Girvan was asked to draft a design, along with one for a certificate of membership proposed by Mr. J. Roper.

It was suggested by the secretary that the Society should explore the possibilities of having the bells and the actual ringing of them televised. People took bells so much for granted that a pictorial programme about them would be both educational and a means of finding recruits. The meeting moved that the secretary be appointed to make enquiries into this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer. Supper was then served.

The Devil's Knell

Mr. C. Woodcock, of Ipswich, sends us a newspaper cutting which indicates that the Devil's Knell was rung at Dewsbury Parish Church as recently as 1953. *The tenor is tolled once for every year since the birth of Christ. In* 1953 *the ringing at Dewsbury was shared by several ringers. According to legend the custom was started in the* 13*th century.*

Ringing in 1956

When a prominent member of a band leaves a tower his place is generally very hard to fill, but when four or five leave within the space of about three months one can imagine the rift they make. Such was St. Paul's misfortune at the beginning of this year, and it wasn't long before even Grandsire Triples was a struggle.

This is typical of towers outside the British Isles; migrants come and go, and just when perseverance is being crowned with success the band is broken. Somehow it is always replenished though. No less than six members have joined the Society in 1956, three being Englishmen. Apart from the Australian ringers the following counties are represented: Cheshire, Derbyshire, Oxon, Gloucestershire, London, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Suffolk. It has been good to see so many visitors, too, both from Australian and British towers. About four more members are expected in the New Year. Now, once more, under the captaincy of John Roper, an enthusiastic band is being built up on the foundations laid by Philip and Joan Gray, and others. Plain Bob Minor, Triples and Major, Stedman and occasionally Little Bob, relieve the monotony of Grandsire. If all goes well, Caters and Bob Royal will be our aim in 1957.

At the end of September several of the Society attended a joint meeting at Ballaarat, the garden city of Victoria. We were the guests, together with the Bendigo ringers, of the Ballaarat company, and spent a most enjoyable day. The fine octave (22 cwt. in E flat) of the City Hall and the six (12 cwt.) of St. Peter's were put to very good use. These two rings, together with the eight at Bendigo and the 13 at St. Paul's, complete those ringable in Victoria. English ringers will appreciate that the chances of extending one's scope and tower-grabbing are very limited, but that need not deter the Roving Ringers or other aspirants from visiting our shores. There are some very good rings in Sydney and in Adelaide, whilst we in Melbourne hope to have the octave at St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral in ringing order soon.

On December 15th a similar excursion will see us in Bendigo, 100 miles from Melbourne. Scoring all the ringable towers in Victoria is hardly worth mentioning, so 'prime number' or not, we shall decline! (R. F. B. S. ref. A. P. C.!)

Ringing for the Olympic Games

The greatest disappointment to Australian ringers in the Games was that, due to lack of support, a band from England was unable to visit us. Nothing before or since the great adventure of 1934 has materialised, but we hope that 1957 or 1958 will see the fruition of a 'second attempt' to visit us 'down-under.'

For the past eight weeks or so everything in Melbourne has been 'Olympic.' Avenues and festivals, cornflakes and sealing-wax all bear the insignia. The five-circle emblem has been found in the most original places. Even alcoholics have achieved their 5,000 litres in record time. To crown it all, the Press, with its usual impeccable accuracy, has proclaimed that marathon *chimes* have been played on the *great* bells of St. Paul's!

The St. Paul's Cathedral Society rang two peals in two attempts, celebrating the XVIth Olympiad. One of Plain Bob Major commemorated the opening of the Games, and one of Triples on December 2nd honoured the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. Nine members took part in these peals, which enabled four to score their first peal outside England.

This was certainly the most memorable occasion in Melbourne's history; we can only hope that good citizenship and comradeship, modelled and fostered by the Olympic Games, will spread abroad to all nations and bring forth more in hundredfold.

K. J. MINCHINTON.
E. H. HUGHES.
Melbourne. G. W. PIPE.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

A further meeting of railwaymen church bell ringers was held on December 15th, at 17, Euston Square, London, for the purpose of hammering out the final constitution and rules governing the Guild.

The meeting, though not quite as large as the inaugural meeting at Crewe in June, was thoroughly representative and lively, but very friendly discussion took place on the two outstanding items—officers and membership.

It was eventually decided to print and circulate copies of the amended constitution and rules, two clear months before the annual general meeting, which will be held at Crewe between Easter and Whitsuntide. Due notice of the meeting will appear in 'The Ringing World.' Any further amendments to rules and constitution should be sent to the hon. general secretary a clear month before the A.G.M.

Despite some of the arrangements going awry, ringing after tea was enjoyed at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, thanks to the Vicar, the local ringers and Mr Sid Foskett (joint prime mover, who arranged the meeting).

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Newport was rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Greedy, who can be justly proud of his record of being a ringer for 40 years, the last 27 years of which he has held the position of tower captain at St. Woolos'. The excellent 'go' of the bells and the cleanliness of the ringing chamber are themselves a fine tribute to his keen work.

THE FAMILY SPIRIT AT ALDERSHOT

Influence of Mr. W. Denyer

Bell ringing has almost become a family concern at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, states a recent special article in 'The Aldershot News.' Forty-five years ago Mr. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, now the captain of the tower, became a church bell-ringer, and since then his sons and daughters, and now his grandsons and grand-daughters, have followed in his footsteps. Five of his sons and daughters are, or have been, ringers, and now he has five grand-children perfecting the art of campanology.

Mr. Denyer, at 74, is the oldest member of the bellringers, and the youngest member is 10-years-old Mary Bragg—yes, you have guessed it, a grand-daughter. Mary has only recently joined and she looks very, very small at the end of one of the long eight ropes in the tower.

Mr. Denyer is very proud of his eldest son, Mr. C. W. Denyer, who is not only captain of the Farnham Parish Church tower, where they have a 20¼ cwt. bell, as compared to St. Michael's biggest weighing 8¼ cwt., but is also a vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

Another member of the family, grand-daughter Josie Whitford (15), 96, Ash Road, Aldershot, one of the more recent members, has just rung her first quarter peal. Bellringing has not only been spread among the Denyer family either; they believe in spreading the gospel to their friends as well, for also having recently rung their first quarter peal are three other girls—two of them recruited by Josie.

They are Stella Tate-Mitchell (17), 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot, and Diana Lathan (17), 113, Roberts Road, Aldershot. The third girl is Valerie Clist (14), 35, Brighton Road, Aldershot. She was recruited by her brother, who is a member. It appears that bellringers are not happy until they have all their friends and relations gathered around them in the tower. Mr. Denyer adds, too: 'It is a regular little marriage bureau here, you know; two of my daughters met their husbands here.'

It has taken the four girls over a year to learn to ring a quarter peal. Their next step is to ring a full peal. A peal lasts three hours and must contain 5,000 or more changes, while a quarter peal only occupies about three-quarter hours and contains 1,250 changes. Either way it sounds a great deal of standing still, but another member, Mr. W. H. Viggers, says: 'When you are concentrating on the ringing you don't notice how long you are standing—and you have to concentrate. It is fatal to let your thoughts wander.'

Normally ringers don't ring peals and quarter peals, however. There are about 24 ringers at St. Michael's and there are only eight ropes, so ringers take it in turns to ring shorter lengths called touches. There is no lying-in on Sunday mornings for bellringers, as they have to start ringing the bells at 9.30 for the 10 o'clock service. For evensong they start ringing 40 minutes before the service. Easter is a busy time, too, especially when there are a number of weddings.



Ringing their first quarter peal on the bells of St. Michael's, Aldershot — Valerie Clist (14), Josie Whitford (15), Stella Tate-Mitchell (17), Diana Lathan (17). [Photo by permission of 'Aldershot News.'

In spite of having to get up early both summer and winter to ring for the 10 o'clock service, St. Michael's ringers can claim that since the lifting of the ban on ringing at the end of the war, the bells have rung out every Sunday morning and evening.

JOINT MEETING AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD

Despite the petrol situation and the uncertain weather, the N.W. District of the Essex Association and the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association had a very successful joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford on December 8th. The Master of the Essex Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel, and Mr. T. Southam, secretary of the Herts Eastern District, welcomed about 50 ringers from many parts of Essex, Herts and Middlesex.

The Rev. Mr. Minall conducted the service and gave a short address. Miss D. Mansfield, a Nazeing ringer, was at the organ. The service was followed by tea in the Church Hall, prepared and served by lady members of the Bishop's Stortford Guild. Mr. Heazel thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

After tea, ringing continued with touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Royal, Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major.

Odd and Even Bob and Single Peal Stedman Triples

Arranged by LOUIS HEAD.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
231456												
346125	S											
245136						—	—				—	—
623145		S		—			—	S			—	—
216435		—	—	S	S						—	—
145623	S											
143256		—	—						S	—	—	
615243		S		—			—	S			—	—
126453		—	—	S	S						—	—

Repeat the calling of the last 7 courses four times adding S at 14 at end produces

3467251												
625431		S		—			—	S			—	—
246351		—	—	S	S						—	—
541326							—	—			—	—
652341		S		—			—	S			—	—
536421		—	—	S	S						—	—
341652	S											
342516		—	—						S	—	—	

Repeat the calling of the last 7 courses four times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'AN OBSERVATION'

Dear Sir,—After a recent peal of London Major to mark the anniversary of the first peal in this method, I think the time may now be ripe to put forward one or two ideas which I have been considering for quite a while.

Firstly, it is possible to obtain a method which is almost a true *reverse* of London Surprise Major, and this method I have called Greenwich:—

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8   38
1 2 5 3 7 4 8 6   X
2 1 5 7 3 8 4 6   38
2 5 1 7 8 3 6 4   14
5 2 7 1 8 6 3 4   58
2 5 1 7 6 8 4 3   X
5 2 7 1 6 4 8 3   58
5 7 2 6 1 4 3 8   16
7 5 6 2 4 1 8 3   X
7 5 2 6 1 4 3 8   12
5 7 6 2 4 1 8 3   X
7 5 2 6 4 8 1 3   58
7 2 5 4 6 8 3 1   16
2 7 4 5 8 6 1 3   X
2 4 7 8 5 6 3 1   16
4 2 7 5 8 3 6 1   38
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Lead head:

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1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7
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Next, comparing the two methods together with London Minor leads to the conclusion that the *true extension* of the latter to eight bells is *not* London Major (as rung) nor Greenwich, but Greenwich 'up' and London 'in.'

Thirdly, the true extension of Greenwich to *twelve* bells is an *acceptable method*:—

3T, X, 3T; 14, 5T, X, 5T; 16, 7T, 12, 7T; 58 (16 and 9T), X (16 and 9T); 70, 18, X, 18; 9T, 10, X, 10; with 3T at the half-lead.

Lead head:

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1 4 6 2 8 3 0 5 T 7 E 9
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 0 7 T 9 E
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Finally, let us review the problems which arise from the foregoing considerations:—

(*a*) There is, I believe, only one peal of Greenwich Major obtainable—a 5,184 by Mr. S. Burton (bearing in mind, of course, the desirability of keeping the tenors together). Greenwich Maximus has a clean proof scale, however.

(*b*) The true extension of Greenwich to *ten* bells is *not* an acceptable method, although it can be made so by 'fiddling' some of the work *below* the treble. (For clarity, this could perhaps be referred to as Woolwch. by virtue of its similarities and dissimilarities to Greenwich.)

To sum up then, it is apparent that the result of any attempt to extend London Surprise will depend very much on the starting-point (i.e., 'parent' method). If London Minor is taken as the basis, then Greenwich 'up' and London (as rung) 'in' is the method obtained on eight bells. This, however, is not an acceptable method, nor are the further extensions to ten and twelve bells.

If London Major be the point of commencement, the corresponding Royal method can be 'fiddled' below the treble to give various 'Versions,' e.g., No. 3. The extension to Maximus along this line of reasoning must also be adjusted in a similar manner.

Taking Greenwich Major as fundamental, the method obtained on ten bells requires 'fiddling (again below the treble) to be acceptable. The resulting Maximus method, however, is acceptable as it stands. To understand clearly the following conclusion, it is *very* helpful to write out Greenwich Maximus from the place-notation already given. Then it will be seen that the route followed in extending Greenwich is the same as that for Cambridge, etc. In fact, with one exception, this same route is taken in the case of all popular methods. The exception is referred to in the last paragraph, i.e., it must be concluded that the route generally chosen for extending *London* Major, albeit musical, is anomalous even before any 'fiddling' takes place. This fundamental anomaly occurs in the work above the treble, the most apparent result being that the slow work behind is not in the correct position relative to the treble's lying full (c.f. paragraph three, immediately after the figures for Greenwich Major).

In concluding, I should like to mention my indebtedness to Mr. C. J. Sedgley for investigating the occurrence of falseness in Greenwich Major, and in two slight variations thereof.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Let 1957 Be Your Red Letter Year

No young ringer can feel he is part of the great ringing fraternity until he is a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' We are now enrolling subscribers for 1957. *We ask District representatives to make a special effort so that* 1957 *will be a red letter year. The drop in circulation reported at the Central Council annual meeting has been made good, but we want to do much better.*

Remittances should be sent to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 *months, £1 8s.; 6 months,* 14*s. 6d.; 3 months, 7s. 6d.*

'THE TOWER-GRABBER'

Dear Sir,—The 'tower-grabber,' of the type mentioned by Mr. T. W. Clark in his letter—and a member of the Crayford band is one of the keenest of them—always seems to me to be like a cricketer who does not take part in matches because that would be 'associating himself with ten or a dozen like-minded' people at fixtures 'mainly in their own neighbourhood' and half of them on the same ground. Instead, he indulges in net-practice at Toads-in-the-Hole all over the country because he has never had a ball bowled at him there before!—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

NO CRITICISM OF CORNISH RINGERS

Dear Sir,—How Mr. Box can read criticism of Mr. Carveth into my letter (p. 763) I don't know, but just to make my position absolutely clear, may I make these final remarks?

I did *not*, either at the Guildford dinner or in my letter, express, intend or imply any criticism of Mr. Carveth in particular or Cornish ringers in general. On the contrary, I have the greatest respect for them, particularly men like Charles Sangwin and Rev. A. S. Roberts.

I would still like to say to Mr. Carveth, as I did in a sentence deleted from my last letter, that he should not take umbrage at reports of speeches as they appear in the 'R.W.', as they are so condensed (through no fault of the editor) that they often take on a quite different meaning in print to the words as spoken.

As regards Mr. Box's own unkind remarks about Cornish scenery, climate, etc., I entirely disagree with him. I know of no finer setting for any church than that of St. Morwenna, Morwenstowe. The bus service may not be quite up to Birmingham standards, but I know which I prefer. (No criticism of St. Martin's intended or implied, Mr. Box.)—Yours sincerely,

ROY COLLINS.

Chobham.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on December 8th. The attendance was rather disappointing, about 30 members and visitors being present, the price and scarcity of petrol and the cup-tie football match being possible causes

The Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Henton) gave the Branch a warm welcome and proceeded with the Guild 'form of service.' In the sermon he gave an inspiring Advent message and referred to the part the ringers could play in the seasons of the Church.

At the business meeting, which followed a sumptuous sit-down tea, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. J. Poulton, supported by the president (Preb. E. V. Cox).

The business opened with those present standing in silence in respect of those members who had passed on during the year, viz.: Bishop W. F. Surtees, Chancellor D. McLaren, the late general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) and Mr. Harry Spicer. Apologies were received from Mr. H. W. Butt and the Thorverton band.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. E. J. Ryall asked about the progress of a previous resolution about invitations to the University and St. Luke's. The meeting asked Mr. Ryall to contact the authorities concerned with a view to getting a University Guild of Ringers started.

The annual report was presented and adopted. The main points were the serious position of the steady decline in membership over the past five years; the failure of getting a band going at St. David's, Exeter; the success of meetings held during 1956, and the proposal that a regular practice for learners be started soon. Messrs. E. J. Ryall, E. W. Biffin and W. H. Howe spoke at some length about the decline in membership.

The financial report, with balances of £18 3s. 9d. in the general account and over £40 in the instruction fund, was adopted.

All the officers were re-elected for 1957: Chairman, Rev. C. J. Poulton; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Wreford; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Wills; Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Biffin; deputy Ringing Master, Mr. N. Mallett; representatives to the General Committee, Mr. H. W. Butt, Mr. E. W. Biffin and Mr. H. J. Corry.

Meetings arranged for 1957 were: February 9th, St. Mark's; July 13th, Ide; September 14th, Brampford; December 14th, St. David's; subject to permission being obtained.

Guild proficiency certificates were presented by the president to Miss S. Fry, Miss P. Randall and Mr. H. Baker, all of St. Mark's, Exeter. New members elected were Miss P. Randall, Mr. J. Pearce, Mr. F. Radbourn, Mr. C. T. Williams and Miss M. Clowes.

The meeting closed with the usual thanks extended to those contributing to the success of the meeting.

A SOLIHULL GOLDEN WEDDING

On December 16th, Mr. and Mrs. William Leeson, of Solihull, celebrated their golden wedding. Since he was a small boy Mr. Leeson has been closely associated with St. Alphege's Church, Solihull, first as choirboy and then as bellringer. In the latter office he has served for well over 50 years, and has been noted for his sincere devotion to the Sunday service ringing. In this latter duty his regularity and punctuality may well be models for all ringers.

The band at St. Alphege's tower conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Leeson their congratulations and good wishes, and on the Sunday evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in celebration by: T. Hayward 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, R. Cann 4, T. Warner 5, C. Bragg 6, G. E. Fearn 7, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 8.

The quarter peal was followed by 50 well-struck rounds.

OBITUARY

MR. ISAAC EMERY

Mr. Isaac Emery, whose sudden death at Ottery St. Mary on December 17th was briefly recorded in our last issue, will for many years be remembered with the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley. He was 84 years of age.

As a boy at St. Mary Cray, he rang his first 120 there in 1887, but in 1911 he moved to Bromley, and thus had a record of 45 continuous years of faithful and enthusiastic service to that church. He was promptly elected secretary of the band, and became its leader in 1927, a position he held until the autumn of last year.

Even during the hazards of recent winters and in spite of living some distance from the church, Mr. Emery set his band an example in attendance and punctuality. However, he had found this a strain, and last year at the annual general meeting of SS. Peter and Paul's ringers expressed a wish to retire from the leadership, which then passed to Mr. Percy Spice, who has been a member of the band since 1915 and secretary since 1921. The secretary and deputy leader is now Mr. David Martin.

The church with its bells was destroyed in the blitz during the early days of the last war, and on those bells Mr. Emery rang 64 peals, many of them as conductor. He had, of course, been a member of the Kent County Association for many years, and Lewisham District meetings will be the poorer for his absence. A staunch College Youth, he was the oldest member to be present at the last annual dinner in London in November.

In 1951, when the new ring was installed in the restored tower of Bromley, he took his part in training a band with the vigour and patience of a man many years younger. A. S. R.

MR. EDGAR HUMFREY

Ringers in Reading were sorry to hear of the death of Edgar Humfrey in his 87th year.

He first commenced ringing at Abingdon in 1887, where he was foreman for two periods of four years. His first peal was in 1887, conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson. In all he rang 43 peals with F. E. R.

Mr. Humfrey first conducted a peal in 1888, calling Holt's Ten-part, and in 1925 he called Holt's Original at Caversham. He rang his first peal of Surprise at the age of 78, and rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Reading on his 80th birthday.

In one of his diaries Mr. Humfrey records that in 1886 he rode a pennyfarthing from Abingdon to Crystal Palace, to Brighton and back to Abingdon, in four days—a distance of 230 miles. In more recent years he used to cycle from Reading to Abingdon at the time of the Oxford Festivals.

Mr. Humfrey served in the Yeomanry in the Boer War and was a volunteer in the 1914–18 war. He was on the staff of the National Pig Breeders' Association, from which he retired 20 years ago. Whilst a ringer at St. Laurence's, Reading, he was for many years churchwarden at Woodley Church and also its treasurer for 19 years.

He was very active for his age, and only two days before his death he had lopped all the trees in Woodley churchyard.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—One of 7 methods, one of 12 methods.

Minor.—One Plain Bob, one of 3 methods.

Triples.—28 Grandsire (cond. 2), 51 Stedman (cond. 1).

Major.—Plain Bob 6, Kent 8, Oxford 2, Cambridge 1, Double Norwich 10.

Caters.—Grandsire 29 (cond. 3), Stedman 20 (cond. 5).

Royal.—Kent 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 8

MR. GEORGE E. PANNELL

With regret we record the death on November 30th of Mr. George E. Pannell, of Twinstead, Essex, aged 75 years. A native of Gestingthorpe, he learned to ring there after the rehanging of the bells in 1910, and was a member of the then well-known Gestingthorpe band.

He was also a cricketer, being a member of the local club at a time when it included Captain Oates, of Antarctic fame. George was good with the ball, once capturing all ten wickets in an innings. During the first world war he was wounded, which resulted in a permanent disablement.

About 1925 he moved to Wickham St. Paul, and it was here he was largely responsible for the rehanging of the five bells and the teaching of a change-ringing band. Being a wheelwright and carpenter he was a handyman about the belfry.

Never a great peal ringer, he was a regular Sunday service ringer, good striking being his aim. Despite his disability, he frequently walked to Gestingthorpe for a practice to help a struggling band.

On retirement ten years ago, he moved to Twinstead, but poor health prevented him doing but little ringing. Nevertheless, he retained an interest in ringing and was a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' until his death. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

He was buried at Gestingthorpe on December 5th. On December 7th his fellow ringers at Wickham St. Paul, as a last token of respect, rang with clappers half-muffled a well-struck quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Corder 1, C. Weavers 2, T. Bird (conductor) 3, A. Bird 4, R. Rippingale 5. T. B.

MR. E. E. PRATCHETT

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death, on December 14th, of Mr. E. E. Pratchett, of 10, Florence Street, Hendon, N.W.4, in his 82nd year. Known to his old ringing friends as 'Old Mac,' and to all members of St. Mary's, Hendon, Guild affectionately as 'Pop,' he will be greatly missed, having been a ringer at St. Mary's for over 66 years. While owing to ill health he had not been able to attend for some while, his interest never lagged, and he always looked forward to friends calling on him so that he could keep in touch with everything going on in the belfry. He was a wonderful inspiration to all.

The funeral service took place in his old church of St. Mary on December 20th. May he rest in peace.

MR. WILLIAM E. LEIGH

The death occurred on September 28th of Mr. William Edward Leigh, aged 80, the oldest member of the Edenbridge band of ringers. He was a ringer for 60 years, but retired a few years ago through illness. However, living close by the church he was able to enjoy hearing the bells.

The funeral was held on October 2nd, and in the evening the local band rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in his memory.

MR. HEDLEY GREGORY

With regret we record the death on November 2nd of Mr. Hedley Gregory, only son of Mr. H. Gregory, of 39, Royal Park, Bristol, tower Master of Emmanuel, Bristol. From an early age Hedley had suffered from infantile paralysis, which he endured with great courage, and in spite of his affliction he was able to take his place regularly with the ringers. His last visit to the tower to do duty was Sunday, September 16th. He leaves a widow and two children.

The funeral service at Christ Church, Clifton, on November 7th, was largely attended.

MR. JOHN HOLME

Mr. John Holme, of Silverdale, Lancashire, whose recent death at the age of 92 was reported in 'The Ringing World,' was one of the best-known ringers in the north-west. Until two years ago he was to be seen regularly in the belfry, and his ringing career extended over 75 years.

Mr. Holme was born at Ambleside in 1864, and first learnt to handle a bell at Ambleside when he was 15 years old.

Change-ringing bands were not so easy to come by in those days in this district, and it was not until 1904 that he rang his first peal, one of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. This was rung at Brathay, where John was then ringing regularly, and in that year five peals were scored by this same band of ringers on the bells of Brathay and Langdale, the methods including Plain Bob, Duke of York, Violet, College Single, Woodbine, Cambridge and New London Pleasure.

In 1908 he was appointed sexton at Brathay Church, and in that year and the following year he took part in two peals, both of 10,080 changes each. These peals were regarded as a feat of some magnitude by people in the north-west, and were mentioned extensively in the local newspapers. So far as the writer knows, they still remain record lengths for this part of the country.

The years 1905 to 1909 were the most active of John's ringing life. In these five years he took part in no less than 597 720's of Minor, mostly for Sunday service. He kept records of all these 'peals' with considerable care.

In 1921 he moved to Silverdale for health reasons and there joined the local ringers. His presence probably encouraged the many peals rung there from 1925 to 1929 and laid the foundations for the change-ringing bands that followed in the 1930's, who subsequently formed the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association.

His peal total is not high, 29 in number, but considering where and when they were rung, his last in 1929, they must have been achieved only after much perseverance.

MR. FRED ROBSON

All ringers in the north-east and many throughout the country will note the passing of Mr. Fred Robson, for 50 years a ringer at St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, except for his 1914–1918 war service.

He was of a kindly disposition, a patient teacher with beginners; always a smile and a cheery word. His last ring was at an Association meeting at his own church some five weeks ago and, although a sick man, he climbed the tower steps and had a short touch. He will be very much missed. E. C.

MR. ARTHUR J. FARR

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. Arthur Joseph Farr, of 16, Halmer Gate, Spalding, who died at Woodlands Court, Kirton, on December 8th. He was 71.

A member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for 56 years, he moved to Spalding as cemetery superintendent after the 1914–18 war, and was for many years captain of the belfry, retiring from this position in 1950. He was also a Guild committee representative and Branch auditor for many years.

Although his health has not permitted him to do any ringing for the past three or four years, he was always pleased to see ringers and hear of local activities. He had rung and conducted quite a number of peals, but unfortunately did not keep a full record of all his performances.

The funeral service took place at Spalding on December 12th, followed by cremation at Nottingham. Many ringers and friends attended and half-muffled ringing took place both before and after the service. R. C. N.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

ADMINISTRATION.—The College is now represented in 'areas' of some 14 counties and in South Wales and Ireland, and the (acting) Administrative Committee is functioning with books of record and account.

DEVELOPMENT POLICY.—It has always been seen that the College should be organised by the many and not by a few, but that general support could not be expected without general knowledge of its proposals and possibilities. Also that, *when these had been proved*, the blessing of Central Council might be forthcoming. To this end the draft of the working basis (Part I of the Manual) was first made public, and 'trial' courses and tests in accordance with it have been carried out, before approval for general adoption. Members of the College, therefore (potential as well as enrolled), are now in a position to form views towards finalising Part I, and shaping the Constitution of the College, before its work is launched, generally, in the New Year. Circular letters on these matters are shortly going to members, but ALL who are interested in the planned teaching of ringing still have the opportunity to take part in establishing and running the College. (They should write in before December 31st.)

TRAINING MANUAL.—Attention focused on the recent serial of Part I has tended to obscure the importance of the ringing aspects and the work of the College covered by the remaining six Parts; but it has evoked anticipated helpful comments, for which the Administrative Committee is grateful. Part I is now undergoing entire revision, as intended, and the main amendments include: (*a*) A reversion to a former order of teaching strokes in ringing action. (*b*) The concept of a 'rise' stroke instead of a 'check' stroke, and of a 'balanced rise' stroke. (*c*) Further breakdown of drill action for bell lowering. (*d*) Generally, simpler exposition where possible without impairing full meaning. By courtesy of the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World' and by arrangement with them and with the Woodbridge Press, Ltd., it is hoped shortly to issue the (revised) reprints of Part 1 of the Manual, in booklet form at approximately cost price.

SERVICE RINGING.—A first practical result, in a main objective of the work of the College, is the training (Hampshire area) of a band of beginners, enabling the bells of St. Thomas' Cathedral Church, Portsmouth, to be rung for Evensong regularly for the first time since before the war. (Commenced Remembrance Sunday.)

TRAINING TRIALS.—Courses for Tutors I and Ringers I, running concurrently, have recently concluded with examinations, with these results:

Tutor I.—S. Kathleen Mary Knight (1st Class), Roger Baldwin.

Ringer I.—(1st Class) Marjorie Anne Baker, Christabel Hussey, Jennifer Peate, Angela Jane Sandiford, Anthony Keeble Shaw, Una P. Woodward; (2nd Class) Judith Baker, Judith Anne Bowles, Christopher Whitaker, Christopher Woodward; (Pass) Roger Geoffrey Bishop.

Two candidates deferred test; two left district; one failed. Further courses locally are under consideration.

SCHOOLS OF RINGING.—Arrangements are formulated for autonomous working (in College courses) of schools affiliated to the College, in accordance with Article XII of the draft constitution. Details will be sent gladly on application to the Registrar's Office, 24, Doyle Avenue, Portsmouth.

A MEMORABLE DAY FOR MASONIC RINGERS

Saturday, December 8th, will be a day to be remembered by a number of Masonic ringers, for it was on this day that Dee 'Cee' Vee, otherwise known as David Vincent, was installed as Master of his Lodge in Sale in the Province of Cheshire.

Right from the word 'go,' everything went off perfectly, both in the 'upper room' and at the festive board. Nothing had been spared to make this a red letter day.

The entertainment was of a high order. One ringing visitor, after an amusing 'solo,' joined other artistes present and finished with 'Running them in,' a request item. Handbells were included, the Master evoking comment from his predecessor by claiming the two smallest bells to a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters. Finally, in response to a 'demand' for more, a perfect course of Stedman Triples was briskly 'tapped' off by four well-known ringing brethren.

An innovation was the heralding in of the new Master, not by trumpets and shawms, but by a touch of Grandsire Triples—not only surprising, but judging by the applause delighting the entire assembly and obviously filling the Master with pride. The good gathering of ringing members present were sufficient to man a tower for Maximus, another for Minor the same time, leaving some to criticise, and had arrived punctual it was noted, and in spite of petrol shortages were not short in spirit after having travelled from Beckenham, Slough, Coventry, Wallasey, Twinpool, Southport, Bolton and Manchester area. One members states he arrived home after travelling all night and after rockin' 'n' rollin' for 23 hours and 55 minutes—almost twice around the clock.

Although it was such a splendid ceremony, etc., there was one character missing—Bess, David's red setter dog; she generally goes wherever D. V. goes in his car, and it is said that whenever that passes a church with a tower she expects to get out. Having snatched many towers she has yet to score a peal, although she has listened in to several when the car has been parked in close vicinity. We understand Bess is no stranger in De Sala and is well known in the kitchens. P. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Annual Meeting

The Chew Deanery Branch visited Wraxall for the annual meeting on December 1st, and ringing on the fine octave there commenced promptly at 3 o'clock and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Rector (Preb. W. N. Kempe), who gave a short address.

A very fine tea, arranged by the wives of the local ringers, was enjoyed in the Library adjoining the church, and after the minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed, all the existing officers of the Branch were re-elected for 1957, with the exception of Mr. L. Pullin, who said that due to his business he felt he was unable to fulfil the duties of deputy Ringing Master. Mr. C. Bishop was elected in his place. Officers for 1957, therefore, will be: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight; deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Derrick and C. Bishop; secretary and representative on the Association general committee, Mr. P. G. Yeo; and reporter, Mr. M. Horseman.

If permission is forthcoming it was agreed to hold meetings as follows: St. John's, Clevedon (January), Portishead (February), Clutton (March), and Chew Magna (April) for the quarterly meeting, with Winford as an alternative. Although no specific invitations have been received, it was suggested that it might be possible to visit Winford or Portishead for the Corporate Communion on the fourth Sunday in April.

One new member from Wraxall and four from Kingston Seymour were elected, and the secretary then brought forward several matters which had been sent to him by the general secretary. The Master of the Association, Rev. M. B. Hurst-Bannister, will be resigning at the end of the year due to his moving out of the county, and suggestions for a new Master were requested. The meeting decided that the names of the Rev. H. Warren, of Exford, and Rev. W. H. Young, of Failand, should go forward to the general committee. It was agreed to recommend to the general committee that the present Central Council representatives should be re-elected.

Votes of thanks, proposed by Mr. D. Yeo, to all those who had contributed to a happy meeting, concluded the business. Ringing was then resumed in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Major. M. J. H.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Financial Amendments

A special general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held in the Union Church Hall, Brighton, on December 8th, to approve the final design for the new certificates, and to discuss the financial position of the Association. Fifty-eight members attended. Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Dallaway, K. Knight and L. Stilwell.

Two designs obtained by Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Cracknell were passed round, and the design by the friend of the latter was accepted. This was proposed by Mrs. Percy, seconded by Mr. G. Beeney, and carried. The meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Cracknell for all the assistance he had given, and the chairman was asked to write and thank the two gentlemen who had supplied the designs.

FINANCE

The chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the agenda, regarding finance, which had been circulated to all the affiliated towers.

ITEM 1.—To amend rule 3 paragraph 3 as follows: 'That the annual subscription for membership be 3s. and that towers be affiliated to the Association on payment of this subscription per registered member of the band, with a minimum of £1 1s.' This was proposed by Mr. Overy and seconded by Mr. Elphick. After much debating it was found that this amendment would not benefit the Association, and was withdrawn.

Mr. Stalham then proposed that the affiliation fee be raised from 21s. to 25s: This was seconded by Mr. Laker and carried, 25 voting for, 13 against.

ITEM 2.—'That any gifts to divisional funds this year shall not be taken into account by the hon. treasurer when declaring his levy.' This was proposed by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by 20 for and 3 against.

Mrs. Percy gave the normal 14 days' notice for alteration to rules 7 and 13, to enable the accounts to be held in one central fund, the divisional secretaries holding sufficient moneys for their own needs. This was seconded by Mr. Overy.

Mr. Weller gave the normal 14 days' notice regarding War Stock held by the Association. He proposed to sell the existing investments, earning little interest, and re-invest in new stock at a greater interest. This was seconded by Mr. Francis.

ITEM 3.—(*a*) That efforts be made to increase the number of honorary members of the Association. This was proposed by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Overy, and carried.

(*b*) That the price of the Annual Reports sold to individual members shall be the full cost of producing same. This was proposed by Mr. Stalham, seconded by Mr. Francis, and carried.

(*c*) That a fee of 6d. per rope be charged for all peals rung for the Association, this fee to be paid to the treasurer of the Association. This was proposed by Mr. Weller, seconded by Mr. Francis, and carried by 27 for, 3 against.

(*d*) Mr. Francis proposed that the fee for non-resident members be raised from 5s. to 7s. 6d. Mr. Weller seconded, and this was carried.

(*e*) The secretary asked the meeting to fix a price for the new certificates, the money obtained to be put aside for future reprinting of same. Mr. Overy proposed 2s. 6d. each, seconded by Mr. Weller, and this was carried.

Mr. Cracknell suggested a collection to cover the expense of the special meeting. The amount collected was in excess of the cost of the meeting.

Fifty-seven members attended the meeting.

'DEDICATION'

There's a new ring just been hung—
great rejoicings;
The dedication, full-robed choir,
and much ringing;
The band, all local men, jealously guarding
their rights for first trying
The bells that have just been hung.

Many ringers are present, from near
and afar,
To try these new bells, and to sample the tea—
Prepared by the ladies, of this well-known
[belfry.
To meet old colleagues of days long ago,
And to ring with the young ones,
with faces aglow—
On these bells that have just been hung.

At times such as this, I pause and wonder
If those that are present
On this wonderful day,
Give thought for the man who spends his life
[in the tower.
He may not be known—but he's the bellhanger.

I see him now at the back of the church,
During the service, he sat there alone,
An onlooker was he, with no real part
to play
In this service today
Of the bells that have just been hung.

His work is done,
And so, forgotten, he sits there alone
With his thoughts—and memories of other
Like some well-fitted equation, [occasions
And of these bells that have just been hung.

His thoughts are not centred on what is around
[him,
He has other things at the back of his mind—
Of his wife and his children,
who love him so dearly,
And his train that leaves on time.
And soon he will leave this church and its
And the bells he has recently hung, [ringers
To make his way homewards—
His lonely way homewards
To *his* home and his own fireside.

For many years now, he has travelled around—
In belfry and tower,
In village and town,
And cities with celestial spires.
He knows them all,
He's worked them all,
And he's heard some heavenly choirs—
When at work of an eventide.

A shrewd judge of men,
For has he not seen
The rougher seam
Of human frailties.
And he knows well
The two-faced hell
Of landladies' hypocrisies!

Of lodges—good and bad—has he,
Whilst working 'out of town.'
And all he asks, he ever asks,
Is a feeling to be free—
From worries that do abound
Within the family tree.

Strong is the word,
For this man's constitution.
Through all these years, he's had to be,
Enabling him,
Through thick and thin—
To make *his* contribution
For his family's security.

When working aloft of a fine summer's morning,
The school bell rings at nine,
He hears the young children, happily calling,
And with a feeling described as fine—
Thinks of his boyhood days, those good old
[days,
And the air that he breathes is like wine!

What of his life?
And the question crosses his mind—
Has it been well spent?
From family ties that for a married man do
[bind,
Would he again (not by choice) be rent!

A hard life, a good life,
A sweet life, a bitter life—
Such has been his life.
And he's weathered the storms
Of human strife,
In his travels around
God's holy ground,
In tower and spire—
His hands for hire.
With his own philosophy!

Judge not this man, my friends,
For know you well
His 'daily bread'
Has wrought for you—a well-hung bell,
And pride goes not to his head.
Nor looks he for gratitude
From the average multitude
Of ringers.

Now the service is over
And the priests and choir are gone.
But the organist staying—
Begins and starts playing
The tune of his favourite psalm.

His favourite psalm,
The (23rd) twenty-third,
How often he has sung,
When the bells in their maiden speech
Out from the tower are heard,
When they first time are rung.

It's time for him to leave;
And with a last look round
O'er this familiar ground,
Steps quietly from the scene.

By 'TRAVELLER.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Nailsea on December 8th when, in spite of the appalling weather, petrol shortage and the counter-attractions of the local 'bring and buy' sale, there was a good attendance.

A very enjoyable service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Russell Davey), was preceded by an all-ladies touch of Stedman Doubles.

A good example of co-operation between church and ringers was shown over the question of tea for this meeting. An excellent 'knife and fork' repast was provided by the organisers of the 'bring and buy' sale, which was in aid of church funds, and the entire proceeds of the meal were given to the fund, resulting in a sum of £5 being raised.

At the short business meeting which followed, two new members were elected—Miss J. Parsons and Miss B. Jewell, both from Corston. Owing to petrol rationing, it was decided that the next meeting should be held in Bath. M. de J.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,680 Minor (720 Plain Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, 720 Plain Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Single Oxford and 240 Little Bob): P. A. Lawrence 1, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 2–3, R. Woodcock 4, F. R. Scott 5, W. Butler 6.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

A very happy New Year to all our ringing friends, especially members of the Cumberlands, is the wish of Marjorie and George E. Cross. 9481

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BIRTH

MATTHEWS.—On Tuesday, December 18th, 1956, at Middlesex Hospital, to Frank and Marjorie, the gift of a daughter, Hazel Amela. 9493

ENGAGEMENTS

AGG—MUIRHEAD.—The engagement is announced between Anthony Rex, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Agg, of Wolverhampton, and Constance Anne, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Muirhead, of Backford, Cheshire. 9484

HORSEMAN—FRAY.—The engagement is announced between Michael John, son of Mr. and Mrs. G Horseman, of Hill View, The Grove, Nailsea, Somerset, and Monica Enid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fray, of Upper Barrow Hill Farm, Farmborough, Somerset. 9485

RUSS—RITCHIE.—The engagement is announced between Ronald Keith, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Russ, 1, Wood Lane Close, Sonning Common, near Reading, Berks, and Edith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ritchie, 46, Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, Scotland. 9486

DEATH

ROBSON.—Fred Robson, of 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, aged 66 years. For 50 years a ringer at St. Oswald's and 50 years a member of Durham and Newcastle Association. 9489

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MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, Dec. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Important business to follow. All ringers cordially invited. 9428

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church (12) on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. until late evening (8.30 approx.). Tea 5 p.m., and business meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 1st to Mr. V. Bottomley, 21, Bankfield View, Halifax. 9449

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Whitnash, on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 2nd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 9486

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A.G.M., Tiverton St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by Jan. 1st.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 9429

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting at Ely, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Streatham bells available after tea. Names for tea to R. Housden, 20, Carter Road, Burwell, Cambs. 9488

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting at Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 9467

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s. 6d. each), by Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Ladies' Guild members please note change of tower. 9440

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Jan. 5th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9497

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Jan. 5th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.45–5; St. Mary's, Battersea, 6.30–7.45. Business and nominations of officers 8 p.m. Practice, Monday, Jan. 7th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, to A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9456

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stony Stratford Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9478

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston (8), Saturday, Jan. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please, to L. Witten, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 9491

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Jan. 5th, Chesterfield, 3–5.15 and 6–7, Old Brampton 6–8.30. Names to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, by Jan. 3rd, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 9495

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Winter meeting, Sedgley, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 9454

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting. St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford.—C. W. Towers. 9457

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Copper Kettle Café. Meeting 6 p.m. in Church Room. Names for tea by Jan. 1st to G. K. Dodd, Ball Hill, Woolton Hill, near Newbury, Berks. 9492

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available at 2 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names by Jan. 3rd to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9443

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting to be held at Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers for 1957, 6.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9469

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—A.G.M. at St. Nicholas', Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Jan. 8th, to Miss K. Yeo, Hon. Sec., 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 9477

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—A joint meeting with the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Roker, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 8th, to Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 9487

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Abbey Hotel. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 9th, to Mr. H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham. 9422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Good bus service from Banbury. All welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 9482

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Important—names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 9494

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Petworth, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 9494

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The December meeting was held at Earlsheaton, where the ring of eight was found greatly to the liking of the members. Tea was served by lady members of the church, and a good meal was enjoyed, thanks to the efforts of Mr. H. Dransfield and the local company.

Mr. J. W. Moxon presided over the meeting which followed, with Mr. N. F. Moxon as acting secretary in the absence of Mr. D. Smith. It was learnt that Mr. Smith is out of hospital and recovering from his leg injury; he is in good spirits and looking forward to resuming his ringing activities.

The chairman in his remarks recalled that the Earlsheaton ringers of 60 years ago were supreme in contest ringing. He also paid tribute to the ladies for the excellent tea, and his remarks were endorsed by Mr. J. W. Buxton.

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